

# KINGSLEY HOLT NEWS

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Welcome to the spooktacular Halloween edition of Kingsley Holt News.

There are 8 witches hiding in the pages of the newsletter. Can you find them?

## Donation to the newsletter

Councillor Ivor Lucas has donated £200 towards the running costs of Kingsley Holt News from the SMDC Councillors' Community Initiative fund.



We are very grateful to Councillor Lucas for this donation.

Q. What did the ghost have for pudding?

A. I scream!!

Q. What do you call a witch on the beach?

A. A sand-witch!

Q. Why didn't the ghost go to the ball?

A. He had no body to go with!



Q. What do vampires take when they are sick?

A. Coffin medicine

# Best Kept Village Competition



Thanks to everyone who took part in last weekend's work party on the recreation ground. Another one should compete the task, so if you can help out, please meet on recreation ground at 10am on Saturday 7th November. Regards Jeremy.

## Announcements

Congratulations to Andrew and Joy Barleyman on your marriage – 2<sup>nd</sup> October



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Happy Birthday to Steve Bateman – 7<sup>th</sup> November

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Happy Birthday to Phil Watkin - 12<sup>th</sup> November

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Welcome back to the village, Pete Hooley

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Welcome to the village, Histed family Geoff, Clare and Isabelle, Chapel Lane.



## Kingsley Holt Home for stray and unwanted Pumpkins



Do you have or know of any unwanted, unused Pumpkins needing a good home?  
Then please contact Marie Mellor, Shawe Park Road or via the Blacksmiths.



# Kingsley Holt Methodist Chapel

Worship—Sunday mornings at 10.30am

Contact Rev. Andrew Farrington for details. Tel: 07985 308637 or [Andrew.farrington@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Andrew.farrington@methodist.org.uk)



Pop-ins for babies and toddlers—Every Tuesday morning 10am-12 noon

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan coffee morning on 3rd October was a really busy fun day, with many members of the community coming along and getting involved. If you could not attend this one, hope to see you next time.

As well as cakes, tea and coffee on sale, there was also a raffle, games and a table top sale. £340 was raised for Macmillan.



## Harvest Festival

The harvest festival service took place on Sunday 11th October, followed by a delicious buffet lunch for all those that attended.

Thank you to everyone who made donations. Donated food has been distributed to Cheadle Food Bank, and Moorlands Home Link. Cash donations have been given to 'All we Can' - helping people in need across the world.



# Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 8 November 2015. It is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. Below is the story of Moses Holland, who was a resident of Kingsley Holt.



## Moses Holland

### Private 44545 - Lincolnshire Regiment (6th Battalion)

Moses Holland was born in 1899 in Wolverhampton, the son of Henry (a General Hawker / Licensed Pedlar) and Mary Holland, being the fourth of their five children. By 1901 the family were living in Kingsley Holt, Staffs, and remained there for some years (1901 & 1911 Census), later moving to Thornby House, Consall, Staffs.



Moses Holland initially served in the Leicestershire Regiment, Service No. 30572. He later transferred to the Lincolnshire Regiment, 6th Battalion. Service No. 44545. and was posted on active service to France / Flanders. Research elsewhere indicates that he initially joined the Staffordshire Regiment.

Moses Holland died on 5th October 1918. He is commemorated at the Vis En Artois Memorial Cemetery, Northern France. The family were notified of Moses death later that month - it states that the location was unknown but he was killed in action.

On 15th February 1919 details of Moses Holland's death were reported in the Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel, "*Pte Moses Holland 6th Lincolnshire*

*Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs H Holland, Rock Cottage, Consall Forge, was killed in action at Cambrai on October 5th 1918. He was called up in 1917 prior to which he was in the employ of Messrs. Bolton & Sons, Froghall, where he was very much liked. His Sergeant has written saying he was popular in his platoon and would be greatly missed, for he has always cheering up the others."*

This extract is taken from the website

**[www.kingsleyremembers1914.org.uk](http://www.kingsleyremembers1914.org.uk)** which commemorates those with links to Kingsley parish, who served in The Great War. Please visit the website to read more on local men who lost their lives fighting for our country.

## **Kingsley Parish Council**

### **Kingsley Youth Club**

As you will be aware Kingsley Youth Club has been unused for some time and the building is now falling into disrepair. For some time the remaining trustees have been looking for a suitable organisation to take over the premises.

Cheadle South Moorlands United (CSMU) are a local based Junior Football Club who have over 200 members and run 13 teams of various age groups. CSMU have recently obtained a grant of almost £70,000 from Sport England to develop the facility and hope to finalise arrangements to take over the premises and sports ground in the near future.

Kingsley Parish Council are supportive of CSMU taking over the facility which should ensure the premises and sports pitch continue to be used for the benefit of local youngsters, the purpose for which the land and building were originally provided.

Ken Unwin. 4 Shawe Park Road

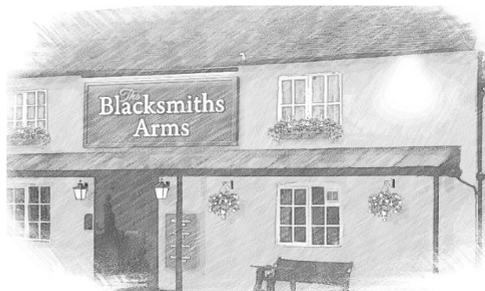
Tel: 756131 [kennethunwin@btinternet.com](mailto:kennethunwin@btinternet.com)



# Blacksmiths



## Arms



### Friday night entertainment

- ◆ 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Micki Consiglio
- ◆ 30<sup>th</sup> October - Stuart Leigh
- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> November - Brian Ransom
- ◆ 13<sup>th</sup> November - Lee Wainwright
- ◆ 20<sup>th</sup> November - Demmi
- ◆ 27<sup>th</sup> November - Flame Elation



**Quiz night**

Sunday 15th November

8.15pm start



We are now on Facebook, search for The blacksmiths arms.



## Halloween Party & Fireworks

Saturday 7th November

From 4pm to 10pm



Fireworks & bonfire  
6pm

Richard Noonan  
Sponsored head &  
beard shaving.

Fancy dress  
competition

Apple bobbing, piñata, make a  
mummy competition and more..



# GHOSTLY GOINGS ON ABANDON ALL HOPE YE WHO READS THESE TALES

## BEWARE !!!



Ours is a pleasant village. Nice but not too picturesque. An average sort of place, with little history of note. Where people go about their daily lives, getting on with things.

But please do not be too complacent !!! There are secrets hidden in the very fabric of the place. Dark dank corners that restrict your progress. Where the very earth pulls at your every step. Deep muddy places that can drive you to despair

There are overgrown brambly places that hold you. Full of thorns that not only slow your progress. But prick and torment you, threatening to overwhelm your very spirit.

Then there are the wet dripping foetid places, where the sun never shines. Dark gloomy places where Fungi Slimes and undiscovered yeasts rot and slowly devour any living thing that has the audacity to attempt to survive there.

Admit it we are all aware of these places, try to avoid them, and curse them. Unspeakable oaths go through our mind, when we are forced into contact with them. One such place is difficult to avoid. As it is the main route to the village from the valley below. Most travel this route by car. And in that way keep the malevolent spirits at arms length.

But for some of us this route cannot be avoided. And we shudder at the

very thought of the most unpleasant trek. Where even that most common force, gravity, is stronger, pulling us back. Forcing us to stop in the most unpleasant surroundings.

And yes that screech and yelp , was not a fox or any other animal. It was the evil spirit of the place toying with your fears and superstitions That glimpse of light was not a reflection of a wet holly leaf. It was the evil eye, Fixing you in it's gaze, contemplating whether to make you its next tormented soul.

So my advice is to avoid that route at all costs. And if you have to venture there, go with trusted companions. That you may reassure one another, that you are ok. There is a perfectly normal explanation to the apparition you have all just witnessed. And yes next time we will take a taxi.

Go in peace friends... *A WELL WISHER*

## The Lonely Ghost of Kingsley Holt



William Oswald Laurence Yellowbeard was reading his terms of engagement; he read “No 1 Ghost for Kingsley Holt”. He thought that could be contested despite his best efforts no one had ever reported seeing him and even he hadn’t seen any other Ghost in Kingsley Holt! Oly as he liked to be known, preferring to ignore his first name, thought it could just as well say the one and only Ghost of Kingsley Holt. He couldn’t remember when he had been appointed only that it had been a long time ago, when you’re the one and only Lonely Ghost of Kingsley Holt that no one ever sees; a long time may not be so very long at all.

The terms of engagement simply read “employed to haunt the village of Kingsley Holt between dusk and dawn” Now he had done his very best but no one had ever reported seeing him. He didn’t remember having this problem before moving, it would be much easier if he could haunt and spook during the day as he did at Alton. During the day he could hide behind the bus shelter, rustle some leaves, jump out and haunt a whole bus load of people in one go.

Oly set off on his haunting for the night, while floating along Churnet Valley road he spotted a group of people in the bus shelter at the end of Sidney Drive. My first big moment he thought, sailing over the hedge with his best Ghostly howl he flew across the road and straight into the bus shelter, thru the back wall and fell in a tumbling heap on the grass. He still hadn’t quite

mastered that passing thru walls thing, picking himself up he peered around the corner of the shelter to admire the results of his haunting, just as he feared, not a thing had changed, no one had seen him or even heard his howling. He was beginning to wonder if he was best suited to this ghosting at night job!

Moving on he drifted up the road to try and find some other poor souls in need of fright. Noticing Mrs Jones had the TV on he took a closer look, she was watching Coronation Street, must be on catch up! Gliding closer still Oly said to himself “this could be fun”. First he tried just hovering on the wall hoping to be seen, soon getting bored he decided more direct action was needed. Remembering his earlier problem with the wall he picking up a twig and tapped on the window; nothing, he tried again, ah ha at last Mrs Jones stood up and looking rather cross marched over to the window and closed the curtains. Drat, now he couldn’t even catch up on Coronation Street!

On he went and found himself by the notice board on Burton Crescent, waiting by the seat he could hear voices further down the road and soon he could see a man walking down the white line in the middle of the road. Two others walking along with him all deep in some deep and mysterious conversation about beer lines, guest ale’s and busses to Hanley. Oly looked on puzzled the last time he had tried standing in the middle of the road he was taken half way to Cheadle before he could get off the front of the lorry, yes you guessed it, the driver just couldn’t see him. A screech came out of the night, the passersby looked up to see an owl on top of the lamp post before returning to their conversation and continuing on their way. Oly watched puzzled as the troop passed by, he hadn’t been seen or heard hovering and howling by the bench. This ghosting of Kingsley Holt was not going to be as easy as he had first thought.

He looked up at the owl, was it looking straight at him? Must it be able to see him, it must, yes it must, but then he noticed next to him on the seat a huge juicy spider had caught the eye of the owl. What was it about Kingsley Holt not even the wild life noticed him?!

Oly was just about to give up go home and write out his resignation when he realised it was October, yes October Halloween, and those two mad dogs last week he was sure they had seen him in the field that morning, his luck must be changing. Someone will see him on Halloween, somebody must see him on Halloween and he still needed to try out that new phrase he’d notice scare so many when sitting unseen in the middle of the pool table last week “last order Ladies and Gentlemen please”.

Have you ever seen Oly? Do you think you could see him during Halloween?

# SPIRITS in THE BLACKSMITHS

Public houses are well known for their spirits, but it seems that The Blacksmiths has an extra special one, which cannot be drank.

Anita Parkes, former landlady told us of her experiences, while running the pub.



‘The ghost was a friendly one, very friendly! The barmaids or myself would regularly feel someone touch their arm or bum, and when they turned round there was no one there.

One member of staff was cleaning the disabled toilets, and heard someone call ‘morning’ to her. She thought that it was Dave, but when she went to look, there was no one else there. Several people have also reported that when they have been in the ladies toilet, they have heard the door open and somebody walk in, but again no one is there. Keys also go missing from the bar, but later re-appear.

Most occurrences happen upstairs, one of the bedrooms is always absolutely freezing. Clare went into this room once, and got locked in and could not get out. Although when someone went to open the door from the other side it opened straight away, and there was nothing wrong with the lock. Our dog would sit looking into the room, and barking at something we could not see. My son was sat in the room opposite doing his homework and saw a figure go into the room, when no one came out he went across to see who it was, and no one was there.

Personal items would also go missing from upstairs, and these would also reappear later on. I had once left a necklace in the bathroom where no one could see it, and when I went back it had gone. I asked my daughter if she had it, and she swore that she had not. After I got upset about it being missing I went into the bathroom, and there it was, where I had left it. My daughter also had a bottle of perfume go missing. The perfume was called Ghost! I think he may be the ghost of Terry Carney, an ex-landlord. I would sometimes say ‘That’s enough Terry’ and nothing would happen for a while, but whoever he was, he definitely had a sense of humour.’

(Terry and his wife Jessie ran The Blacksmiths from the early 1960’s, till Terry’s death in 1975, his wife Jessie carried on running the pub until 1985)



Photo above shows Terry Carney (bottom right,) ex Blacksmith Landlord along with Blacksmith regulars.

Top row, left to right— Harry Smith, Bill Shaw, Rafe Clews, Arthur Clews, Ed Bradshaw, ?, Bill Moseley, ?, Jim Shaw.

Bottom row, left to right—Sid Eyre, Walter Carnwell, Joe Hooley, Bill Fox, Terry Carney.

If you know if any of the above names are incorrect, Any of the missing names, reason for the photograph or when it was taken, please let us know.

## Midnight visitors

A lady living on Lockwood Road reported that she would often wake up in the middle of the night to see two misty figures stood by her bed, although they were not clear enough to make out any detail.

She mentioned this to a spiritualist, who went up into the room, and pointed to the spot where the figures were seen, and said 'That is where you see them'. The lady confirmed that this was correct, the spiritualist blessed the room and the figures were never seen again.

# Watching over you

Twelve years ago we moved into the village. Our house is Somerset Cottage, off Shawe Park Road. It's one of the oldest properties in the village, earliest records 1796.

The day we moved in, after all the furniture was in place, I sat in the living room and said to John "I feel like we are being watched" I got the feeling that an old lady with grey hair was sitting by the fireplace and checking us out. I said I think she is seeing if we will look after the place and the name Annie came to me. About a week later I said she must think we are ok as I cant sense her around anymore.

We never thought about it again until we got the deeds to the house a couple of years later. I sat reading through the previous occupiers and there was "Annie" Crikey. That felt really strange seeing the name I had sensed, on the deeds.

Her full name was Annie Hordern. She died in Somerset House on 29th March 1932.

Our house was previously known as Somerset House.

Christine Brammer

## CHILDLESS GHOST

A resident reported of a haunted house in the village. It is believed that a man who had lived there previously was desperate for a son to carry on his name, but his wife was unable to have children. Things would start happening in the house after a child had been born.

She would babysit there for a relative, and was so afraid to go upstairs that she would babysit there for a relative, and was so afraid to go upstairs that she would bring the children downstairs. They would hear footsteps from upstairs when there was no one else there, and the sound of things being smashed, although when they went upstairs to check, everything was in its place and nothing was broken. They only stayed in the house for 12 months. The next tenant reported that when she was home alone, she felt someone get into the bed beside her. When she turned round there was no one there. She also saw the figure of a man stood by the fireplace, he was tall and slim, wearing a peak cap, suit and watch chain.



# THE LEGEND OF HIGH SHUTT



There once stood a solitary tree at the top of High Shutt. Legend has it that it was used to hang criminals and highwaymen, and the place got its name from one of them being found after their hanging with one eye shut, and one eye open. It was believed that if someone walked around the tree nine times the bells of hell would sound, summoning them to the other side.



By the early 1990's the tree had died, and Cheadle Rotary Club planted another in its place, which is surrounded by railings.

## Be careful when leaving the village

Remember folks to take extra care when leaving the village, as ghosts and ghouls are all around. There are rumours that centuries ago a man was thrown from his horse near Woodhead Hall and is buried in the nearby wood, a ghostly horse and carriage struggling with a missing wheel has been seen at Threapwood on the road to Alton, a phantom black dog was sighted on the lane at The Hermitage on the way to Ipstones, and the headless horseman still rides at Butterton Moor.

We hope you have enjoyed our spooky tales, but please don't have nightmares, do sleep well.

## CHURJET VALLEY RAILWAY



25th October – Classic car & music day

28th October – Peppa Pig

28th October – Halloween hotpot supper train (Pre-booking essential)



31st October – Ghost Train Express (Pre booking essential)

Now booking for Santa Specials – Selected dated December 2015

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Simon, Beckie and the team



## HALLOWEEN “SPOOKTACULAR”

Saturday 31st October  
Karaoke and Disco  
Prizes for the best Fancy Dress



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Bookings now being taken for Christmas  
Fayre.  
Menu available from Tuesday 1st December  
to Wednesday 23rd December.  
(Regular Menu and Daily Specials also  
available)

Call for bookings and  
enquiries on 07796 468952 or  
07837 955391 or email  
rwif@sky.com or Facebook  
message us - “Railway Inn  
Froghall”

# Kingsley Village Hall

Our 2016 fundraising calendar sponsored by JCB and featuring some high  
quality photos of the local area by local photographers will be on sale at the  
end of the month priced £4.99.  
Available from [www.kingsleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.kingsleyvillagehall.org.uk) or  
contact Martyn on 01538 750657 or  
martyn\_hordern@hotmail.com

## Secretary Wanted

Taking minutes at meetings and circulate. Dealing  
with any correspondence received and to be a  
general point of contact where required. It can be  
as little as an hour a month or more if the post  
holder wishes to become more involved.  
Good communication and writing skills are essential  
plus access to and ability to use a computer.  
Contact Martyn on details above.



## Kingsley Village Hall

Annual General Meeting 2015  
Tuesday 27th October 7.30pm @  
The Hall  
All welcome



New committee  
members  
welcome

# CHEADLE REMEMBERS THE GREAT WAR EXHIBITION



To include:  
Booklet Launch  
Cheadle Flower Club Display  
Uttoxeter Brass Band  
Performance by Youth CATS



GREAT WAR  
CENTENARY

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 2015  
10AM - 4PM**

**CHEADLE GUILD HALL  
TAPE STREET, ST10 1BG**

Cheadle Discovery Group

Cheadle & District Historical Society



[www.discovercheadle.co.uk](http://www.discovercheadle.co.uk)

## Mid Churnet Craft Club

Meets at St Werburgh's Church, Kingsley

Tuesday 27th October and Tuesday 24th  
November 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Bring your own work or learn something  
new!

Just sit and relax with a cuppa and a  
biscuit or join in the fun and laughter.  
Only £1 including refreshments.

## Oakamoor Cricket Club Bonfire Night

Saturday 31st October

Bonfire lit at 7pm. Free entry.



## A Map for Kingsley Holt A project for the Winter nights.



Over the coming months we plan to run a competition to produce a map of Kingsley Holt.

The map should be a simple graphic representation of the village to fit on an A4 sheet of paper, show significant points of interest i.e. Chapel, Bus stops, Blacksmiths Arms, post boxes and footpaths. You could also consider doing some research for example the oldest building in the village, buildings that have some history i.e. old pubs, shops, any other points of interest.

The aim is to provide useful informative map for both residents and visitors to the village, location of phone box and defibrillator for example.

Open to everyone in the village, if we get enough entries we will split them into over and under 16s.

The hope is to post winning maps around the village and publish in the Kingsley Holt News.

More details in our next issue. Closing date will be late Feb 2016, so plenty of time to do some research and come up with something original.

In summary, simple, graphic with points of interest and informative. More information call 07443 397522 please leave a message and we will get back to you.

**Next issue**

If you have anything you would like to be included in the November issue of Kingsley Holt News please email to [khnl@outlook.com](mailto:khnl@outlook.com), call 07443 397522 or drop off at 16 Sidney Drive or the box in The Blacksmiths by 10th November.

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