

Kingsley Holt News

November 2015

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go



This month's Kingsley Holt News is packed full of festive events, happening locally in the next few weeks.



Christmas Lights Competition

Sponsored by Kingsley Holt Community Fund

- * Judged by someone from the village, different judges each year.
- * Prizes will be given for the best 3 decorated houses:

1st Prize - Bottle of Whiskey

2nd Prize - Bottle of Port

3rd Prize - Bottle of Wine

- * The Christmas lights in the village have been excellent in recent years, let's make sure there is a good show this year.

Brillo's Christmas Carol Singing

Thursday 17th December

Starting at The Blacksmiths Arms at 6.15pm, and finishing there too!

Raising money for Douglas MacMillan.

Everyone welcome, please come along or join us along the way.

Good singing voices optional!

Dress warmly & festive.



Santa Claus is coming to town!



On his sleigh
Saturday 12th December
visiting Kingsley Holt
and
Sunday 13th December
visiting Kingsley
Starting at 4.00pm each day
and will be handing out sweets to
the children who see him.



Kingsley Kingfishers Pre-school will be collecting money.
So please keep a look out!



Best Kept Village Competition

Thank you to all of the people who helped with the hedge cutting on the recreation ground on a soggy Saturday morning, that job is now complete thanks to the efforts of everyone over the 2 mornings.

It is hoped that by spring 2016 we will have a few pieces of new equipment installed on the Rec, our application for the grant to purchase them is now going through, fingers crossed on that one !

If anyone has any ideas on how we can enhance the village, or if you would like to help on any future projects please get in touch.

Thanks Jeremy.
07826535660 and jfallows28@sky.com

Announcements

The family of Sandra Elizabeth Colclough from Chapel Lane, who sadly passed away on the 22nd of October aged just 72, would like to thank everyone who attended the service at St. Werberghs church. Many thanks also for your generous donations which will be passed onto the Cancer Research & Douglas Macmillan charities.

(Sandra R.I.P with Brian)

Kingsley Parish Council

Moneystone Park - Planning Application SMD/2014/0682

Moneystone Quarry is a 420 acre redundant site unused since quarrying ceased in August 2011. In October 2014 Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) Ltd submitted plans to redevelop the site to provide, “a high quality leisure development comprising of (250) holiday lodges, a new central hub building (providing swimming pool, restaurant, bowling alley, spa, gym, informal screen/cinema room, children’s soft play area, café, climbing wall and shop), café, visitor centre, administration building, maintenance building, archery centre, water sports centre, equipped play and adventure play areas, multi-sports area, car parking, and managed footpaths and cycleways set in attractive landscaping and ecological enhancements”.

I understand the above reflects a potential £18m investment by Laver Leisure Ltd.

Those who support the application consider there are a number of potential benefits principally; the development of a large disused quarry site which is presently a blot on the mid Churnet Valley landscape, a potential source of local employment and a significant injection of finance into the local economy.

Those who are opposed to the application consider the size and scope of the project would result in a community of 2000 plus tourists in a largely quiet rural area, the volume of traffic visiting the site along rural lanes would present a road safety risk and place an unacceptable burden on local residents, (particularly those living on Eaves Lane, Whiston), and that the project would have a negative impact on this quiet rural environment.

I understand the issue is to be considered by the SMDC Planning Committee later this month. If you would like more information about the application please get in touch.

Ken Unwin. 4 Shawe Park Road. Tel: 756131 kennethunwin@btinternet.com

Kingsley Holt Methodist Chapel

Dear Friends,



'Lest we forget' is a phrase often associated with the

Remembrance of those who fought and endured through times of war. I can well recall my grandfather showing us his bullet wounds, talking of the jungle of Burma, and wearing his perfectly shined medals on Remembrance Sunday. My great-grandfather served on the Western Front through all of The Great War and simply refused to say anything other than that was 'nothing I want to say'. My Mom vividly recalled hiding under the dining table through nights of bombing and I have her letters to her father.

Yet, this is not just history. For some families this is continuing reality. Serving members of the Armed Forces continue to give of themselves in the name of justice and peace; their loved ones continue to wait anxiously.

It is remembering that we hope that our memories will have positive influence on our present. That war will cease, and the needs that drive people to kill be eased. We observe long lines of ordinary people walking from their homelands, risking all to find peace and safety. We know of planes pulled from the skies. We hear of ever increasing security needs.

Still we live in this land in relative peace and safety. We have freedom of speech and the right to vote. Yes, 'lest we forget', we live ever in this blessed plot because others gave that we might find that comfort.

Wear your poppy with both a sense of sadness for the cost of peace and also with a sense of pride for the sacrifices made such that you can freely remember them. And find time to pray in thanksgiving and also to recall those that continue to be affected by their experiences of war.

Rev. Andrew Farrington.

To repeat a 'THANK YOU' for the £344.50 raised for Macmillan Cancer Care at the Coffee Morning held at the Chapel recently.

And also a 'THANK YOU' to all who gave or attended our Harvest Festival. Many bags of food were given to Cheadle Food Bank and all the fresh produce found its way into meals prepared by Moorlands Home Link.

For your diary:

Worship for the coming weeks:

22nd November - 10.30am worship led by Mr Don Haslam.

29th November - worshipping with our friends at Alton Meth Church.

6th December - worshipping with our friends at Alton Meth Church.

13th December - 10.30am worship led by Dr Lynne Bradbury.

20th December - worshipping with our friends at Alton Meth Church



CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE.

Arrive from 6pm for warming refreshment with candlelit Carol Service commencing at 6.30pm until 7.15pm

NEW ACTIVITY FOR 2016

Commencing in January.

Every Thursday 10am to Noon at Kingsley Holt Methodist Chapel
Time to meet and chat over a cup of tea or coffee. There will be toys available for children also.



Jasmine loses her locks for charity

A few years ago Jasmine Barker from Sidney Drive, heard a story about how people could donate their hair to make wigs for people with cancer, especially children. She said "One day I will do that mummy".....Well that day has finally arrived.

Jasmine has just turned 8 and is having her hair cut on the 28th November to donate to the Princess Trust to go towards making a wig for children with cancer who have lost theirs.



Not only is she donating her hair she has also decided to try and raise the £350 that is needed to make a special wig for children who cannot have the basic ones. Jasmine would therefore be very grateful for any donations no matter how small, every penny counts! She has a sponsor form and also an online just giving page. Cash donations can be taken to 33 Sidney Drive, and her just giving page is

www.justgiving.com/Jasmine-Barker-Hair-cut/

Thank you for all your support.

The Blacksmiths Arms Christmas Menu

TO START - Choice of:

Slow roasted red pepper, tomato & basil soup served with a baked roll & butter.

Goat's cheese & courgette tart served with watercress salad topped with honey dressing.

Blacksmiths pate served with chefs own red onion marmalade & melba toast.

Garlic brushetta topped with oven roasted sun dried tomatoes, thyme & mozzarella.

MAIN COURSE - Choice of:

Herb crusted cod loin pan fried then oven baked served on a bed of creamy mash potato with a mixed herb sauce.

Sirloin steak griddled then sliced & served on mash potato with a creamy wild mushroom & brandy sauce.

Traditional roast turkey served with stuffing, roast potatoes, chefs Yorkshire pudding & thick rich gravy.

Risotto cooked with diced sweet potato, swede, sweetcorn & peas. (V)

DESSERT - Choice of:

Homemade Baileys cheesecake served with vanilla ice cream.

Chocolate torte served with double cream.

Traditional Christmas pudding served with brandy sauce.

Homemade Bakewell tart served with ice cream.

Mince pies

Adults £25, Children/pensioners £17.50

(Bookings taken with £10 per person deposit)

War Memorial

Work has recently been undertaken around the War Memorial in Kingsley, which was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The work was completed in time for the act of Remembrance on 11th November.

The path from Dovedale Road up onto the Memorial has been dug out and replaced by a paved pathway that gives access to the Memorial for all regardless of ability and also on to the Staffordshire Way that crosses the site.

A paved surround has been laid around the memorial itself and also a new fence erected to the rear of the site. In addition a new Kissing Gate has been installed. The works have been finished off by the installation of a new seat that has been re-positioned to give improve views of the site, the Churnet Valley and across to Kingsley Holt.

All that remains now is for the installation of an interpretation panel to detail some of the history of the memorial and the parish of Kingsley. On Remembrance Day local school children from St Werburgh's joined villagers both young and old in paying their respects with a silence followed by the laying of wreaths and the placing of wooden crosses with the names of the fallen written on to them.



For more information: www.kingsleyremembers1914.org.uk

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Wildlife Watch



Rare Species hot spot

The willow tit population has declined in the UK by over 90% since the 1970's, leaving a population of only about 3,500 pairs. The species is red listed, which means they are the highest conservation priority. It is usually found in scrubby, wet habitats.



RSPB volunteers conducted a playback survey in the Churnet Valley. This involves playing a willow tit call for two minutes every 100m and then waiting for a further two minutes to see if there is any response. This has shown that the Churnet Valley is an important hotspot for these birds, as they were found in 40 different locations.

Flying fish

One of the most amazing sights in nature is that of mature Atlantic salmon leaping up waterfalls, weirs and fish passes on its way home to spawn. There are records of salmon leaping at least 12 feet in their determination to ascend waterfalls.

The Churnet (and the Dove) were traditionally salmon rivers, but population declined due to the industrial revolution and water pollution. The Environment Agency reported that the Churnet was once possibly the worst polluted river in Europe.

However now the water quality has significantly improved, so the Environment Agency have released 40,000 young salmon into the Churnet at Consall every year for several years since 2004. They also released 150,000 each year into the Dove near Rocester.



Young salmon traditionally stay in the river for up to 4 years, then journey down the River Trent and eventually into the North Atlantic, travelling as far as Greenland. After 2 or 3 years they return to the river where they came from to breed.

Salmon have recently been spotted leaping at Norbury weir on the Dove, to see them go down Dove Street at Ellastone to the bridge, and follow the public right of way upstream. They have also been seen at Crumpwood weir near Alton on the Churnet, this can be reached by walking down the old railway line from Alton to Denstone.

The best time to witness salmon aerobatics is October or November after heavy rain, especially following a dry spell. Fish are generally most active in the early morning and evening.

Please let us know if you manage to see the salmon leaping.

Kingsley Village Hall

Christmas Lights

Free Entry

Friday 4th December

6.30pm onwards

Lights on at 7pm



Refreshments available - mulled wine, hot mince pies, tea & coffee

Raffle including children's prizes

Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake competition

Sale of Christmas cards

Sale of our 2016 calendar

Carol singing

Railway Inn, Froghall

Bookings now being taken for Christmas Fayre. Available 1st-23rd December

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Events in Cheadle



CARRY ON CHRISTMAS
CHEADLE'S CHRISTMAS LIGHT TURN-ON!!

Magician/Punch & Judy 
 Unicycle/Stilts/Juggler
 Balloon Artist
 Street Singers/Local Choirs
 Face Painter
 Dandelion the Clown
 Temporary Tattoo Artist
 Caricaturist

Santa's Grotto in the Discovery Centre
CHEADLE HIGH STREET
NOVEMBER 21ST (2PM-6PM)
LIGHT SWITCH-ON @ 5PM

Christmas Craft Event at Cheadle Library

Sat 28th November, 10am-12pm

For 3 to 10 year olds.

Free event making Christmas cards, decoration, etc.
 Materials supplied.

Cheadle Animal Welfare monthly sale

Sat 28th November, 10am-12pm

Cheadle Conservative Club,
 Tape Street

Mid Churnet Craft Club

Meets at St Werburgh's Church, Kingsley

Tuesday 24th November 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Bring your own work or learn something new!

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	 <p>Happy Birthday to Veronica Watkin 10th December</p>

Black Lion, Consall Forge

🎯 Thursday Grill Night!

Choose from 8oz sirloin steak, 10oz rump steak or large gammon with a pint, glass of wine or soft drink for £9.95

🎯 Fish & Chip Friday!

A large portion of Consall Brewery beer battered cod, home cooked chips & a pint, glass of wine or soft drink for £8.95

🎯 Curry Night every Saturday!

Any curry & a pint, glass of wine or soft drink for £7.95
 For bookings & information call 01782 550 294

Churnet Valley Railway



- ◆ **Santa & Steam** - Various dates through December. Santa will visit each child on board with a gift, while the adults enjoy mince pies & sherry.
- ◆ **Post Christmas Ipstones Lunch Train** - Sun 27th December. 4 course lunch with full waitress service. £35 per person.
- ◆ **Winter Warmer Ipstones Service** - 26th-28th December. Trains running up to Ipstones on the Cauldon branch line.
- ◆ Call 01538 758491 for bookings. Stuck for present ideas? Why not book your relatives a trip on one of our post Christmas services?

Next issue If you have anything you would like to be included in the December issue of Kingsley Holt News please email to khnl@outlook.com or drop off at 16 Sidney Drive or the box in The Blacksmiths by 10th December.

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