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# FROM THE EDITOR

*Welcome* to the October 25 edition of Kingsley News,  
... and very warm wishes to all our Kingsley News Readers.

In this latest edition of the Kingsley News, we have an important advert from ourselves. After a number of years editing the Kingsley News, I feel that it is now time to step aside from this role. So if you are a budding editor, have ambition to work in media or just want to give back to this great village then please do get in touch. Contact details can be found on the next page.

Rest assured I will be still involved with the Kingsley Community Association, in particular supporting the running of events at the Community Centre.

But enough about this, having read the article on writing a Family History, I'm off to do some more research on my own family tree.

Enjoy reading this edition

Best Wishes  
Steve

*I hope you continue to enjoy reading this edition and please do give feedback too. Please, don't forget that Kingsley News is also available in digital format on the Kingsley village website, [www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk).*

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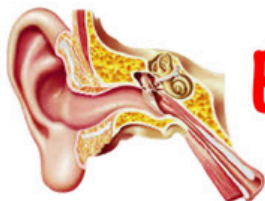
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# Writing a family history

The genesis of my family history was not through my initiative, but was through the efforts of my mother, particularly in her retirement during the 1980's and 1990's. Her efforts were based on family memories, principally her own and those of my Auntie Joyce. Research in those days was made by visits to libraries and archives. This was much harder work than today – my research has involved internet searches, mainly through the ancestry website “Find my Past”.

Perversely, research is much easier about the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, with census data available from 1841 to 1921, the last being published 100 years after its collection. The census provides useful information about addresses and occupations, as they progress, every ten years. A national register, taken in 1939, on the outbreak of the Second World War, is the only more recent “census” source, and this is limited to information about people now already dead. There will be no new data forthcoming in 2031, as the 1931 census data was lost to wartime damage. More recent information is available through birth, marriage and death records, but this proves frustratingly difficult to track, not least for the geographically mobile.

My interest was sparked by the notes that my mother and Joyce left, mainly about their parents' families, more often than not just notes literally on the backs of envelopes. Most of these notes turned out to be correct, some were unverifiable, and some turned out to be inaccurate. Nevertheless, it proved a great stimulation for me to research our family history. Tracing the history of my father's family was more difficult. There was very little in the way of family memories, as he had no siblings and had moved away from his family in County Durham. The research was very much based on census and other records through “Find my Past”.

For both families, this work was supplemented by the family photographs left to us. For my father's family these came in a tin, which I opened in 2023, some 25 years after the house clearance of my parents' cottage in 1998. Since the photographs owed more to my grandmother's efforts than my grandfather's, I doubt that photographs had been much looked at since my grandmother died in 1948.

This tin of photographs taught me that my grandmother's family was of much greater prominence in my father's youth than my grandfather's family. All this was a discovery because my father never talked about his family, and my brother and I never thought to ask. For my mother's families, the photographs were those that she and Joyce had kept, and since their father had died in the Spanish flu pandemic in 1918, (just before my mother was born), there was much more record of grandmother's family than those of my grandfather's family.

My research told me that I had thirteen great aunts and uncles with a blood link, none of whom I ever met, other than through these photographs.

Both my parents' families have their history firmly linked to industry.

On my mother's side, the cotton industry in Chorley is the dominant feature, at least until my mother's grandparents, born in the 1840s and 1850s. Both men and women would start work in the mills from 14 or younger. All my mother's great aunts and uncles worked in the mills. My mother's grandfather's success in progressing from bookkeeper to mill manager, opened the door for his children to pursue academic and professional careers.

For my father's families, the coal industry entirely dominates. His mother's family came from north of the Tyne Valley in Northumberland, moving southwards as new coal pits opened in central County Durham. His father's family similarly moved south from North County Durham. For both my father's families there was no family escape from the coal industry. His father, two uncles, grandfather and great grandfather all worked in the coke ovens attached to coal mines.

The one uncle, Thomas, who "escaped" the coal industry, did so by becoming a professional footballer, playing for Bristol City, Stenhousemuir (in the Scottish league), Durham City and Norwich City. In the census of June 1921, he gave his employer as Norwich City, but described himself as unemployed, no doubt because the football season had finished. Professional football in those days was not the route to a fortune, and for Thomas, he ended his football career in his late twenties to return to working in the coalmines.

My father was the only male in the family to escape the coal industry. He did so by academic achievement, winning a scholarship to Durham University, at a time when there were only 430 students in the university, compared to the 10000+ who now study there. My grandfather died when I was nine, and my grandmother died before I was born, so I can't say whether there was particular family impetus supporting his academic progression.

Here lies another disappointment and failure – why didn't I ask my father about his route through life? When we are young, we focus on our own development and progress and take our parents for granted. It is only in later life that the questions about family that we should have asked our parents then occur to us, and it may then be too late.

There are over two hundred family members named in my family history some with no more than their birthdate, but others with enough snippets of information to give a sense of social position and movement across the family's generations. My family history is a poor substitute for gaining the answers to the questions that should have been asked when parents were alive. It can give facts but is not so good at painting characters.

My family history is written for future family generations and does something to answer the questions that I should have asked and, hopefully, the questions that the next family generations may ask.



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# KINGSLEY WALKERS



The Kingsley walkers have been heading out sharing lifts and stories, Our most recent walks reminding us of the contrasting scenery in the eastern and southern reaches of our own county. Late August saw us near Wincle through fields and glades and on the banks of the River Dane. Then we headed upwards, through woodlands towards Bearstone Rock.

Lunches were unpacked there in a fresh breeze (Small trees in leaf begin to sway; crested wavelets form on inland waters - Beaufort Force 5). There was an urgent need to keep the upper and lower slices of sandwiches together and restrain crisp packets from becoming airborne litter. This was compensated by fine views across moorland and reservoirs.

Moving on we paused on Hanging Rock for more fine views. Below the rock was an inscription to BURKE "...a noble mastiff black and tan, faithful as woman, braver than man..". An ideal end to the walk was at Wincle Brewery where ales or coffees could be purchased according to one's desire.

Early September saw us gathering in the car park of The Shady, a pub near Tiverton village. The walk here was lovely along the Shropshire Union canal towpath, through fields and then ascending through woodland behind Beeston Castle. One of the many joys of using Ordnance Survey maps is seeing place names and other labels that prompt further investigation. In this case Two Saints Way (94 miles, a pilgrimage route from Chester to Lichfield apparently) and Bishop Bennet Way (34 miles, Beeston to Wirswall).

I think it fair to say that for the pub lunch, the modest prices of the senior social lunch were somewhat offset by the lack of efficiency and cheer from the staff.

At our glorious summer we are surely content (apologies to W.S.) and we head towards our autumn walking programme full of cheer.

*Fall, leaves, fall* By Emily Brontë

*Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;  
Lengthen night and shorten day;  
Every leaf speaks bliss to me  
Fluttering from the autumn tree.  
I shall smile when wreaths of snow  
Blossom where the rose should grow;  
I shall sing when night's decay  
Ushers in a drearier day.*

The Kingsley Walkers will continue to provide friendly, reliable walks every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Any member will be happy to fact check and new members are welcome.

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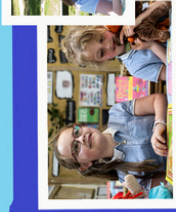
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# KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB



Last month for our first meeting, we welcomed speaker John Dower, a member of the East Lancs Alpine Society and winner of numerous awards. He inspired us to have a go at making our own troughs or miniature gardens with his great ideas, knowledge, warmth and humour. He also very kindly donated some beautiful free plants for members and visitors. We are so grateful and many thanks to him.

For our next meeting on Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm, will be joined by Kathryn Robey, Curator of the Dorothy Clive Garden to present on Autumn Bulbs. This is great timing to learn about these beauties. Often we associate bulbs with Spring time and it will be interesting to hear how we can extend the season with something a bit different.



**We meet at Kingsley Community Centre so come along,  
we would love to see you.**

**It's £5 for a visit or only £15 for the whole season.**

## ST. LUKES HOSPICE FUND RAISING

The 'Women in Touch' ladies group are hosting the event on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at  
2:00 pm

in the Kingsley and Newton Village Institute. All are welcome, gents too!

The Lostock Ukulele group will play and there will be a raffle, tombola and cake stall.

Refreshments of tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be served during the interval.

Admission and refreshments are free, donations welcome for St. Lukes.

Our last fund raising for St Lukes raised over £500, so please help us to top that.

Many thanks.

## The Northumberland Mighty Hike.

Just one week after the quiz, eight of us from the Kingsley Fun Runners took part in the incredible Northumbria Mighty Hike, raising funds for the work of Macmillan Cancer Support. For many of us, this cause is deeply personal. Like so many, we were walking in memory of friends and family lost to cancer and for those who are suffering this evil disease.

We set off bright and early from Alnwick Castle at 6:30 AM, ready, if somewhat apprehensive, for the 26 mile walk ahead. The weather stayed mostly dry, although it was noticeably cooler than back home, with a fresh north-easterly sea breeze keeping us on our toes.



Macmillan's organisation was nothing short of outstanding — with food and pit stops every 5 miles, we were well looked after throughout. The route was absolutely breathtaking: from Northumberland's scenic coastline with its stunning beaches, to ancient castles and picturesque villages. Along the way, we were treated to magical rainbows — one of which appeared just as we approached the final stretch to Bamburgh. This was an inspiring sight. Perhaps a sign from loved ones to keep us going as energy levels were dipping? There were blisters, sore feet and aching legs, but we were determined to complete our mission. When we finally crossed the finishing line, the aches and pains were forgotten, momentarily, as the euphoria hit. We were greeted with medals, cheers, a glass of fizz and plenty of food and a much-appreciated coach ride back to Alnwick.



Exhausted, emotional and incredibly proud – this was more than just a hike. It was a tribute, a challenge and a celebration of the strength that community, friendship and love can bring. A very special family affair for the three generations of Sarah's family, who walked together. Very much



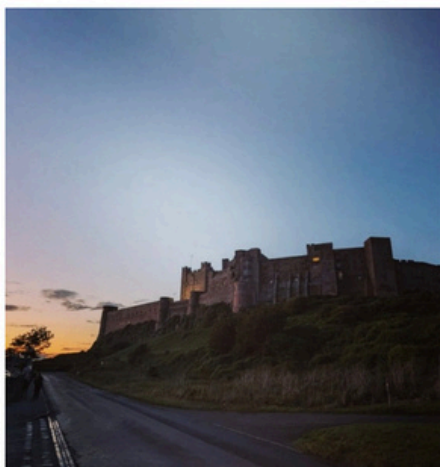
a bonding experience for the whole group and one that will be remembered long after the last blister has healed.

Thank you, Macmillan!

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10.00 am Family Holy Communion at Norley  
6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival**

10.00am Holy Communion at Crowton  
6.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre,  
Norley

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton  
10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

#### **Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am**

2<sup>nd</sup> October at Crowton  
9<sup>th</sup> October at Kingsley  
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## **Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church**

### **October 2025**

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

8.30am Holy Communion  
led by Revd C Rawlinson  
Followed by Tea, Coffee and Toast

10am Morning Worship  
led by Mr M Smyth

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

10am Morning Worship  
led by Mr J Bell

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

10am Holy Communion  
led by Revd I Rigby

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

10am Morning Worship  
led by Mrs R Lane

*A warm welcome awaits all who wish to  
attend.*

We are anxious the most vulnerable of our  
community feel safe, so ask that you  
please do not attend if you have cold or flu  
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## **KINGSLEY PRAYER DIARY**



*Each week of the year Christians in Kingsley pray specially for people in a different area of the village and its surroundings. During October we think of, and pray for people living in: -*

**W/c Oct 5th Bradley**

**W/c Oct 12th Brookside**

**W/c Oct 19th Lower Brookside and  
Well Lane**

**W/c Oct 26th Hollow Lane and  
St John's School**



Despite climate change, there is still a recognisable sequence of sorts to our seasons, reminding us that "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

This summer I joined a choir to sing the daily services at Carlisle Cathedral. It has on its pillars medieval carvings showing labourers at work: sowing in spring, harvesting in summer, brewing in autumn. And in winter, repairing and making ready, waiting and watching with patience and hope.

This natural rhythm still holds to an extent in our rural surroundings, in stark contrast to the prevailing obsession with instant gratification. Want a meal? Ring up for delivery in 20 minutes. Need an item of clothing? Click online for tomorrow. Bored? Reach for the world at your fingertips through your screen. Why wait?

## **Coffee and Chat**

Please come and join us each  
**Tuesday morn 10am** at the Hurst Methodist Church

For 'Coffee and Chat', meet old friends and new.

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## **Men's Brunch**

Friday, 31st October at 10.30am in The Hurst meeting room for bacon/sausage bap.

***Please come and join us.***

So convenient! And yet ... Where's the satisfaction in considering, anticipating, imagining, creating ... a meal, an item of clothing, a game, a conversation .... Originators of the monastic tradition, like Benedict of Nursia, understood the merits of seasonal-ness. Benedict's rule divided each day into times for work and for rest, times for solitary prayer and for communal praise and thanksgiving, recognising that balance in all things is healthy for mind, body and soul, for the individual, and for the community. For a time the monastic communities, whether Benedictine, Augustine or other, modelled how society might function if each member shared generously within a balanced framework the gifts, talents and resources with which they were each uniquely blessed.

Today the staff at Carlisle Cathedral still seek to follow the guiding principles for the pre-Henry VIII Augustinian abbey - 'prayer, service, community' - applying themselves with diligence and patience, perseverance and generosity, and trusting that their labours will bear fruit in due season.

As we pray for the right person to come forward as our new vicar, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

*Yours in Christ.  
Hilary*

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## AGM

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KNVI will be holding its AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**All residents of Kingsley and Newton and all Friends of the Institute are welcome to attend.** We would appreciate your support.

KNVI is a venue for events in the village and has two tennis courts used by a thriving Tennis Club. It has a competition standard Crown Bowling Green and a keen Bowling section. There are also snooker facilities.

**All Trustees (who are Members of the Management Committee) are up for re-election at the AGM. Also we are interested in anyone else who would like to take on the role.** This is an interesting role to help with the Management decisions relating to this important village asset and charity, which is in a sound financial position. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, or want a chat about the role then please contact me for a discussion as soon as possible.

**Nominations** for election to the management committee (as a Charity Trustee) must be sent to Fiona Crane (Secretary) at the email below, to be received by **5:00pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025:**

e-mail [fiona.crane1@outlook.com](mailto:fiona.crane1@outlook.com)

Nominations must meet the following criteria in our constitution – please confirm these items in your e-mail:

1. You (the person nominating) must provide your full name and address
2. You (the person nominating) must live in the Parish of Kingsley or Newton (this is in the constitution)
3. You must provide the full name and address and e-mail address of the person you are nominating. **(The person you are nominating is not required to live in Kingsley Village)**
4. The person nominated must be over the age of 18 years

If anyone wants a copy of the 2025 Accounts and Minutes of the 2024 AGM, please e-mail me at the above e-mail address and I will send you a copy a few days before the AGM. There will only be a few paper copies available on the night.

Fiona Crane – [fiona.crane1@outlook.com](mailto:fiona.crane1@outlook.com)

KNVI Secretary

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## MACMILLAN QUIZ NIGHT

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A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our **Quiz Night in aid of our Macmillan Mighty Hike**. We raised well in excess of £2000 on the night and we believe a good time was had by all!

Congratulations to the amazing worthy winners, "The Halton HalfWits", who proved that they were anything but halfwits!

We would especially like to thank all the local companies and individuals who donated so generously to the raffle prizes.

A mighty thank you goes to those who volunteered to help run the show on the night:

To Lisa and Steve Easton for running the bar and giving us much valued advice on organising the evening;

To the irrepressible Paul Fox, for being our excellent, energetic Quiz Master,

To Norm Whitehead for being our compere for the evening and keeping things running smoothly. Especially with those bingo ping-pong balls!

And finally, a huge thank you to all our friends and family who came with a sense of fun and generosity, who dug deep and helped raise such an incredible amount for this very worthy cause. Thank you!

**I have been making Halloween witches and hope to sell some at £5 each, a donation to Parkinson's UK will be made from sales.**



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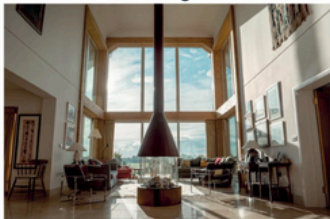
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## Negative electricity bills? - Whatever next!

Kingsley Community Centre was one of the first buildings in Kingsley to install solar panels, back in 2011. Every year since then the Community Centre has benefited from feed in tariffs which have helped meet the running costs of the Centre.

However around two-thirds of the electricity generated by the solar panels was unused, as it was generated on sunny days in the Summer, when most of the electricity consumed by the Centre was for lighting in winter.

Two years ago, we decided to install a storage battery which went some way to making more efficient use of the electricity generated by the solar panels. It's not a perfect solution, as the storage battery only has the capacity to store electricity through a daily cycle, but it means that electricity generated during the day can be stored to provide electricity for lighting evening events. This means that only around one-third of our generated electricity is not being used in the Community Centre.

The latest step has been to negotiate a tariff for us to sell our unused electricity back to the electricity supplier. We don't get as high a rate as it costs us when we buy electricity, but it still means that all the electricity that we generate from those solar panels is being used for the benefit of the Community Centre.

Given the sunny summer months that we have enjoyed this year, we have actually earned more from selling our electricity than we have paid to buy electricity this summer.

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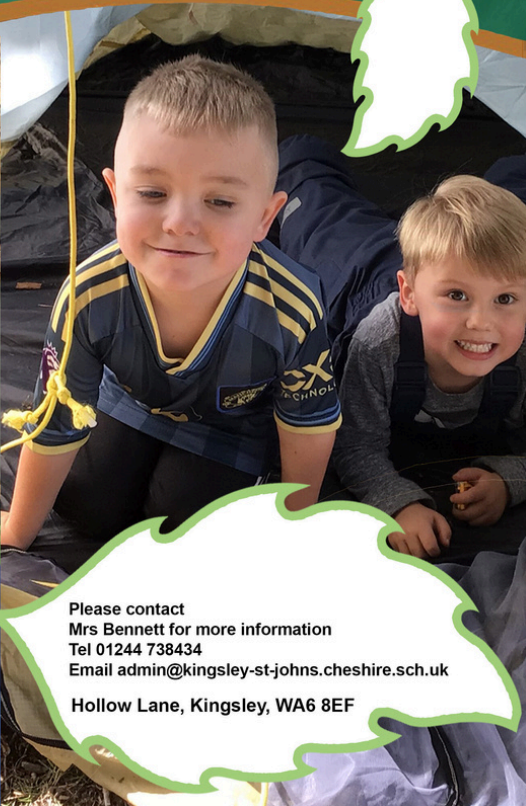


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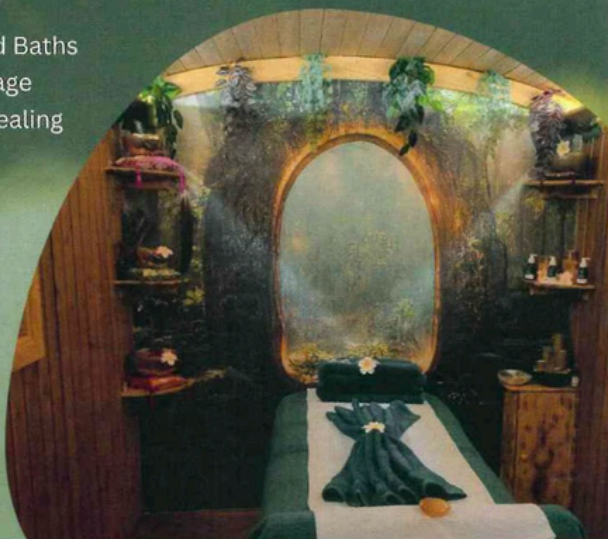
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Generally, we have a policy to support minor charities both here and abroad on alternate years.

The overseas charities have been global, including West Africa, Central America, Bangladesh, Honduras, the Philippines, Thailand, India, East Africa, Uganda, South Africa, Nepal, Pump Aid – Malawi, Gambia and Myanmar. The charities' works range from water and sanitation to education for children, hospices, hospitals and medical care, tackling deprivation, orphans and farming aid.

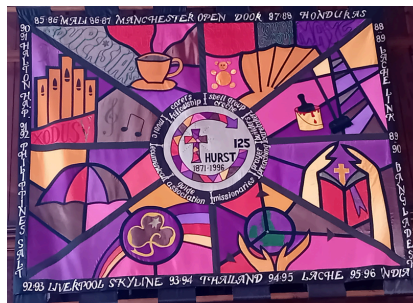
The charities in the UK are often local, for example Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, Ellesmere Port, Halton, Widnes, Camp Wales and the Northwest Air Ambulance service. They range from work with the homeless, asylum seekers, accommodation for homeless teenage children, mental health, multicultural centre, Save the Family, Methodist Home for those with senile dementia, hospices, children with learning disabilities to the disadvantaged.

We have rarely fundraised to keep the church going (only when we have had a major expense)! That is catered for by weekly giving and donations.

Activities you may have come to include quiz nights, pudding evenings, coffee mornings, safari suppers, cake, jam, veg, cards and plant sales, Big Breakfasts, Christmas stall, Christmas craft workshop, afternoon teas, proceeds from the Christmas Gift Service, jumble sales, donations from children's work and Harvest of Talents. Proceeds from the Soup Lunches occasionally go to our main projects but generally go to other charities.

There are 2 banners in the chapel which give the names of the charities and the years we raised funds for them.

**Once again – thank you for supporting us!**





## **Kingsley Players stage classic satirical comedy '*Cold Comfort Farm*' (22 – 25 October 2025)**

Award-winning Kingsley Players re-visit the classic, satirical comedy '*Cold Comfort Farm*' in a fabulous new production on stage in Kingsley, Wednesday 22 – Saturday 25 October.

Set in the 1930s, the story follows the fortunes of cultivated Londoner, Flora Poste, as she seeks out her only family, the Starkadders, after the death of her parents.

But far from finding solace, she discovers chaos reigns at Cold Comfort Farm in deepest rural Sussex, providing kind-hearted Flora with a series of distracting challenges to bring order and happiness to the lives of her motley collection of relatives.

The play by Paul Doust is an adaptation of the 1932 novel '*Cold Comfort Farm*' by Stella Gibbons, which was judged one of the top 100 influential British novels in a BBC poll. The 'tongue-in-cheek' classic story has also inspired several TV and radio versions, including a popular 1995 film starring Stephen Fry, Joanna Lumley, Ian McKellan and Kate Beckinsale as Flora.

Director Malcolm Barker said: "I first saw the film, read the book and play script at the start of this century, on the eve of Kingsley Players' 25<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The story is a wonderful classic comedy, so well written and deserving of its longevity.

"I offered to direct the play and it featured in our 2001 Silver Anniversary season, when it was much appreciated by our audiences. In the intervening years, the performing rights were then withdrawn by the executors of the author's estate, thwarting all attempts to revive this fabulous classic.

"Great news however – just in time, the rights have just been restored and what a star we now have to herald in the Players' Golden Anniversary season in 2026. This production is a full-on community project. The stage will be filled by a cast of nearly thirty people, comprising some of the county's most talented actors, supported by a team of enthusiastic locals. Do come along and help us make history!"

**'*Cold Comfort Farm*' will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, from Wednesday 22 to Saturday 25 October 2024, 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee, 2.30pm.**

**Tickets cost £12, with £8 tickets available for students/children. These can be booked online at [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk) or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.**



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