

Kingsley Players

Kingsley Players launch Golden Anniversary celebrations with popular panto *'The Magic Wishing Well'* (28 – 31 January 2026)

Kingsley Players celebrate 50 fabulous years of community theatre next year – launching 2026 with a fantastic, traditional pantomime, *'The Magic Wishing Well'* by the group's own musical director Arnold Ashbrook.

The Kingsley stage will once again be filled with enthusiastic, talented adults and children, taking the audience on a magical journey to Fairyland for five electric performances at the end of January.



Incompetent witch Grizelda Graddlestick is joined in a mad plot by a host of eccentric characters, including three lost children, two naughty gangsters, a couple of ugly sisters, elves and Old King Cole, who sings remarkably like Elvis Presley. Thankfully three young heroes save the day through the magic of song and dance!

Jo Oultram, panto director and chair of Kingsley Players, said: "A panto by our very own musical director gives us the perfect start to a wonderful golden year of special celebrations. Over the last half century, our award-winning theatre group has staged dozens of top plays, musicals and pantos, as well as many much-loved, fund-raising tours of the BBC hit comedy '*Allo Allo*'.

"Ten years ago, we launched our own successful youth theatre to provide more drama opportunities for local youngsters, and they will be playing an active role this year, staging three productions, including Mary Shelley's '*Frankenstein*' and '*Matilda the Musical*'.

"And for adults, we have a special treat in store as we head to the First World War trenches and a special stage version of the hit BBC comedy '*Blackadder Goes Forth*' in May. Please come and support us!"

'The Magic Wishing Well', by William Arnold Ashbrook, will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, from Wednesday 28 to Saturday 31 January 2026, 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee, 2pm.

Tickets cost £12, with £8 tickets available for students/children. These can be booked online at www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.