

# KINGSLEY NEWS



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# KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2008/2009

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(Available from 12.30-7.30pm)

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS (elected)**

Della Bunney, Sue Elliott, David Fletcher, Carol Rowlands,

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS (not elected)**

One representative from each of the affiliated groups and clubs (NB. This is a condition of affiliation).

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

W/c Dec 7th Town Well and The Brow

W/c Dec 14th Waterloo Lane and Finney Lane

W/c Dec 21st Dark Lane

W/c Dec 28th Delamere Road and Crofton

We invite you to add your own prayers

## EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS



#### **Dear Readers**

Christmas is an extra-special time of year, of being together with family and friends Sometimes when we are all busy shopping for presents, and preparing for guests over Christmas it is all too easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas.

However, some people do not have the Christmas spirit and pray on other more vulnerable members of society. Please see the Homewatch article, and be especially aware of the incidents which have occurred on Sainsburys' car parks, this could happen on any car park.

It just remains for me to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Elizabeth

Articles for the magazine to be sent to the Editor either by email to - ewilsonsecretarial@yahoo.co.uk or posted to Badgers Rake, Hillfoot Lane, Newton, WA6 6SY Tel: 01928 787678

Copy deadline is the 21st of each month

www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk

#### THANK YOU

M Darlington and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and phone messages during Tom's illness and at the time of his death.

Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral and for all the donations.

M Darlington

#### VILLAGE CHRISTMAS HOT POT LUNCH

At The Village Institute Top Road

Sunday 14th December 12.30 for 1.00pm

Tickets £4.50 from the Post Office

ALL WELCOME

**Enquiries 01928 788347** 



#### HOMEWATCH NEWS 01Jul - 27Jul06

To Report an Incident: 0845 458 0000 Western Rural Community Policing Area 0845 458 6393

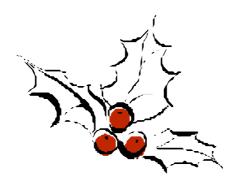




Please report sightings of a Blue Mercedes E300, index no. T983NHN. Occupants from Helsby have reported that the occupants of this vehicle are calling offering gardening services and using 'high pressure' in their words sales techniques, which they found intimidating. Cheshire Trading Standards are always interested in this type of incident, but I would be happy to receive reports also.

Speed enforcement this week in Kingsley during November. 2 motorists reported for excessive speed and one motorists reported for not wearing a seat belt. This action was prompted by requests from local people.

One to be aware of which occurred at Sainsbury's in Northwich, Chester and Ellesmere Port. Lone females have been approached in Sainsbury's car park by what are described as a foreign looking male who ask for directions. Whilst this person obtains directions his accomplice enters the open vehicle of the female and steals her cash and credit cards. Please report any suspicious incidents to the Police on the above number.



# The Hurst Methodist Church CHRISTINGLE SERVICE for all the family

TUESDAY
23rd DECEMBER 2008
at 4.00 pm

### KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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(Parish Clerk)

#### KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

#### MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2008

#### **Chairmans report**

The Chairman reported that the construction of the new Play Area on the playing field has now been completed, except for the lighting, and all the children using it were having a great time. The Chairman also thanked the clerk, for all the hard work and effort put in our bid to achieve Quality Council status, we await the results.

#### **Playing field report**

The Play Area project will be complete once the lighting has been installed this month.

#### **Cemetery report**

A car has damaged the wall near the entrance to the Cemetery and dislodged some sandstone blocks. Repairs will take place as soon as possible. The Cenotaph was well attended on Remembrance Sunday.

#### Footpath report

The new maps are available at the Red Bull and the Pharmacy. Additional outlets are being sought for the map, such as the Visitors Centre in Delamere.

#### Kingsley KU17 report

The next big outing is to the Chill Factor on 29<sup>th</sup> November. At a recent meeting several new people have offered their help with the club.

#### Youth issues report

Concerns have been raised about the safety of children when they are being picked up and dropped off the school bus on the Kingsley Road near the cattery.

#### **Community pride**

The written submission for the Community Spirit award has now been completed and forwarded. Thank you to all that have helped with this project. The submission and photos will be on the Website from 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

#### Website report

Thank you to Simon Sherlock for doing a fantastic job in maintaining the website..

#### **DECEMBER 2008**

Christians Together in Crowton, Kingsley, and Norley (CTCKN).

The response to this year's Christmas Card competition was excellent, with many good entries. The winners, each of whom will receive a £10 gift token, are Daisy Dorsch and Heather Sidwell from Crowton Christ Church CE School; Zoe Mannion and Rebecca McKennall from Kingsley County Primary School; Henry Whatmore and Rachel Mary Faint from Kingsley St. John CE School and Lauren Williams and George Hyde from Norley CE School.

The judges awarded runner-up prizes to Heather Stockdale from Kingsley St. John CE School and Niall Eddleston from Kingsley County Primary School. Congratulations to all winners and runners-up. Thanks to all children who entered, to the schools, and special thanks to the judges – Mo Evans and Tony Snowball.

This year's CTCKN Christmas cards feature all eight winning entries.

We hope to sing carols (with keyboard accompaniment) at Delamere Forest main car park on Saturday 13th December, 2:00PM to 4:00PM; collecting for Halton Haven. Anyone who would enjoy singing carols in the open air is welcome to join us. More details from Janet Batey 788706

CTCKN exists to promote co-operation between all Christian denominations active in Crowton, Kingsley and Norley. Our meetings are open to anyone who would like to be involved. If you would like more information, please contact Jonathan & Janet Batey, 788706 or Joan Loukes, 788874.

#### **CHURCHES**

#### Anglican

St. John the Evangelist, Kingsley St. John the Evangelist, Norley Christ Church, Crowton.

#### Methodist

The Hurst Methodist Church, Kingsley Blakelees Chapel, Kingsley Norley Methodist Church

#### **Roman Catholic**

St Luke's Church, Frodsham

#### Clergy

Anglican Vicar: Rev Peter Rugen 787180

Methodist Minister: Rev Steve Santry 722102

Superintendent Minister: Rev Pat Christopher 733180

#### Roman Catholic Priest: Mgr Canon Peter O'Neill 733127

#### Church Services

The nearest Roman Catholic Church is St Luke's, Frodsham. Services are:

Sunday Mass 9.00AM, 11:00 AM

Weekdays 9:30 AM (Tuesdays 7:15 PM)

Saturday 6:00 PM

#### **Sunday 7th December**

8:00 AM	Holy Communion	The Hurst
8:15 AM	Holy Communion	Christ Church, Crowton
10:00 AM	Family Praise and Gift Ser	vice The Hurst
10:15 AM	Celebrating Together	St John Kingsley
10:45 AM	Morning Worship	Norley Methodist
6:30 PM	Evening Prayer (United Se	ervice) St John Norley
6:30 PM	Holy Communion (with th	e Hurst) Blakelees

#### **Thursday 11th December**

10:00 AM Holy Communion St John Kingsley

#### **Sunday 14th December**

8:15 AM	Holy Communion	St John Kingsley
10:15 AM	Celebrating Together	St John Norley
10:00 AM	Morning Worship	The Hurst

10:45 AM Holy Communion & Gift Service Norley Methodist

4:30 PM Christingle Service St John Kingsley

6:30 PM Evening Worship (with The Hurst and Helsby Methodists)

Blakelees

6:30 PM Holy Communion Norley Methodist

#### **Thursday 18th December**

10:00AM Holy Communion St John Norley

#### **Sunday 21st December**

8:15 AM	Holy Communion	Christ C	nurch, Crowton
9:00 AM	Norley @ 9	Norley Methodist	t
10:00 AM	Morning Worship	The Hur	st
10:45 AM	Morning Worship	Norley N	Methodist
2:30 PM	Carol Service	Blakelees	
4:00 PM Carols b	y Candle-light	Norley Methodist	t

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6:30 PM Service of Lessons and Carols St John Norley

#### Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

6:00 PM	Mass	St Luke's, Frodsham
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8:00 PM Mass St Luke's, Frodsham

11:30 PM Holy Communion The Hurst

11:30 PM Holy Communion St John Kingsley

#### Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)

9:00 AM Mass St Luke's, Frodsham

10:00 AM Morning Worship Norley Methodist 10:30 AM Family Service (with Blakelees) The Hurst

10:15 AM Celebrating Christmas Together Christ Church, Crowton

11:00 AM Mass St Luke's, Frodsham

#### **Sunday 28th December**

10:00 AM	Morning Worship	The Hurst
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10:15 AM Celebrating Together Christ Church, Crowton

10:45 AM Morning Worship Norley Methodist 6:30 PM Carols (with all local Methodists) Blakelees

Services vary in format from traditional liturgy to informal worship. We offer services especially suitable for families and young people, such as Norley @ 9, Family Praise (normally 2nd Sunday each month at the Hurst) and Celebrating Together at the Anglican Churches.

#### Prayer & Study

Too Busy to Stop – The Hurst, Saturday 20th December 2:00pm - 8:00 pm

Kingsley Bible Study Group: Monday evening.

CTCKN Ecumenical discussion group: alternate Thursday evenings

Kingsley Prayer Group: Friday morning.

#### Other events

Carol singing in Delamere Forest Sat 13th Dec 2:00 pm – 4:00pm

The Hurst Soup Lunches: two per month The Hurst Womens' Group: monthly

The Hurst Ladies' Fellowship: monthly (Wednesday afternoon)

The Hurst Creche

Norley Ecumenical Ladies' Group: 3rd Thursday

Norley Walking Group: 1st Wednesday Norley Craft Club: Tuesday 10:00 – 12:00

Hurst Guild: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening

Norley St John: Crazy Friday Fun Club

**Wheelchairs** These are available on short term loan to the residents of Kingsley.

Contact Brian Moores 787442



Present

# an **ALLO ALLO** evening

at Kingsley Community Centre on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008

Following the success of our last production of this ever popular event we are repeating the same show. So many of you were unable to obtain tables so now is your chance to book.

Come and enjoy an evening at Café Renee where you will entertained by a plethora of well known characters of French, Germans, English airmen and an Italian Captain.

Tables of eight are at £120 so why not book and bring a party of friends. Individual places at £15 each are also

available. But please be quick if you want a place, we only have 12 tables.

Book by telephone on 01928 787414or by email to max21@madasafish.com. Please note this event cannot be

### KINGSLEY CRICKET CLUB









Kingsley Cricket Club urgently need a scorer for the 2009 Season. Good fun and camaraderie can be guaranteed. Full training can be given. The Club may even be able to run to paying a match by match fee to a suitable applicant!

All those interested should speak to 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Captain Neil Rowlands, or any Committee Member, or telephone Club Secretary Keith Trenell on 01928 788465.



### **NO KEEP FIT IN DECEMBER**

**KEEP FIT FOR THE OVER 50's** 





Lands End - John O'Groats bike ride

Back in June, Kingsley's Keith Millington, Rob Crowther and Steve Pemberton, along with Tarporley's Colin Johnson rode the 875 miles from lands End to John O'Groats to raise funds for The Chester Heart Support Group and the Anthony Nolan Trust.

The ride raised over £6500 for these worthy causes and the team would like to thank all those who gave their support for their generosity and the ride support team, Peter Holland, Patrick Milroy, (the original "OLd Gits"), Alan Jarvis and Tony & Sue Whitby. We could not have achieved the success we did without all of you!

Thanks too to all those that turned out to greet us at the Red Bull on day 4 as we reached Kingsley, seeing you all there was a great lift to our aching limbs and tender backsides!

Looking back on the weather we had this summer the ride fared reasonably well with rain on the first two days and the morning we crossed over the Scottish border. Overall a tremendously enjoyable experience and highly recommended for anyone seeking a challenge.

The ride seems to have inspired a few more locals to take up riding and there is a growing group of the (middle aged!) out on most sunday mornings trying to get fit for next years season. Anyone who is interested in joining us please contact Steve on 787263 or e-mail <a href="mailto:info@oglejog.com">info@oglejog.com</a>. OGLEJOG is a very inclusive group of people, you are all welcome.

#### FOR SALE:

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#### KINGSLEY/ASH-WORTH TIME BANK UPDATE:

The next meeting of the **Kingsley Time Bank Social Group** will be **Tuesday 3**<sup>rd</sup> **December** – Christmas Bingo! All are welcome and it starts at 2pm. Why not come along for a mince pie, some Christmas cheer and a game of Prize Bingo (plus raffle).

Willington Hall Annual Christmas Lunch: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm. Tickets are £15.50 for 3 courses and £12 for 2. Members are starting to reserve their tickets – please contact the Time Bank office to reserve yours. Perhaps you aren't a member but would like to come along and meet some of our members? Give the Time Bank office a call on 01829 751398. We have members of ALL ages.

Delamere Table Top Sale & Coffee Morning: Delamere Community Centre, Saturday 31st January 10am. Tables £5 each. Cakes, Crafts, Coffee/Tea – come along and beat the January blues! Phone Susan on 01829 751398 for details.

Ash-worth Time Bank Annual Quiz Night: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7pm: Kingsley Community Centre – Tickets are being reserved now – fully licenced bar, raffle, buffet & wine – phone Caroline on 01829 751398 or:

email: ash-worthtime@hotmail.co.uk

DO YOU WANT TO GET FIT FOR 2009? A new class is starting in Kingsley and we want to know what YOU want! Do you want: Legs, Bums & Tums, Body Toning, Tai Chi or Pilates? This class will commence every Tuesday at 1.30pm. Please register your interest with Susan on 01829 751398 and get fit for 2009. or email the above address.

Kingsley/Ash-worth Time Bank have a super programme lined up for 2009 – for further information contact the Time Bank office. Or visit the website on <a href="www.ash-worthtime.org.uk">www.ash-worthtime.org.uk</a>

#### Ashworth Timebank Cont...

Ash-worth Time Bank have over 320 members now and that number is growing on a weekly basis. Why not be part of a local charity – membership and all services are free and you do not have to do a job before we can help you. Contact the Time Bank office NOW.

# Calor Village of the Year Competition – Progress Report

I'm delighted to say that we have now completed Kingsley's written entry to the Community Spirit competition. This will be posted on the website after December 1st. Thanks to all those that helped.

The next part of the competition is a visit by the judges at the end of March. We are planning to have a weekend of events on March March 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> which will include an exhibition at the Community Centre of Kingsley organisations and people. Many of you will have noticed that we've been photographing events in Kingsley for the last month. The pictures will be made into a display called "A month in the life of Kingsley".

As ever, we need help! It would be great if someone could take the role of Event Coordinator. We also need committee members. The committee will decide on the final programme, but we hope to include lots of activities around the village for young and old.

Please call if you'd like to be involved.

Vony Gwillim 01928 789098

#### KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

#### VILLAGE DIRECTORY

The Community Liaison Officer of the Council is proposing to compile a new village directory to include contact details for all village groups, all services and all businesses either operating in the Parish or serving this community. There will be no charge to anyone for the listing and we would welcome entries to be forwarded to <a href="max21@madasafish.com">max21@madasafish.com</a> with the following information:

Name of Organisation or Business; Contact Details:- Tel No; Name; Contact Address and Mobile (if appropriate); email address; and Position of the Contact(s) in the organisation.

Malcolm Barker; Community Liaison Officer, Kingsley Parish Council

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#### <u>Litter Pick Update</u>

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The November litter pick saw a fantastic 13 of us who collected 13 bags of rubbish and for the first time we collected one bag for recycling. Thank you to the team and also to those who collect litter as they walk around the village. The next litter picks will be on **Saturday** 

13<sup>th</sup> December and

**Saturday 10^{th} January**. Both will start at 10.00 am at the Community Centre.

New helpers are always welcome.

We provide all the equipment needed.

Eila Birtwistle - Litter pick co-ordinator.



I am an OFSTED Registered Childminder and I have a vacancy for one child aged between 0 and 5 years.

I have an NVQ level 3
qualification in child care
learning and development and I
am first aid trained.

If you would like more information please contact me On: 01928 788442

#### THE JINORMOUS JUMBLE

The annual Kingsley Jumble and Book Sale is to be held early in the New Year, so now is the time to be thinking about what redundant goods you might have for disposal.

Book the date now! - it's Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Your unwanted goods can be brought to the Kingsley Community Centre from 10.00 am on the morning of the Sale. Books will be welcome ahead of the event to enable sorting – further information in due course.

If you can help with sorting or selling on the day it would be very much appreciated.

All proceeds will be in aid of "Team Oasis", a charity working with young people in Toxteth, Liverpool.

DON'T BIN IT - RECYCLE AND RE-USE IT.

#### **Dear Sponsors**

The New York Marathon has been run. It was the hardest, yet most rewarding, physical challenge of my life so far.

Thanks to your generosity I have raised in excess of £4000 for Children with Leukaemia.

Thank you so much for supporting me and my chosen charity

John Woodger

#### Kingsley WI

The AGM was held on November 5th. Joan Barker was elected President and Lynn Blyth Secretary. Committee members are:- Geraldine Pile (Treasurer), Berra Brooker, Ursula Martin, Sue McGeachie, Gillian Murty, Hilary Tucker, Margaret Wadsworth and Sheila Hardy.

The business was followed by "social time". Members had brought family heritage items and shared the stories surrounding them. These included a bellpull from around 1830, a horses foot encased in gold, some bills dating from 1873 which had been found in a family desk, a selection of old bottles, a goffering iron, a wedding ring, a siver cigarette box and silver spoons and a beautiful notebook

The next meeting will take place on December 3rd when there will be a talk entitled Seasons Celebrations in other Countries.

# For all those little jobs you want doing before Christmas!

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#### NEWSLETTER FROM ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: DECEMBER 2008 Visits Welcome



Hollow Lane Kingsley Frodsham Cheshire WA6 8EF

Tel: (01928) 788536 Fax: (01928) 787600

email: head@kingsley-stjohns.cheshire.sch.uk

Head teacher: Mrs A. Griffiths

Dear Readers,

November has been a busy time in school with a varied programme of activities and events...

- Mrs Hill and Mrs Browne organised an informative South Africa Evening to share their experiences of their recent visit to our Partner School in Soweto with staff, Governors, Friends of the School, parents and Local Authority Personnel. Mrs Sibiya, the Head teacher of the school wanted to express her thanks to members of the Parish and the school who generously donated funds to support the school. On their visit, Kinglsley St. John's staff taught across the school in average class sizes of 55 sharing work on Literacy, Music, and PSHCE. They also recorded first hand accounts of life in the apartheid era, collected African folk tales to share with the children and took lots of photographs!
- Lower juniors had an exciting visit to Tatton Park Old Hall, dressing up as
  Tudors and had tried their hand at making wattle and daub, spinning wool
  and weaving, making flour, being put in the stocks and exploring the
  grounds They decided they would rather remain in the modern world!
- Upper juniors had a thought provoking session from the Gripping Yarns
  theatre company organised by the Local Authority looking at the need to be
  Internet aware. The children had the opportunity to watch a play and then
  take part in some workshops to make them more aware of Internet Safety.
- Upper juniors also enjoyed an informative Science Workshop from Helsby High School staff on Forces.
- The end of the month was celebrated with the children taking part in the annual Church Fayre. Thanks to Mrs Hill and the children for organising the musical entertainment, and for Friends for organising the range of stalls – Secret Santa proved very popular!

Ann Griffiths Head teacher

# The Hurst Souperstars' CHRISTMAS SOUP LUNCH

Monday - 8th December Noon - 1.00pm

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Home-made Soups, Turkey Baps and Dessert plus Tea or Coffee - only £ 3.50 all

In aid of Team Oasis, our current outreach project

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**Everyone warmly welcomed!** 

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KINGSLEY DAIRY

#### 2009 CARE IN THE AIR CALENDAR - ONLY £5

As featured on Granada Reports and North-West Tonight AVAILABLE FROM KINGSLEY DAIRY - YOUR LOCAL MILKMEN

The North West Air Ambulance – which covers Lancashire, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cumbria – needs your help to raise money to help continue their valuable work. They receive no mainstream funding from the Government.

They have produced a calendar which is based on the WI Calendar of a few years ago, with twelve pictures of men and women, tastefully posing behind pieces of Air Ambulance equipment and which is printed on high quality gloss paper.

If you were involved in an accident - let's say tomorrow on the M53, M56, M62, M6 or on a road with poor and restricted access, isn't it good to know that the Air Ambulance can be with you very quickly (usually within ten minutes) to take you to hospital.

HELP THEM TO HELP YOU GET TO HOSPITAL QUICKER!

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Please tear off and leave	in your empty bottle:
	Copies of the 2009 Care in the Air Calendar at to North West Air Ambulance). e Calendar.
NAME:	ADDRESS:
	information or would like to purchase other

here ......., for Frank to obtain a printout of their merchandise for you.

## Kingsley Parent and Toddler Group



Every Wednesday (term time) 9:30 to 11:30 am Kingsley Community Centre

Parents/carers with children aged 0 to 5. £2 per family (refreshments and craft included)

Starting up again from Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, use us or lose us!!

For information contact Beth 01928 788338 or Jacq 01928 788470



Nov 2008



#### **CRUMBALL RALLEY 2008**

We would like to thank all those who donated generously to our cause and everybody who followed our adventure through Europe. We've have been asked to write a brief account in our part of the Crumball Rally 2008; Ok here goes;

We're not convinced any one of us had a master plan, what we had was very simple, an old mini bus with lots of rust, a shoe string budget, a change of underwear, a few times and locations, and our passports; where to stop at night – who knows, work it out when we get there!

Our ferry crossing was booked for 5am Thursday, now knowing how slow the mini bus travels we decided to set off early Wednesday evening. We had our fan fair send off, music, streamers, tears from loved ones and James trying his best to wheel spin the bus.

Getting to Dover was a lengthy task, about 9 hours with numerous stops along the way, I think buying some shares in Costa Coffee could be a shrewd move!

Mark (who came for the experience) had never been out of the UK, so he had a shiny new passport, and was eager to use it and have it stamped, but how disappointed he was when at passport control, the man said are you British, to which we replied 'Yes', Ok then off you go! How gutted Mark was for not having to show it, James and I explained to him that he will need it to get back in the UK, that made him feel much better!

The ferry crossing was an early one and took about an hour, any flat surface had a body sleeping on it. We eventually found some unoccupied seats to get some sleep only if it was for 15 minutes.

We entered France on a cold and gloomy morning, but again Mark was waving his passport at the guard as if he had the winning lottery ticket, I got the impression from the guard that he did not want to be there, so we got waved on. Now we had to keep reminding ourselves that in this country they drive on the wrong side of the road! Only had a few near misses.

Feeling a little deprived of sleep at this point, so the immediate thought was to find a campsite. We found an odd site just outside of Boulogne. The owner did not speak a word of English and between the three of us the extent of our French vocabulary stretched to about three words – 'Hello', 'Goodbye' and 'Wine', so with the power of international English, speak slower and louder,

passed a few Euros across the palm of the owner, we then had a plot to park the bus for the night.

Friday was the big day and having slightly overslept we made it to the registration point with minutes to spare. The sight before us was like a shot from the Wacky Races! Cars resurrected from generations gone by, all restored to make them look worse! Spent a few moments mingling with other fellow crumballers, the mini bus received a lot of attention. Today's mission was to somehow get from Boulogne to Besancon. As we had a budget of 'not a lot' the decision was made not to use toll roads. Driving through France with out any fast or direct roads, you get to understand how large it is. While most other crumballers took about 5 hours to reach the check point, we on the other hand took about 10 hours, but we saw vast amounts of France. Seeing many war memorials and cemeteries along the way, gave us time to reflect our thoughts to what happened in the area where we stood.

We finally reached Besancon for about 10pm a further hour an a half to locate a campsite, only to find the gates are locked at ten, Ok lets think of plan B. We found a lay-by that looked 'safe' this one had a few truckers and local people doing what local people do in lay-byes late at night. But the three of us had a good night cooking food and a glass of wine while watching the goings on!

The following day we awoke to lots of rain, but it was not enough to put out our spirits. Today's mission was to meet at an unexpected supermarket car park dressed as an Italian gangster. We got many odd looks from the locals, its not every day you nip down to the local shop to find 200+ people dressed as gangsters hanging around. Once we had received the days task, we made our way to Turin via the Grand St. Bernard's Pass. We have to say this was an awesome day, things we saw and did will stay with us, and make us smile for the rest of our lives. The immenseness and views driving though the Alps can be only be described as breath taking, Lake Geneva just stunning. We reached Turin in good time and found a campsite parked on a hill over looking the city. Once again we had to use international English with the campsite owner. We were all looking forward to a night out in Turin. We were ready for anything! We met up with some other crumballers on the way into town; a good night was had by all!

Day three of the rally took us from the Italian city of Turin over the Alps, drop into France, drive through Monaco, go for a spin round the Grand Prix circuit and end the rally in Nice, then consume some good food and wash it down with the not so finest French wine! This plan went like clockwork, other than we missed that last train back from Nice to our campsite, so a bit of bartering took place with a taxi driver; we got the price down.

The final three days we spent exploring the south coast of France, we found several places to camp, sunbath, swim and general relaxation before the mammoth drive back north. We allowed about 24 hours to drive the mini bus from the south coast to the north coast of France, we made it with about 4 hours to spare.

Next year we are looking to complete the rally in an Ice Cream Van, so if anyone knows of one going spare then please let us know. Once again I would like to thank you all for your support.

We have raised £800 for Claire House Children's Hospice and there is still money coming in. If you would like to donate just go to -

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James Merrington & Andy Field



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Stan, Susan and Richard Woods

#### **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

The Hurst Methodist Church 'Family Praise' Service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December will also be the annual Church Parade for the uniformed organisations of the village. It should be a lively one!

Each year we also invite you to bring a Christmas gift to that service, for those who would not usually receive one. This year we are asking for gifts for Team Oasis, a charity working with young people in Toxteth, Liverpool, many of whom are from disadvantaged families.

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Sun 7 Dec - 10.00 am: Hurst Family Praise. Gift and Parade Service. Your gifts for the charity "Team Oasis" are welcomed.

Mon 8 Dec - Noon to 1.00 pm: Hurst Christmas Soup Lunch

Sat 13 Dec - 2 to 4 pm at Whitefield Car Park, Delamere Forest: Carol singing in the Forest - come and join us!

Sun 14 Dec - 12.30 for 1.00 pm at KNVI: Village Hot-Pot Lunch.

Tickets £4.50 from the Post Office

Fri 19 Dec - Schools Christmas holiday

Sat 20 Dec - Sat 20 Dec - Noon to 6.00 pm at The Hurst: "**Too Busy to Stop?**" Take a little time out to experience the true meaning of Christmas

Sun 21 Dec - 6.30 pm: **Hurst Candle-lit Carol Service**Tue 23 Dec - 4.00 pm at The Hurst: **Christingle Service**Christmas Eve - 11.30 pm at The Hurst: Midnight Communion
Thu 25 Dec Christmas Day - 10.00 am at Hurst: Family Worship.

Bring a present for us to see!

#### **LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY**

Mon 5 Jan Schools back

Sun 11 Jan - 10.00 am: Hurst Family Praise. Revd Steve Santry Tue 13 Jan - 7.45 for 8.00 pm at The Hurst. "A 78 rpm trip down

Memory Lane" presented by Peter Sandercock.

18 to 25 Jan Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sun 25 Jan - 6.30 pm at Norley Meth Church: United Service

27 Jan Holocaust Memorial Day





#### KINGSLEY WALKING GROUP

Four hardy souls braved the cold North wind and had a pleasant walk from Acton Bridge across the fields to Cuddington, Delemere Park and return via Onston. The two minutes silence was observed under falling beach trees.

The combined regular and short walk on December 9th will be at Bickerton, with lunch available at the Bickerton Poacher.

Kingsley Walking Group have two walks each month, meeting at the Community Centre at 9.30am. On the second Tuesday there is a long walk, bring a packed lunch. On the last Wednesday a short walk with a coffee break and a pub lunch. We are a friendly group. For more information tel 787055

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#### Dear Readers

We are whizzing towards Christmas and the end of term very quickly. Below is information about some of the things which we have been doing in school recently.

#### Children in Need

We were fundraising for Children in Need recently and raised £165. The children took part in a range of activities including designing T-shirts for Pudsey and



working as a team to feed Pudsey.

#### Y4 visit to World Museum (Liverpool)



Our Year 4 class have been learning about Ancient Egypt. They recently visited the World Museum

in Liverpool to learn about the Geography of Egypt both now and in the past and to handle some Egyptian artefacts. The day was very informative and the children learnt a lot.

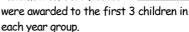
#### Cake Sale

We had a cake sale in school recently to raise money for a new cooker as our old one is coming to the end of its life. We raised £130 which is a great start.

#### Cross Country

During a cold Friday in November, the whole school took part in a number of

cross country races around the school grounds. Each age group had their own races with the distances increasing as the children got older. The Year 5 and Year 6 children ran approximately 2kilometres. Certificates



#### Y3 visit to Spaceport

As part of their work on Space, the Year 3 children visited Spaceport to develop their understanding of the planets. They had a great time in the space dome and learnt lots.

We are looking forward to all of our Christmas performances including our carol service on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm to which you are all welcome.

F Rimmer (Headteacher)

#### KINGSLEY CRICKET CLUB







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The Kingsley Cricket Club Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening took place at the Fourways Restaurant Delamere on Friday 14th November 2008. The following awards were presented:

1" XI Trophies
1st X1 Batting Award
1st X1 Bowling Award
1 <sup>st</sup> X1 Allround Contribution
1 <sup>st</sup> X1 Players' Player
2 <sup>nd</sup> X1 Trophies
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Under 11

**Best Bowler** Best Batter U11 Coach's Player

Under 13

**Best Bowler** Best Batter Coach's Player Players' Player

Under 15

Best Bowler Best Batter Coach's Player Players' Player

Club Trophies

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Then come and join in our Christingle Service with music and candlelight! Children of <u>all</u> ages welcome!

Where? St John's Church, Kingsley When? Sunday 14th December, 4.30pm.

For details of the service, or for a collecting envelope to fill and bring to the service, please contact;

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The December meeting of Kingsley Garden Club will be held on Monday December 8th in the Centre at 8.00. The subject for the evening is 'Vegetable Growing' by David Hampsey followed by tea/coffee and mince pies.

The timing of this presentation could not be better, vegetable growing is enjoying a comeback in popularity even for people with limited garden space. It is surprising what can be grown in containers as well as on a traditional vegetable plot and it is so satisfying. The seed catalogues are dropping through the letter boxes at the moment to give us ideas for next year (some can even be sown now eg garlic and broad beans), and now is the perfect time to prepare a new plot or renovate an old one. If you have any questions please come along, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Local gardens open to the public that have good examples of fruit and vegetable gardens are Tatton Park (open all year round) and Arley Hall (April to October).

Please note there will be no meeting in January. The next meeting will be on February 9th when Don Witton will talk about Euphorbias. He holds the National Collection.

## Mothers' Union Kingsley Branch

At our October meeting Joan Nield and Margaret Wadsworth gave us an illustrated, informative and amusing talk on their "Adventure on the Nile".

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a members evening when we will bring something to talk about from Christmas past or a Christmas Craft activity so plenty to get involved with.

We meet at 7.30 in the Church Room and anyone is welcome to join us.

For more details contact our Branch Leader:-

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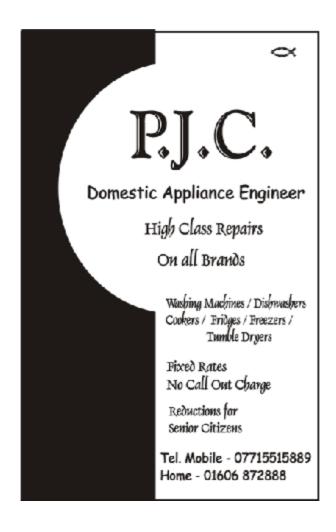
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PLEASE NOTE DAY AND VENUE FOR JANUARY EVENT

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#### DIARY OF DECEMBER EVENTS

8th Christmas Soup Lunch The Hurst

Noon-1.00 9th Kingsley Walkers CommCentre

9.30am 13th

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10.00am 14thChristmas Hot Pot Lunch

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