



## Join Kingsley Players down the rabbit hole for the premiere of a new play about Lewis Carroll & the *real* Alice

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of *Alice's Adventures Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll, born Charles Lutwidge Dodgson at Daresbury rectory in 1832.

To mark this special year, award-winning Cheshire writer Lynn Pegler is shining a spotlight on the author's intriguing double life with the premiere of her new play '**Alice's Quest for Wonderland: *Down the Rabbit Hole with Lewis Carroll***' on stage for three nights in a production by Kingsley Players, **Friday 23 – Sunday 25 July**.

This entertaining, new drama explores the fact behind the fiction of the enigmatic author, who spent his first 11 years in the county. Audiences are invited to discover more about the writer's complex life as an Oxford University maths tutor and world famous children's author, and his relationship with the real Alice, who inspired one of the most popular characters in English Literature.

Lynn said: "Lewis Carroll is a fascinating man and it has been a labour of love to delve in depth into his life. The English language is so much richer thanks to his clever, witty creations. In the play, I take on the role of an adult Alice, looking back on her life, and I'm joined on stage by actors James Partington and Simon Hetherington, who between them play more than 20 characters, including her two sons, husband, White Rabbit, Queen of Hearts, Cheshire Cat and of course, Lewis Carroll himself.

"The play features favourite poems, such as the '*Walrus and the Carpenter*' and '*Jabberwocky*', and I've tried to tell the story of Lewis Carroll and Alice with a surreal, light touch, in keeping with his original fantasy stories.

"Hopefully no-one will lose their heads and the audience will appreciate an enjoyable trip down the rabbit hole to get under the skin of the real Alice and her relationship with this complex, much-loved author.

"Our play has now been cancelled six times at various venues due to covid, so we are desperately keeping our fingers crossed for the end of July!"

**Tickets cost £10 each, including a drink. Each performance at Kingsley Community Centre starts at 7.30pm, lasts about an hour, with no interval.**

**For up to date information and to book tickets, please check website [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk). Tel no 07724 892154.**

**Suitable for ages 12+.**

**The play will also go on tour to a number of venues, including the Weaver Words Literature Festival, Frodsham (Friday 3 September). Crowton Church's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration (Saturday 11 September), Norton Priory (Saturday 6 November) and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August 2022.**