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by Mary Roberts

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8:00am to 11pm (All Day)	£150	£90	£75	£75

Rooms can be hired for an hourly rate of £15 per hour.

There is a standard charge of £35 per session for the provision of the bar.

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the November 23 edition of Kingsley News,

Its great again to be able to share through Kingsley News events and opportunities to meet with one another in the village.

If like me, you sometimes struggle with your mental health and well being, then perhaps joining a group and getting friendship support would be a good thing to do.

A friend of mine invited me along to a walk about a year ago, organised by Talk Hub, a 'walk and talk' group set up with the purpose of giving men the opportunity to open up about mental health issues in a safe, welcoming environment. Needless to say, we walk, we talk (generally about nothing much in particular) but for a couple of hours once a month we become a 'band of brothers' and it feels good.

I trust you all agree that Mary Roberts' artwork on the front cover is truly wonderful. She is a member of Kingsley Art and Craft group which meets in the Institute every week. If you too have a talent perhaps you might like to send in your artwork or photograph to feature on the December issue of Kingsley News - the theme is "festive Kingsley" and totally open to interpretation.

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.

Photos/Articles for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor at kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com

<u>Copy deadline the 21st of the month.</u>



The Macmillan Coffee Morning, 29th September 2023

Thank you to all those who came along to the Kingsley Community Centre last month to support our Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We raised a magnificent £1557 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Particular thanks are extended to all those involved with organising the raffle and a big thank you to all who so generously donated the raffle prizes prior to the day and on the day itself; to The Carriers Inn at Delamere, our local businesses Concept Hair and Forresters, and the Co-op for, once again, providing the tea, coffee, milk and sugar for the event. All very much appreciated. Thanks, too, to all the stallholders who gave of their time and supported the event and to all those who gave money donations to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Of course these things don't happen by chance and a great deal of hard work was done on the day. Thanks to those who helped set up the room and those who helped to put everything away at the end of the morning. As ever, the ladies of the Kingsley W.I. worked tirelessly in the kitchen serving refreshments and selling the cakes baked for the occasion.

Thank you, every one, we couldn't have done it without you.

It was lovely to welcome the children and staff from St John's School throughout the morning. The joy of the Macmillan Coffee Morning is that it brings the village together, young and old. Thank you for caring.

See you next year!

Elizabeth M. Batey, KCA Chairman







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THE RETURN OF THE SOUP LUNCH



The Hurst started soup lunches in June 1992, providing a social setting for a lunch, as the title says of soup, but also a pudding and cup of tea or coffee. This provided a place to chat, and also raise money for charity – a different charity each time. This has ranged from 'Action for Children', and 'Aid to Romania', though to 'Will to Work Frodsham' and 'Women in Afghanistan'. Up until March 2020, there had been 300 lunches, which were on a monthly basis, and had raised a total of £34,720 for good causes.

The lunches stopped during the lockdowns for Covid. Since then, a small group has got together with the intention of re-starting the lunches to which all are invited. The first one will be on Thursday 16 November at 12:00 noon, in aid of KSN Hospital in Sarenga, West Bengal. The lunches will then be on a three-monthly basis (the third Thursday of the month – February, May, August, November).

Cost £5 per person, there will additionally be a raffle for those that want to take part

KSN Hospital was set up in 1914 serving the rural community around Sarenga in West Bengal. It relies entirely on donations and outside funding. KSN is not only a traditional hospital providing all the services expected, but also a teaching hospital for nurses, especially midwives. It also runs a hostel for local girls whose families are struggling to look after them. In addition to the physical hospital, KSN provides a mobile clinic to go into the more rural areas, where (even) poorer people would not have the ability to get to the hospital.

For further information please see view the poster on the back cover of this edition of <u>Kingsley News</u>



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Our next meeting is on Monday, 13th November at 8pm when our speaker will be Kate Fitch who will be talking to us about the history and restoration of Grappenhall Hayes Walled Garden.

Grappenhall Hayes is a four-acre walled garden near Grappenhall in Warrington. Following the demolition of the grand house at Grappenhall Hayes, the walled garden was retained and restored as an amenity for the community. This should be a very interesting talk combining both local history and gardening - we hope you will come along to listen.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and it costs £4 – why not come along and find out more?

We look forward to seeing you at The Community Centre on 9th October at 8pm.



Kingsley Garden Club now has its own Facebook page. If you wish, you can follow the notices and news this way.



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With a grant from Frodsham Town Council we have bought a FLIR C3-X thermal imaging camera. You can borrow this to check out your home, and identify cold spots and heat leakages. Come to the meeting and try this out.

There are two dates for this year and we hope to do more next year.

Tuesday 14 November

Tuesday 12 December

At Frodsham Community Centre from 7 to 9.15 pm.

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It began on Friday Sept 22nd with a school assembly from
St John's school showing children's achievements led by the headteacher and her staff.
Saturday and Sunday open days showing the many talents of the village from metal sculpture, wood turning, quilting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery not forgetting the talented artists - too many to mention - and ending with the Harvest service, the preacher Rev Andrew Pratt, a hymn writer.

Thank you to the Hurst for organising a very interesting and rewarding weekend enjoyed by many people.

Joan Loukes

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Any donations gladly received. All proceeds to Children in Need.



Flukes are a locally based band (who practise in Acton Bridge) and whose members came together through their love of the humble ukulele! They enjoy playing, experimenting and making arrangements not necessarily associated with this smallest of instruments. Flukes play a range of music from the 1920s to modernish! From jazz to folk punk if that's a thing. The group is led by Martin who adeptly provides bass ukulele and musical wisdom. Singing is shared democratically in typical Flukes fashion between David and Sarah. Tricia adds some nifty picking and plucking and Tim wears hats and mildly offensive t-shirts whilst keeping us in time!



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Sunday 5th November

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

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am Remembrance Service in Kingsley Church10.45 am Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph

Sunday 19th November

10.00 am Holy Communion at Crowton

Sunday 26th November

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton (BCP) 10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

2nd November at Crowton 16th November at Norley 9th November at Kingsley 23rd November at Crowton 30th November at Kingsley

Enquiries for any services to Revd Hilary
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Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

November 2023

Sunday 5th November

8:30am Holy Communion led by Revd A Crookes 10am Morning Worship led by Mrs J Batey

Sunday 12th November

No service at the Hurst 10am Remembrance service at St John's Church

Sunday 19th November

10am Holy Communion led by Revd P Levitt

Sunday 26th November

No service at the Hurst 10.45am United service at Norley Methodist Church

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 symptoms.

Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

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.



You will be most welcome.



They're back- two of our pre lock down favourites - please come and join Us

Tea at 2.30 - Thursday, 23rd November 2023 at 2.30pm at The Hurst meeting room

Men's Brunch - Friday, 24th November 2023 at 10.30am at The Hurst meeting room



CHURCH NEWS



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 November we think of, and pray for people living in: -

> W/c Nov 5th The Cross W/c Nov 12th Highbank Road W/c Nov 29th Top Road W/c Nov 26th Mansefield Road

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When you go home tell them of us and say for your tomorrow we gave our today" The Kohima

I have heard on the news that the number of men and women wanting to sign up for the armed forces has grown dramatically. Of course, the powers-that-be won't take any volunteers there has to be a rigorous selection process, quite rightly, but in view of the strong likelihood that new recruits could well be facing mortal danger very soon in many world trouble spots I wonder why this is the case...

Is it the desire to fight for one's country?

To bring peace and restore democracy to a troubled people? The glory of war?

The desire or need to do something or be something worthwhile?

An over-optimistic view of the real dangers of being frontline troops?

Being able to make a difference?

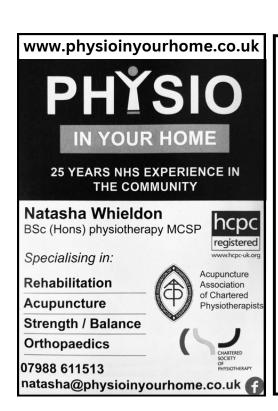
Perhaps some of these and other reasons too. But certainly, we do not lack in this country the desire to stand up and fight. And despite the rights and wrongs of being caught up in such conflicts those who do end up being trained and fighting in our name have great courage and bravery. Tales of men and women risking their own lives – and losing them too – in order to save comrades and civilians are numerous.

We may shake our heads in the futility of all that goes on and sympathise with families concerned for their loved ones who are involved in these conflicts but in the month of November we have the opportunity to do more than that. We have the opportunity to really show our concern, our gratitude and our support for those men and women who are there now in the conflicts. We can do this by buying a poppy, wearing the poppy, attending one of the Acts of Remembrance – It is a small thing, surely, to give up an hour one Sunday morning to honour those who are fighting on our behalf and to remember those who have done so in many other conflicts in the past... a small thing, but one where we can show that we really mean what we say when we talk about our regret at such conflicts and the deaths and injuries that ensue.

'The Kohima' of my opening line comes from India where at a place called Kohima the troops fought a long and hard battle to halt the advance of the Japanese forces and they paid with their lives. The inscription is written on a very tall cross dedicated to their memory.

That was in 1944... but the phrase is nonetheless significant and true for today. Still men and women are giving and offering the ultimate sacrifice, giving up their futures to secure our futures.

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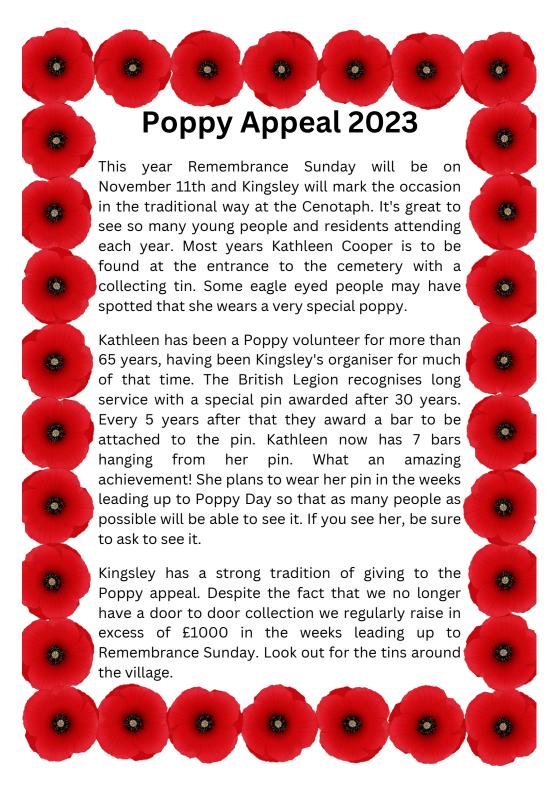
On the 12th September 13 intrepid walkers set off from Norley Village Hall in the rain, which had been forecast to stop at 9am but carried on till 11. The paths had been cleared on earlier reconnaissance trips but some nettles merely thought they had been lovingly pruned and had re-appeared in fresh, green profusion. The maize too was verdant and blotted out the view from the planned coffee stop. Chris G partially disappeared down a muddy pothole but was rescued by Sue W, whilst Tina V daintily made a mud angel in a barley field and Griff G, at the back of the group, confused all by heading straight to the pub, rather than the Norley car park. A very enjoyable meal at the Carriers Inn restored warmth and made up for the worries of the walk.



In much more pleasant weather we travelled further afield on the 26th September to the Manifold Valley, Staffordshire, NOT Derbyshire we were firmly told. We always try to share lifts and on the drive there five people nearly went into low earth orbit as the driver hit the ramp to a cattle grid a trifle fast. No damage was done to the car or any posteriors and we got away with a gentle admonishment from Manchester Air Traffic Control as we briefly appeared on their radar. We enjoyed great views from Wetton Hill, whilst some of us visited Thor's cave. At a cafe stop we encountered a gaggle of touring classic cars and helped bump start an MG Roadster.

The October short walk nearly got off to a very confused start. The two cheerful reapers went out with their scythes, in advance, to clear a section of path and, fortunately, realised that there are two Griffin Inns near St Helens, with the lunch booking and travel directions having been made for the wrong one. Hurried emails were made to the walkers, with phone calls to the pubs to cancel and rebook. Another enjoyable walk resulted with a visit to The Dream Sculpture at the site of the old Clock Face Colliery.

As always new members are welcome, please contact <u>kingsleywalkersWA6@gmail.com</u>





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...... that TSS stands for Trinity Safe Space and it is the Hurst Church's new project for 2023/24. TSS is a small charity run by volunteers. Its roots are in the Christian faith but volunteers include people of other faiths or none as well as people from a variety of churches of a variety of flavours.

TSS aims to support asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants - providing them with essentials such as toiletries, food, pots, pans, clothes, trainers, bedding, household items, sanitary items, nappies, wipes etc. Among other things, TSS also aims to help them learn English and to learn about British Culture.

The name Trinity Safe Space is linked to the spaces used by the charity – Trinity Methodist Church in Widnes and Halton Trinity Methodist Church in Runcorn.

At any one time there are about 650 asylum seekers in Halton and about 160 Syrian refugees plus Ukrainian refugees. There are also vulnerable migrants eg those who are fleeing domestic abuse – there have been some from Romania, Poland, Bulgaria, Albania who have ended up in Halton and who have attended TSS drop-ins. There is a safe house in Widnes run by the Medaille Trust which looks after and supports those who have been trafficked and sometimes they attend too.

What is the difference between an asylum seeker and a refugee?

A refugee is a person who has fled armed conflict or persecution and is recognized as needing international protection because it is too dangerous for them to return home. They are protected under international law by the 1951 Refugee Convention, which defines what a refugee is and outlines the basic rights afforded to them.

An asylum seeker is a person who has applied for asylum in another country but whose application has not yet been processed. They are seeking international protection because they fear persecution or harm if they return home. Asylum seekers are entitled to certain rights under international law, including the right not to be returned to a country where they face persecution.

Some asylum seekers are put into the Daresbury Park Hotel as a temporary measure which has become stays of over a year in some instances. They get their meals and £9.58 per week to cover clothing, toiletries, laundry, transport., etc. There are over 250 people in there. Others are put in "houses of multiple occupancy" where they do not know the others in there and sometimes there is conflict because of religion or warring countries. They get a bed (not very good condition), a plate, cup, knife and fork and a pan, some towels and a bit of bedding. Often there is no wardrobe or chest of drawers so they have to store their clothes on the floor. They receive £47.38 per week to cover the cost of meals, clothing, toiletries, laundry, transport., etc. When they get leave to remain they have to move out and go into the housing pool with other residents and just lately some are ending up homeless as there is not enough housing to go round. They have just 7 days to find other accommodation.

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KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday 17th October 2023, at the Kingsley Community Centre, no members of the public were present.

The Parish Council has agreed to re-instate the Community Fund Grants scheme that was run a number of years ago. This will be open to any community groups, or, organisations to bid for grants to aid their work within the community, and must be used on projects that directly benefit the residents of Kingsley. Previous beneficiaries of grants have been; Kingsley Gardening Club, Kingsley WI, Kingsley Youth Theatre amongst others. It is hoped to officially launch the scheme in November and bids will be requested by January 2024, this will allow the Parish Council to include in its 2024/25 budget for these costs, the Council budgets are prepared in January. It is hoped that this will become an annual event, but is very much dependent upon the uptake this coming year, this will be a one-off opportunity for any 2024 projects you may have planned.

In the coming weeks the old goal posts will be removed from the playing field ahead of the arrival of new goal posts expected in the coming weeks. The existing posts have been identified as being unsafe as part of our recent play area H&S inspection, hence their removal and replacement. New wild flower seed has been ordered for the two areas of wild meadow at the top of the playing field for the 2024 growing season.

Whilst on the Playing Field, the Parish Council have been in discussions with CWAC with regards to a Community Orchard. We have been advised that 25 new fruit trees will be delivered in January for planting in an orchard to be located inside the walking track on the Dark Lane side of the field. The planting is to be a community event, and a date will be advised early in the New Year. It is hoped that local schools and members of the community will assist in the planting of the trees, a countryside warden will be on hand to assist and advise.

A 5.5m Christmas tree has been ordered from a local supplier, to be delivered and erected in early December. Christmas lights will be installed on the two trees at The Brow by a national company, whilst the Christmas Tree and the tree at The Cross will be decorated and lit by the Parish Council.

Finally, as announced previously, it is planned to have an open public meeting in March 2024 (date to be announced in the New Year) to discuss the proposed purchase of a plot of land to the side of the existing cemetery. This land will provide a future cemetery extension when the existing cemetery becomes full. This will be an opportunity for the public to have their say on what use the land can be put to in the intervening period and what form the cemetery will take. More details to follow in the New Year.

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