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The Kingsley and Newton Village Institute is located on Top Road. There are 2 tennis courts, a mini tennis court and a crown green bowling green. The main room is available for hire for events with the use of a kitchen and bar available. There is weekly line dancing, art group, snooker and quizzes as well as indoor bowls sessions in winter. There are a range of tennis groups for adults and children and coaching can be arranged. There are also thriving bowling teams.

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EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

We are now in the run up to Christmas and for families it is a frantic time of year, with excited children writing their letters to Santa and pestering their parents for all sorts of things. However, we should not forget those people who live on their own and who may be lonely over Christmas. Why not include them in your celebrations.

There has been a lot of secrecy recently about Christmas Angels. They will be arriving in Kingsley during the last week before Christmas, more information in the magazine.

On 31st December the Institute are holding their annual New Year's Eve Dance. See the ad for details of where to get your tickets.

⊆ Elizabeth

Articles for the magazine to be sent to the Editor by email to - kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com Tel: 01928 787678 Copy deadline is the 21st of each month www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk





ROYAL BRTISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Kingsley raised a fantastic £1,970 for the RBL Poppy Appeal this year. This was a fantastic result. Thank you to our businesses and schools who support the appeal and to everyone who kindly donated. Fiona Crane Honorary Poppy Appeal Coordinator for Kingsley. "

Kingsley Bookworms

Next meeting 12th December 2019 at the Hurst Chapel at 7.30pm

At our last meeting we talked about "Melmouth" by Sarah Perry. We had read "The Essex Serpent" some time ago and then went to see Sarah at the Gladstone Literary Festival when she was about to launch Melmouth last year. Everyone that read the book found it to be memorable and thought provoking. The writing is excellent, but it was hard to get started. The comments were revealing too – "without joy", "raised lots of questions", "uncomfortable. When we came to score the book people found it difficult because, while they hadn't enjoyed the book, they were very affected by it and kept reflecting on various elements. In the end we scored it 3.5 out of 5.

This month we went to the Chester Literary festival to see Benjamin Zephaniah and Roger McGough. We thoroughly enjoyed both speakers and we're now looking forward to Weaver Words in 2020.

In December we will be talking about "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte. This is our classic novel for the year. Some people last read it while at school, and we're looking forward to re-visiting it. Our December meeting is on election night, possibly a welcome distraction!

We've chosen our books for the first quarter of 2020. They are:

January – "Becoming" by Michelle Obama February – "The Incredible Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce (for those that have already read this, "The Music Shop" by Rachel Joyce). March – "Rebecca" by Daphne du Maurier

Kingsley Bookworms meet on the second Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome to join us at any of our meetings or events. There is no need to commit to coming to every meeting. Our meetings start at 7.30pm and are held at the Hurst Chapel. Quite a few people move on to the Red Bull when we've finished chatting about this month's book. If you want more information, please contact me on vgwillim@coach-work.co.uk or call me on 07799 067 457. We have also got our own Facebook page called Kingsley Bookworms.



THANK YOU

A big thank you to everybody in the village and the surrounding areas for all the cards,flowers and donations given to us after the death of Jonathan. They all mean so much thank you.

Helen & David Holt

The Hurst Church Soup Lunch Monday 9th December

Meal served at 12 noon.

Home-made Soups, Puddings, Tea and coffee - only £3.00 all in.

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Sunday 15th December, 7:00pm.

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LITTER PICK UPDATE

On Saturday 16th of November 9 of the litter pick team collected 9 bags of litter. The triangle on Ball Lane was particularly bad, as were the main roads. The rest of the village was relatively litter free especially the play areas. There will be no December litter pick. The next one will be on 18th January. Eila Birtwistle

United Benefice of Norley, Crowton & Kingsley

Services in December 2019

Kingsley Parish Church is one of three churches in the above Benefice.

All our family services have a Sunday School each week apart from the 2nd Sunday Family Morning Worship which is a contemporary service and caters for everyone.

Sunday 1st December – Advent Sunday

10.00 am – Family Holy Communion - Norley 6.30 pm Sacred Space (*Compline*) - Christ Church Crowton

Sunday 8th December

8.30am – Book of Common Prayer Communion - Crowton 10.00 am – Family Morning Worship - Kingsley 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer (sung) at Norley

Sunday 15th December

10.00 am - Family Holy Communion - Crowton

Midweek Holy Communion Services – Thursdays at 10:00am

5th Dec at Crowton. 12th Dec at Kingsley.

19th Dec at Norley.

Services during the Christmas period



Sunday 22nd December 4:00pm Carol Service: St John's Norley Carols old and new, Bible Readings, a little drama Hot drinks and mince pies for all the family

Tuesday 24th December, Christmas Eve 4:00pm Crib Service: Christchurch, Crowton Children of all ages! Join in re-telling the drama around baby Jesus 11:30pm Midnight Communion Service: St John's Kingsley A celebration of Christ's birth at the very start of Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day 8:30am Book of Common Prayer Communion Service: Crowton Traditional spoken service using the King James Bible

10:00am Family Service with Communion: at Norley, Crowton and Kingsley Join neighbours, friends and family for a Communion Service

A warm welcome awaits you at any of these services

Associate Minister: Rev'd Hilary Merrington 01928 788087

hilary.merrington@btinternet.com

Website: nck.org.uk

On Stage Near You

Not already enjoying local shows? You really ought to get out more.

Kingsley Players tell us that their January Pantomime, Jack and the Incredible Beanstalk with the music and lyrics by their multi-talented music director Arnold Ashbrook, is well into rehearsals with the current director of the Allo Allo tours, Jo Oultram, directing. These shows usually sell out so checkout the box office as soon as possible to books your tickets.

What's on in December?

6th to 13th **Nantwich Players Theatre – Great Expectations**- another showing of that Dickens classic. <u>https://www.nantwichplayers.com/</u>

7th **Ellesmere Ports Musical Theatre – Spotlight on Theatre** A mixture of musicals and Christmas tunes. <u>https://www.ellesmereportmusicaltheatre.co.uk/</u>

.11th – 14th **Harlequin Theatre, Northwich – Hangmen** by Martin McDonagh and directed by their Vice Chairman Laura Bason. Described as a late 1960s-set black comedy about a retired executioner, Harry Wade (presumably named after reallife hangmen Harry Allen and Stephen Wade), that unfolds in the smoky lung of a Manchester pub run by this upright local celebrity.

 $20^{th} - 22^{nd}$ **Nantwich Players at the Studio – Vintage Hitchcock**- a live radio play. Spies, murder, love, and other trademarks of Alfred Hitchcock come to life in the style of a 1940s radio broadcast of the master of suspense's earlier films.

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3rd to 7th **Lyceum, Crewe - Nigel Slater's Toast**, vividly recreates Nigel Slater's childhood through the tastes and smells he shares with his mother, culminating in the young Nigel's escape to London. https://crewelyceum.co.uk/Online/tickets-toast-crewe-2019

and for **PANTOMIMES in December**, the choices are: **Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs**

1) by Tip Top Productions at The Forum, Chester

https://www.chestertheatre.co.uk/

2) Centenary Players at The Bindley https://thebrindley.org.uk/

Aladdin

- 1) Altrincham Garrick https://www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk/shows/aladdin-3/
- 2) The Grange , Northwich. https://www.thegrangetheatre.com/

Peter Pan

- 1) Storyhouse, Chester <u>https://www.storyhouse.com/</u>
- 2) Lyceum Theatre, Crewe <u>https://crewelyceum.co.uk/Online/</u>

Jack & the Beanstalk

- 1) Theatre Clwyd, Mold <u>https://www.theatrclwyd.com/en/</u>
- 2) Or in January Jack and the Incredible Beanstalk with Kingsley Players https://kingsleyplayers.co.uk/shows/jack-and-the-incredible-beanstalk/

Reviews

Some of you had a busy time at the theatre. Kingsley Players autumn tour of their Allo Allo show yet again enjoyed sell out audiences at Tilston, Malpas and Kingsley VI with the usual enthusiastic reviews. Lots of money raised for KCA and other charities. Great reviews for Harlequin Players who presented The Devil at Midnight, a gripping physiological thriller of the genre that Harlequins do so well. Kingsley Players Dylan White (Goodnight Mr Tom and Dr Doolittle) was in the cast of Nightwatch at Chester Little Theatre. A gripping thriller which was amazing. At Nantwich the players gave us a three hander of hilarious nonsense with Jeeves and Wooster. You tell us that you enjoyed a great show with music to match at The Brindley watching Our House, the musical. Altrincham Garrick presented When We Are Married, a superb play with a lavish set and costumes was a brilliant night out. We hope you got to see some of these quality shows.

If your production or a play you have seen did not appear here then please email us and do tell us about plays you have seen by emailing cheshireonstage@btinternet.com. John Doe

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Merry Christmas

and a very happy and healthy

New Year





Kingsley Garden Club - December 2019

The speaker in November was Tim Carter who was the Project Manager involved with the construction of the Eden Project in Cornwall. It was a fascinating talk of how they prepared the Millennium bid for funding to buy the china clay quarry and the struggles to drain the quarry, construct the very complex building and then the planting of the trees and plant materials, many plants were 10's of metres high. We would also like to thank Mrs Cockins who provided much needed technical assistance in converting a CD into a brilliant slide show, thank you so much, the show would not have gone ahead without you!.

We once again had over 30 members and guests attending, so far this season our attendances have been well above last year and membership has boosted the finances of the club, keep it up in 2020. As you may know, there are no meetings in December and January, we took this decision last year because of poor attendances during the worst of the winter months. Your committee will be hard at work contacting speakers for the 2020 / 21 season commencing next September,

Our next speaker is **Bob Worsley on Monday 10th February 2020** who is speaking on **"A Story of Cyclamen, Hepaticas and Snowdrops",** a true spring subject if ever there was one, to lift us out of the winter gloom towards the lengthening days.

May the committee wish everyone of our members, our guests and all who have attended this year, and to everyone in the village, a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Gardening Tips and Jobs to be done.....

- Check plant stakes and ties around trees and shrubs
- Group potted plants together in a sheltered spot in the garden
- Rose black spot can over winter on fallen leaves, collect old leaves and burn.
- Clean out bird boxes to encourage use over winter and clean and stock feeders
- Plant tulip bulbs
- Get the seed catalogues out, sit by the fire with a cuppa and plan for next year.



WATCH OUT FOR THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS



During the last week before Christmas there will be an invasion of little angels in Kingsley. If you find one you are invited to take it home and perhaps hang it on your Christmas tree . It was knitted with love by your friends at the Hurst Methodist Church . They remind us that angels announced Jesus's birth 2000 years ago.

If you find more than one and you know someone who needs a little Christmas cheer please take it to them.

Spread a little love at Christmas



Community Association

New ideas and events are always welcome; if you would like to get involved with a single event or on a longer term basis then please get in touch.

Meetings in December:-

Monday 9, Tuesday 10, W	/ednesday 11 St Johns Sch	ool Christmas Concert
Tuesday 3, 17, 24	Karate	6.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 4	Kingsley W.I	7.30pm
Wednesday 4, 18,	Tai Chi	1.30-2.30pm
Thursday 5, 19	Purestretch	9.30-10.15am
Thursday 5, 19	Kingsley Youth Group	4.30pm
Thursday 12	Election Day	
Saturday 7, 14, 21, 28	Zumba	9.45-1045am

Parish Council meets at the Centre the third Tuesday of each month apart from August when there is no meeting.

The Centre has a great dance floor – it's a fabulous venue for a party, be it Birthday, Anniversary, Retirement or Wedding Celebrations. Children's Parties are particularly popular - AND GREAT NEWS, BOUNCY CASTLES ARE BACK!

There is potentially something here of interest for everyone: it is truly a Centre for the Community

Rooms are available for hire at the Centre from as little as £20. We can also hire out at an hourly rate where appropriate. Contact Jo Preston, Booking Secretary, email : joguilter72@outlook.com or 01928 787899.

The Co-op Local Community Fund

Kingsley Community Association has been chosen to benefit from the latest round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. The funding round opened on 27 October 2019 and it will last for 12 months, closing on 24 October 2020.

During this funding phase, Co-op members will be able to choose Kingsley Community Association as their local cause. Those of you who are not yet Co-op members may join online at https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration

We have a unique link for our cause: https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/32272 Please follow this link and choose Kingsley Community Association as your cause. Each time you buy Co-op products, 1% of your money will go to the KCA.

This is a great opportunity to raise money to benefit your Community Association and the Kingsley Community Centre: we are planning to build an extension to the Centre and install a new central heating system. Please support us!

Elizabeth M. Batey, for and on behalf of the KCA Committee.



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KINGSLEY YOUTH GROUP



Kingsley Youth Club

Is held on Thursdays School Years 4 to 6 5:30 – 7:15pm School Years 7 to 11 7:30 – 9:00pm At Kingsley Community Centre £2 on the door.

Youth club is for young people in school years 4 to 11. We offer a variety of activities on Thursday evenings and the support of qualified youth workers. If you'd like to try it, just come along to a youth club session, complete a form and join in the fun!

We'd like to thank Ciaran and Terry at the Red Bull for hosting a fund-raising quiz night earlier this month, and thanks to Derek and Tim for doing a great quiz. It was great fun, sold out and the winter stew was delicious.

Thanks to everyone who donated prizes, including the Co-op, Morrisons, Candles Plus and the Vintage Tea Room as well as several individuals.

And thanks also to everyone who attended.

The Hurst Methodist Church Countdown to Christmas

First Sunday of Advent Dec 1 st	10am Communion.
Second Sunday of Advent Dec 8 th	8-15am Communion. 10.00am Worship including Gift Service.
Monday Dec 9 th	12 noon Christmas Soup Lunch
Tuesday Dec 10 th	7.00pm Supper (pre-booking required £7) 8.00pm Carols with Chester Salvation Army Band <i>Come for supper and/or carols - donations to</i> <i>Chester S A</i>
Third Sunday of Advent Dec 15 th	6.30pm Candlelit Carols (No morning service)
Too-Busy-To-Stop?	Saturday Dec 21 st from 10am to 6pm
Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec 22 nd	10.00am Worship
Christmas Eve Christmas Eve	2.00pm Christingle for all ages 11.15pm Candlelit Communion
Christmas Day	10.00am Celebration for all ages

Please join us at any of these events or services 'The Word became flesh; he made his home among us'



The Hurst Methodist Church - OUTREACH 2020

ANNUAL PROJECT 2020: C.A.T.H (Chester Aid to the Homeless) Donations of men's toiletries, hats, glove, socks and underwear can be left at the Hurst.

SOUP LUNCH: Home-made soup and desserts are on offer each 2^{nd} Monday of the month between noon and 1pm The cost is £3 and ALL the money goes to the chosen charity for the month.

THE GUILD: Held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month this mid-week gathering begins at 7.30pm for 7.45pm with a 'cuppa'. The programme is varied and includes talks and suppers.

MUM'S/ CARER'S DROP IN: Each Thursday morning, during term time, from 9am until 10am Mum's and Carers are invited to drop in for a drink/light refreshments and a chat and to meet others. This is an informal group with people coming and going as they wish

TEA AT TWO THIRTY AT THE WYCHES For many years now we have been holding a monthly get together on the 4th Thursday of each month from 2.30pm 'til 4.00pm. Tea, cake, chat and a chance to win at Bingo are on offer. Lifts can be provided.

MEN'S BRUNCH On the 3rd. Friday of each month between 10.30 and 11.30am men of retirement age gather to eat and chat. Bacon/sausage baps are washed down with tea and coffee. It is an informal gathering with various activities on offer. No commitment is required – just turn up and give it a try.

FOODBANK: We support our local foodbanks. A box for your food and toiletry items is in the welcome area at Church.

BARNEY'S BUDDIES: Each Tuesday morning during term time Pre school children and parents/carers meet between 9am and 11.30am. for play, crafts and story time .

KNIT and NATTER: Details to follow in the New Year.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Ring Jean on 787442 for further details of any of the above

HITTING NEW HIGH NOTES OF SUCCESS HIGHFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR RE-LOCATES TO FRODSHAM REHEARSAL VENUE AND APPEALS FOR NEW MEMBERS

North Cheshire's award-winning Highfield Male Voice Choir is re-locating to a new rehearsal venue in Frodsham and has launched an appeal for new singers and an accompanist. The choir performs up to 15 concerts a year, many in association with local schools, but membership has fallen to less than 40 singers in recent years and the choir feels it would benefit from an injection of new blood.

After Christmas, the Highfield changes its rehearsal venue from Trinity Hall in Runcorn to Frodsham Community Centre and hopes to reinvigorate membership by recruiting new singers and an accompanist.

Dating back more than a century and originally closely linked to Runcorn's Highfield and Camden Tannery works, the choir successfully survived the closure of the firm in the 1960s and has since gone from strength to strength.

Overseas choir tours in Malta, Spain and Ireland and concerts in top venues like London's Royal Albert Hall and Glasgow's City Hall have meant the choir has hit the high notes of success over the years. The Highfield has won choral competitions at the Llangollen Eisteddfod, Southport Music Festival and numerous other contests and has established a reputation as one of the foremost choirs in the area.

"We don't audition singers and most of our choir members can't read music – they learn songs by listening. Singing with other people always puts a smile on your face and is great exercise for the heart and lungs. Potential new members are most welcome to jump straight in, or come and check us out at one of our Christmas concerts."

This festive season, the Highfield will be performing at four Christmas concerts: St John's Church, Norley, on Tuesday 3 December, 7pm; St John's Church, Alvanley, on Thursday 5 December, 7pm; St Berteline's, Norton, Runcorn, on Sunday 8 December, 2pm and St Ambrose Church, Widnes, on Tuesday 10 December, 7pm. Several of these are combined concerts with local schools.

A further concert is being planned for Frodsham Music Society at Frodsham Community Centre on Friday 17 April.

From January 21st, the Highfield will rehearse weekly at Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, on Tuesday evenings, starting at 7.15pm.

For more information check out the Highfield Choir website https://www.highfieldmvc.co.uk/ or contact John Powell on tel 07514 529995

Coffee Mornings

Friday's 6th Dec and 3rd Jan - Kingsley Church Room Join us for a drink and chat from 10:00am. Everyone welcome

Kingsley Walking Group – November 2019

Our long walk in November was postponed by a week when "rain sto play". Despite appalling conditions, some hardy (some say slightly cr people turned up on the day but they didn't need much persuasion to postpone the walk. We were lucky with the weather the following wee and enjoyed a lovely 10 mile walk around Lyme Park. The promised views were slightly disappointing due to mist and some fog.



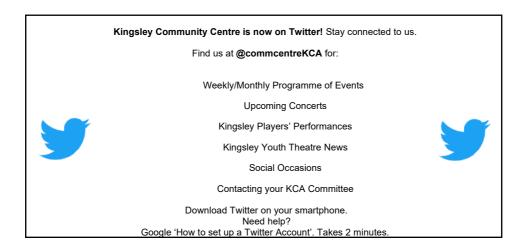
The short walk will be to Tatton Park, leaving the Community Centre at 9.30. The plan is to visit Old Hall, Mill Pond, the deer park and the house with lunch afterwards.

Our annual Christmas walk and lunch will be held on December 10th. We will meet at the **Community Centre at 10** and enjoy a local walk, ending at the Red Bull for a Christmas lunch. Everyone is welcome, especially past members. The lunch promises to be well attended, if you'd like to join us, please call Vony with your menu choices.

Kingsley Walking group is an informal walking group that has been meeting for several years. Our monthly long walks usually start up to 90 minutes drive away from Kingsley. Generally the long walks would be classified as "moderate" and the short walks are leisurely. We have a leader for every walk who checks for stiles, distance, closed paths etc. New members and walk leaders are very welcome.

Kingsley Walking Group has two walks each month. The long walk is held on the SECOND Tuesday of the month and the short walk is held on the FOURTH Tuesday of the month

During the summer months we meet for our long walks at the Community Centre at 9.00am. In January and February we meet at 9.30. We aim to be back in Kingsley by about 6pm. Short walks start at 9.30 and end around 1pm with an optional pub lunch. For details about our walks, or if you're wondering about joining and you'd like





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