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DECEMBER 2023

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Community Centre Standard Hire Charges	Whole Centre	The Hall	Club Room	Green Room
Friday or Saturday Evening 6pm to 11pm	£90	£50	£45	£45
Sunday to Thursday Evening 6pm to 11pm	£60	£40	£30	£30
Sunday to Friday 8am to 12 pm or 1pm to 5pm	£45	£30	£20	£20
Saturday 8am to 12pm or 1pm to 5pm	£50	£35	£25	£25
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 December 23 edition of Kingsley News,

A very Happy December to you all and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

What a magical effect the Christmas decorations around the village will have this month. Do take a walk and take in all these festive sites and, perhaps, take in one of the many events and services being put on by the village churches to celebrate advent and Christmas.

Thanks to all the readers and a very special thanks to all who advertise in Kingsley News - your contributions allow Kingsley Community Association to continue to produce each edition free of charge to all the residents of Kingsley.

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.



We want your input!

Do you have story to tell?
or
a review of show?
or
some poetry to share?

*Then please contact the Kingsley News Editor
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THE RETURN OF THE SOUP LUNCH



Thank You

to all those who attended or helped with the soup lunch on 16 November. This was the first soup lunch since the covid outbreak, and we hope that everyone enjoyed coming. It was a really good occasion to come together and chat whilst having a warm filling meal. There was a good varied choice of 4 delicious soups, followed by crumble or sponge puddings for desserts, together with drinks of tea or coffee.

The lunch was a lovely social occasion, but also **raised £232 for the KSN hospital in West Bengal, India**. They are very grateful for the donation as they rely on support for their work.

The next soup lunch will be on Thursday 15 February 2024, funds raised will be for Family Link Myanmar.

An Invitation for the New Year: A Video Bible Course



**At the Hurst Chapel, eight sessions;
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**Supper and Quiz evening at the Hurst Methodist Church
On Friday 19th January, 2024**

Details to follow next month

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A LOCAL SUCCESS

Scott Desert is a local Chartered Architect, setting up the Chartered Practice 'Scott Architecture' in 2012. Scott Architecture has been involved with a number of interesting local projects, ranging from home extensions, renovations and new builds to commercial projects. Becoming a regional winner of the Building Excellence Award in 2021 for a new build in Cheshire. Scott specialises in residential projects and is interested to speak with local clients about their potential home alterations or other projects they are keen to explore.



Official Opening of Sixth Form Centre, Kings School, Chester by His Grace The Duke of Westminster, 9th November 2023



Over the past two years, Scott has been the architect for the Sixth Form extension at Kings School, Chester. This was officially opened on Thursday 9th November by His Grace The Duke of Westminster DL. Scott Architecture's involvement was throughout the project, from initial appraisal stages, through the design, planning permission, building control approval, construction information and assisting on site with regular visits to ensure quality of construction. The project has been a great success.





The extension ties seamlessly into the existing school fabric and includes a state of the art Drama studio with movable acoustic partitions and fold away seating for 100 pupils, this allows for the space to transform between two high quality teaching studios into a performance theatre. The Common Room has three large bespoke atrium rooflights that electronically open, alongside the new Kitchen and Dining Area that allows the Sixth Form to be self-sufficient. At first floor there are five additional large classrooms with interactive learning walls and office space. The whole space is fully accessible with a lift incorporated and is a crucial step in the school's ambition to increase the number of bursaries to 100 by 2041, providing an asset to the community.

Please feel free to visit www.scottarchitecture.co.uk for additional information on the services provided and more case study projects. Scott Architecture would like to hear from you to discuss your future projects, scott@scottarchitecture.co.uk 07973117032.

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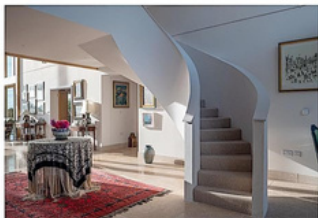
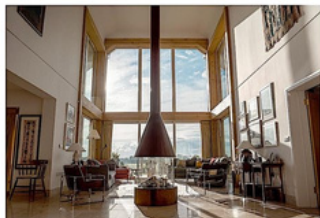
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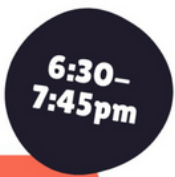


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FRIDAY, 08 DECEMBER

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YEAR 6+

Kingsley Players stage hit West End comedy 'One Man, Two Guvnors'

Reviewed



This hilarious, energetic production was the latest entertainment provided by the talented Kingsley Players, much to the enjoyment of packed audiences in October.

Having seen the National Theatre production some years ago, the directors, Dylan and Kelly White, were keen to bring this play to Kingsley.

The play is an adaptation by Richard Bean of an eighteenth century play by Carlo Goldini, "A Servant of Two Masters". The play follows the story of Francis Henshall, a man who finds himself working for two employers who are unaware of each other's existence, leading to a series of hilarious comedic misunderstandings and mishaps. As the director explains, Bean sets the play in 1960s Brighton, using "the slightly bawdy humour of the saucy postcard and the music of the period to create a fast-paced, high-energy riot of laughs". The seaside setting is reflected in the colourful backdrop of sticks of rock. The furniture and fittings of the sitting room scenes captured the style of the 60s. As ever, the skilful production team who built the set, managed the props and set changes, organised the costumes, and provided the appropriate lighting and sound, did a great job to help bring this play to life.

The play attracted talented actors from around the area making their debut in Kingsley, as well as some well-known and much-loved members of the Kingsley Players. The acting was certainly demanding, but the cast rose brilliantly to the challenge. Their timing and slick choreography was impressive. The sheer athleticism of some of the roles, most notably that of Francis, played by David Rogerson, was exhausting to watch and a highlight of the show.

Those involved in the memorable mealtime scene were applauded for their coordination as a team and pulling off a very tricky (verging on slapstick) scene so well. It soon became apparent that the “volunteer” from the audience who became caught in the crossfire of flying food was a well-known face from the Kingsley players’ members! In a previous scene, audience participation meant two gentlemen from the audience being unwittingly caught up in the onstage action. Note to self....don’t book front row seats!

An added delight to the evening was provided by the music of the “Kingy Skiffers” and ensemble. Their wide repertoire of ten songs from the 60s, set feet tapping and even inspired communal singing, especially for many of us who remembered those songs the first time around!

As many audience members who had seen the West End version of the play commented, Kingsley’s performance was as good, if not better than the professionals’. Accolade indeed! Congratulations to all involved and thanks for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

For more information about the Kingsley Players, please check out their website kingsleyplayers.co.uk or for under 18s kytheatre@hotmail.com.

Many thanks to Zora Castling our

**GUEST WRITER
OF THE MONTH**

The Hurst Gift Service 2023

The Hurst Gift Service is on Sunday December 10 and this year we have decided to donate the gifts to Trinity Kings Cross for their hamper appeal. If you wish to donate to this appeal, please speak to a member of the Hurst, or bring your donation to the Hurst on Sunday 10th either between 9.30 and 10, or 11am-12.

The hampers are put together for families in the Widnes area, who are struggling. In the last few years Trinity has supported over 200 households each year (around 250 adults and 400 children per year).

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KINGSLEY WALKERS



Walks are as varied as the companions you walk with...

With Autumn weather very much in evidence the Kingsley Walkers were out in again friendly, talkative force for their bi-monthly doses of bog trotting. The October long walk was a variation from the normal theme of a drive to the start point. We started a little later than the usual 9:30 and got the 48 bus from the Horseshoe to Weaverham. The meandering route of the bus was a surprise to many but it was a very economical and, hopefully, environmentally friendly start for a linear walk back to Kingsley.

We interacted with the main Liverpool/London trainline (crossing via a footbridge) and twice with the Manchester/Chester line where we scurried directly across the tracks. The walk ended by going through some familiar trails in Delamere Forest but, near the start, we walked on paths which were new to most. Given that there are some very experienced walkers in the group it's always an achievement to use some local trails for the first time.

Well behaved dogs are always welcome (on the bus too) though not a regular feature. On this occasion we were a little concerned, then amused, when our four-legged friend disappeared into the grounds of a large house. Calling for Alfie got us nowhere, we did think of shouting for Fenton to see if that got a better response. He then reappeared with a slipper in his mouth which was then sheepishly returned to its doorstep resting place, slightly moist but thankfully unchewed.

Rain was forecast for the early November short walk but fortunately did not materialise. What did appear along the way were a number of assorted vehicles. Something to do with a drag hunt apparently, though I'm not sure why they were seeking crossdressers, nor why they needed an escort from the police dog team, whose vehicle sported a well filled dog poop bag on its rear windscreen wiper. The walk ended with a greatly enjoyed meal at the Plough Inn in Whitegate.

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and Manley

Services in December 2023

Sunday 3rd December

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

Sunday 10th December

10.00 am Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 17th November

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton (BCP)
4.00pm Lessons and Carols at Norley

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley
4.00pm Christingle Service at Alvanley
4.00pm Crib Service at Crowton
11.30pm Holy Communion at Kingsley

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.00am Holy Communion at Norley &
Crowton
10.00am Family Service at Kingsley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00am

7th December at Norley
14th December at Crowton

Associate Minister Revd. Hilary Merrington
Tel: 01928 788087

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Church website www.nck.org.uk

Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

December 2023

Sunday 3rd December

8:30am Holy Communion
led by Revd C Truman
10am Morning Worship
led by Revd P Levitt

Sunday 10th December

10am Holy Communion and gift service
led by Revd C Heald

Sunday 17th December

No morning worship at the Hurst
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
led by Mrs E Holmes

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

10am Morning Worship
led by Revd N Stacey
Family service including Crib and puppets.
11.15pm Midnight Communion
led by Revd C Truman

Christmas Day 25th December

10am Morning worship
led by Mrs J Batey

Sunday 31st December

10am Morning Worship
led by Mr P Wilks

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.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL – COFFEE and CHAT

Tuesday, December 12th. 10am – 4pm

Come along to the Hurst Methodist Church decorated for Christmas and see the wonderful display of 'NATIVITY SCENES'.

Please note the extended timings.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Contact Jean on 787442 for further details.

"TOO BUSY TO STOP?"

WHERE?

At the Hurst Methodist Church, Kingsley.

WHAT?

A quiet space

An opportunity to escape from the hurly burly of Christmas preparations to read the Christmas story, to say a prayer, light a candle, to reflect on what is at the heart of Christmas or to just sit and rest.

WHEN?

Saturday 16th December 10am – 6pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



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 Dec 3rd	Town Well and The Brow
W/c Dec 10th	Waterloo Lane and Finney Lane
W/c Dec 17th	Dark Lane
W/c Dec 24th	Delamere Road and Crofton
W/c Dec 31st	The Hurst and Chamberbrook Lane

We invite you to add your own prayers

Christmas visitors returned home?
On your own and want some company?

Fancy a CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG?

DECEMBER 28th 4pm
At the Hurst Chapel

This is not a Carol Service!

Come and 'Roast Chestnuts' in a 'Winter Wonderland' and enjoy a 'Jingle Bell Rock', while dreaming of a 'White Christmas' on a 'Little Donkey'!!!!

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KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Between November 26 - December 4 it's National Tree Week and the Parish Council has been investigating how to increase Kingsley's tree canopy to make our green spaces more environmentally friendly.

Orchards provide local harvests for everyone on their doorstep and sadly have been in national decline with 60% lost since the 1950s, and a staggering 75% lost in the North West. We all know that trees are a great way to combat pollution, reduce noise, reduce flooding risks and provide shelter to wildlife. However, orchards are also important for providing locally grown food, which in turn helps to reduce food miles, and support our vital ecosystems. It can be difficult for newly planted saplings to establish. So, we need your help!

Join us in the new year for a community orchard planting day on Thursday 11 January 2024 at 10am in Kingsley Playing Field.

As well as planting, we are also calling out to residents to help where they can by keeping an eye on the young trees, watering them when the weather is hot, and reporting any problems. We hope you will join us for our first planting event - if you come along, please wear appropriate footwear and bring a spade.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Worship during Advent and Christmas

Sunday 17th December

8.30 a.m. Communion service: Crowton

Short said service using the Book of Common Prayer

4.00 p.m. Lessons and Carols: Norley

*Carols & Christmas Bible readings, hot drinks & mince pies:
for all the family*

Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve

10.00 a.m. Christmas Holy Communion: Alvanley

Sharing communion together at Christmas

4.00 p.m. Christingle service: Alvanley

A service of light, song and symbol: for all the family

4.00 p.m. Crib service: Crowton

*Children (of all ages!) join in re-telling the drama
around baby Jesus*

11.30 p.m. 'Midnight' Communion service: Kingsley

*A celebration of Christ's birth at the very start of
Christmas Day*

Monday 25th December, Christmas Day

10.00 a.m. Communion service: Crowton

10.00 a.m. Communion service: Norley

*Join neighbours, friends & family
to celebrate in church on Christmas morning*

10.00 a.m. Informal family service: Kingsley

*Enjoy celebrating with lively, relaxed,
interactive worship – let's party!*

Sunday 31st December, New Year's Eve

10.00 a.m. Communion service: Alvanley

KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday 21st November 2023, at the Kingsley Community Centre, no members of the public were present.

On the weekend 4/5th November, a small number of Parish Councillors managed to get out and undertake some tidying jobs, plant three replacement trees on Brookside, and cut back the raised bed outside Kingsley St John's Primary School to create space for the arrival of this year's Christmas Tree. The weather wasn't great but most of the main jobs were completed.

It is proposed that our next village tidy-up will take place in Spring 2024 (date to be confirmed in the New Year). If anyone is interested in making Kingsley look even smarter by helping out, it would be great to have you join us. Watch this space (or, posts on Facebook, the village website and the Parish Council website) for more details nearer the time.

Those eagle eyed amongst you who were out and about on the evening of the 6/7th November, may have had a sneak preview of the new lights on the two trees at The Brow. The company providing them were installing and testing them around this time. You will all get a chance to view them around the 1st December when they are officially switched on. The village Christmas tree is being delivered 23rd November and will be erected by a number of Parish Councillors who will be decorating it at a later date ready for the switch on in early December.

The Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph in the Cemetery was well attended despite strong winds and rain. A very big thank you must go out to our Chair Councillor Judith Critchley, who gave up several hours each day the week before, to weed and tidy up the paths leading to and in the cemetery to make it presentable for the wreath laying cemetery.

The old goal posts which were declared unsafe in a recent RoSPA inspection, have now been removed and replaced with two smaller goals and a reduced size pitch area.

Whist on the Playing Field, CWaC have now confirmed a delivery and planting date for the new Community Orchard, this will be Thursday 11th January 2024 at 10.00am. A Ranger will be coming to advise and assist in the planting, but CWaC are looking for a Community (your) input. So please come along, ideally with a spade, and help us to plant the first Community Orchard in Kingsley. Two Parish Councillors will be attending a fruit tree pruning course the following day, and will be leading pruning of the trees in the future as and when it is required. These are YOUR trees, and YOUR orchard, so please come along and help out now and in the future.

Finally, at a date yet to be confirmed in January, the Zip wire in the park will be out of use to the public. The RoSPA inspection identified essential routine maintenance required, this will require stripping down of the wire and its components so for a period of a few days will be unavailable for use.

Finally, the Parish Councillors and Proper Officer, wish you and your loved ones a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Puppets have been used at the Hurst to tell the story of Jesus since about 2005. Prior to that, many young Mums and their pre-school children used to come to the Soup Lunches and stay behind to chat. It was suggested that we could introduce a soup lunch just for them, after which puppets told a 'Jesus' story. This led to a monthly 'Puppet Praise', which continued for many years. Rev Ann Kenton was our minister at the time and she introduced us to 'Barney the Bear' and wrote the Barney song, which we all sang at the beginning and end of each session. When she moved to another Circuit, Puppet Praise carried on entertaining toddlers for a further 5yrs, and Barney became the focus at 'Barney's Buddies', our Mums and Toddlers weekly group. This continued for many years, and was followed by Messy Church, where puppets occasionally appeared. They were often to be found in our family services, in the holiday clubs and even Christingle. 'Barney's Buddies' continued until lockdown came.

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Celebrating Advent

by Gail Fullbrook



For Christians Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. This year it begins on Sunday 3rd December, Advent Sunday, when traditionally a purple candle will be lit in church on an Advent Wreath. By the time Christmas Day arrives, three further candles on the wreath will have been lit with the 5th and final candle, often a white candle, being lit on Christmas Day. Each candle has a particular significance, often hope, love, joy and peace representing the virtues Jesus brought to us. Equally, some people associate the candles with light and the light the birth of Christ brings into the world.

I wonder what the significant markers during Advent are for you? For most it's a busy time of writing cards, buying and wrapping gifts and filling the fridge and larder. A time of singing carols, Christmas parties, planning what to wear. Our eyes focussed on Christmas Day. And sometimes, in all the preparation, we can lose sight of the wonder of Christmas. The wonder of a child born in a stable. The wonder of stars leading shepherds to visit. The wonder of light coming into the world.

The Christmas Creed below is a lovely way of reminding ourselves why we send cards, give gifts, share food and spend time with family and friends.

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town and whose spirit still brings music to people all over the world.

I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, but who transformed the place by his very presence.

I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons with hungry hearts.

I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, who looked at people and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for my selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself.

*I believe in Jesus, the Son of God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world
Amen.*

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Email Anna: weaver@cheshireforest.org.uk for more info.

Brownies is full of firsts: she might grow her first plant, cook her first cake, light her first fire, go on her first fun-packed weekend away with guiding friends.

With a helpful hand from our encouraging volunteers, they explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors, and start learning to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

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