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ASSOCIATION

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## Kingsley Community Association - Committee Members

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Gentle Exercise	Wednesday	11am to 12noon	helenjanetwoodcock@gmail.com
Yoga	Wednesday	7.30pm to 8.30pm	will@yogaandhealingcheshire.co.uk
HiiT	Thursday	6.30pm to 7.30pm	info@alutotraining.com

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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 February 24 edition of Kingsley News,

I hope you all enjoy this edition of Kingsley News. There are a number of quiz nights coming up over the next few weeks, so in recognition of these I have included a quiz based around the month of February. There is also a great night coming up organised by us at the community centre, on the Friday 23rd of February, when we host 'Loose Connections', a local rock /pop band - get on your dancing shoes and come and join in on the night!

We have some new advertisers too this month so do take time to see what our many varied local businesses have to offer to you.

Each month we share news from our local churches, the Parish Council and events at Kingsley Institute. You may not be aware but Kingsley Community Association is totally independent from these other organisations. The committee members primarily oversee the running of community centre and the production and distribution of Kingsley News. We are also advocates for the rural arts and entertainment, which may well be best demonstrated through our symbiotic relationship with Kingsley Players.

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](http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk).*

## We want your input!

Do you have story to tell?  
or  
a review of a show?  
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*Then please contact the Kingsley News Editor  
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Copy deadline the 21st of the month.*





## FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Shake off the 'New Year Blues' and come and dance the night away to live music played by **'Loose Connections'**, a local pop rock band, whose repertoire cover sounds from the seventies thru to the present date

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**Doors will open at 19.00hrs, along with the bar, which will remain open until 22.30hrs.**

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# KINGSLEY PAST

# KINGSLEY FOOTBALL CLUB 1951

Specially written for the Potato Pie Supper and Entertainment, 3 March 1951

*The Kingsley Club of which we're part, Did last  
Season make a start, To bring this village into  
fame, And above else, to play the game.*

*The Committee men are keen and strong, To  
place this club where we belong, to hold our  
own among the best, So far this season-Stood  
the test.*

*You players, too, are staunch and true, In  
point of fact a loyal crew, Some thick, some  
thin some short, some tall, all have same idea-  
Play the ball.*

*In Chester league we stand supreme, Have  
held our own among the cream, In league and  
cup we're undefeated, No other Club has this  
repeated.*

*Our supporters shout aloud with joy, for a  
goodly centre from Ronnie Foy, and all  
become a trifle merry, When headed in by  
Christopher Perry.*

*The Inside left, the William Fallows, Has many  
a goalie in the shallows, Young Bill Heardley  
on the wing, Delights the crowd with his  
swerve and swing.*

*In the Centre we have Mercer-Bob, who likes  
to get one on his nog, Did score six goals in  
deva match, Alas, Alack, that Club did scratch.*

*Our young goalie, Jimmy Foster, As we all  
know is no imposter, Upon the Ball he keeps  
his eye, to see that none doth pass him by.*

*Jimmy Blades and Terry Harrop, Make  
opposing forwards gallop, In the tackle are  
seldom wrong, Their kicking too is good and  
strong.*

*The Captain, too is Rated highly, Our Centre-  
half, George D. Riley, Feeds the forwards, helps  
the backs, Like all our players, never slacks.*

*Cyril Rigby is the half-back, left, who with the  
ball is most adept, As inside forward to  
Kingsley came, Enjoys his football- just the  
same,*

*The player who makes up this eleven, Has  
played for Kingsley, ten times seven, Johnny  
Higgins is the chap, I mean a loyal servant to  
his team.*

*Ted Cublon, his loving care doth cast, with Oil  
and Lint and elastoplast, as the Trainer seldom  
misses, Accompanied mainly by his missus.*

*In the Runcorn league we're doing well, what's  
in store -No one can tell, share with Randle  
second place, Perhaps a Semifinal yet to face.*

*The Goalie here is young Tom Pem, Walks his  
goal like lion in its den, the backs are quite a  
solid pair, William Walford and Frankie Mair.*

*Right half back is Warren Dudley, plays in goal,  
just as goodly, Ken Chesterton on the other side,  
Keeps his forwards well supplied,*

*D.B. Wilkie this week on the wing, To the side  
many goals does bring, J. Barber played first  
time last week, Seems the type of man we seek.*

*Sam Hornby, known to some as Nobby, Towers above us like a Bobby, To reach the ball up in the sky, need not jump so very high.*

*The Captain of this Runcorn side, is Johnny Snowdon who with pride, Hopes his team with honours win, to land we trust a Kingsley twin.*

*Cyril Preston next in line, What a job to make this rhyme, between outside left and centre forward, Is not very backward in coming forward.*

*To all that's here I give a toast, (be it far from us to boast), good luck to each and every one, I hope you've liked this bit of fun.*

*by J.W.Teece*

*The outside left in this line so neat, Is one who spends his life with meat, For David Gives us goodly ration, of centres placed in A1 fashion.*

This poem was found by Barry Harvey when clearing out his mother's home following her death in 1998. Barry's father, Stan, used to "mark out the football pitch which around this time was immediately behind the bowling green behind the Village Institute. Lime powder was used to mark out the lines and Barry would assist his father with this. The bonus was that odd coins would be found around the edge of the touch line! J.W.(Bill) Teece who penned the poem was actively involved with running the Club and it was traditional to have a potato pie supper at the end of the football season.

## IT HAPPENED IN FEBRUARY

*A quiz about events that have anniversaries in February*



1. Ritchie Valens, J. P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson and which other rock and roll musician were killed in a plane crash on 3rd Feb 1959?
2. Which country became the first to have a craft make a soft landing on the moon in Feb 1966?
3. In 1971 who replaced Milton Obote as president of Uganda?
4. Who was elected as the first President of the United States in 1789?
5. In 1945 the Yalta Conference took place between which 3 leaders?
6. Which country, later named Sri Lanka, became independent within the British Commonwealth in 1948?
7. In February of which year was the social networking site Facebook founded? a) 2004 b) 2005 c) 2006
8. In 1885 the Congo was established as the personal possession of King Leopold II of which country?
9. James II of England became king in 1685 following whose death?
10. The Boeing 747 'Jumbo Jet' made its first test flight in February of which year? a) 1959 b) 1969 c) 1979
11. In 1807 the United Kingdom captured Montevideo from the Spanish during which war?
12. February was called Solmonath by the Anglo-Saxons. What does this mean? a) New Year b) New beginning, c) Mud month d) Winter End

# KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB



Our next meeting is on Monday, 12th February at 8pm when our speaker will be Kate Fitch who will be talking to us about the history and restoration of Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden.

Grappenhall Heys is a four-acre walled garden near Grappenhall in Warrington. Following the demolition of the grand house at Grappenhall Heys, the walled garden was retained and restored as an amenity for the community. This should be a very interesting talk combining both local history and gardening - we hope you will come along to listen.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and it costs £4 – why not come along and find out more?

*We look forward to seeing you at The Community Centre on 12th February at 8pm.*



*Kingsley Garden Club now has its own Facebook page. If you wish, you can follow the notices and news this way.*



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**January - February 2024**

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Beginning 13th January For 7 Weeks

LTA Youth Yellow (Age 10+) - Saturdays 2pm - 3pm - £7 Per Session -  
Beginning 13th January For 7 Weeks

### **ADULTS**

Beginner - Mondays 6.30pm - 7.30pm - £7 Per Session -  
Beginning 8th January For 7 Weeks

Team Training - Intermediate - Tuesdays 7.30pm - 8.45pm - £7 Per Session -  
Beginning 8th January For 7 Weeks

Cardio Tennis - Saturdays 3pm - 4pm - £5 Per Session -  
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*To book onto any of the above courses go to  
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*If you would like further information on any of the above courses please contact our coach  
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Alvanley and Manley

### **Services in February 2024**

#### **Sunday 4th February**

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

#### **Sunday 11th February**

10.00am Holy Communion at Crowton  
6.00pm Second Sunday @ 6  
at NCK Centre, Norley

#### **Sunday 18th February**

10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley

#### **Sunday 25th February**

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at  
Crowton  
10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

#### **Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am**

1st February at Kingsley  
14th February Ash Wed at Crowton  
8th February at Norley  
22nd February at Kingsley  
29th February at Norley

Associate Minister Revd. Hilary Merrington  
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## **Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church**

### **February 2024**

#### **Sunday 4th February**

8.30am Holy Communion  
led by Revd C Truman  
10am Morning Worship  
led by Mr J Evans

#### **Sunday 11th February**

10am Morning Worship  
led by Prof N Ford

#### **Sunday 18th February**

10am Holy Communion  
led by Revd S Levitt

#### **Sunday 25th February**

10am Morning Worship  
United Service  
led by Mrs N Hughes

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.



**They're back**- two of our pre lock down favourites – please come and join Us

**Tea at 2.30** – Thursday, 22nd February 2024 at 2.30pm at The Hurst meeting room for tea / cake

**Men's Brunch** – Friday, 23rd February 2024 at 10.30am at The Hurst meeting room for bacon / sausage bap

## **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 February we think of, and pray for people living in: -*

<b>W/c Mar 3rd</b>	<b>Newton Hollows and Hatcheries</b>
<b>W/c Mar 10th</b>	<b>Newton/Hillfoot and Old Hall Lane</b>
<b>W/c Mar 17th</b>	<b>Kingswood</b>
<b>W/c Mar 24h</b>	<b>Meeting House Lane/ Offalpits Lane</b>
<b>W/c Mar 31st</b>	<b>Norley Road</b>

*We invite you to add your own prayers*

## **?? Quiz at The Hurst Chapel ??**

**1st March 2024**

Come to the quiz and hot supper at The Hurst Chapel on Friday 1st March for good fun and good food (a selection of chillies will be available – chilli con carne, vegetarian chilli and no spice chilli – followed by desserts).

Starts at 6.30pm, costs £10 per person. Teams of up to 6 welcome.

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**Save the date: 14 – 16 March 2024**  
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Don't miss Kingsley Players' award winning Youth Theatre, who will be back on stage in March, with a brilliant adaptation of Patrick Ness's bestseller, 'A Monster Calls'.

Thirteen-year-old Conor and his mum are struggling... his mum is sick, his grandmother won't stop interfering and kids at school won't look him in the eye. Then one night, Conor is woken by a sound at his window. A monster has come walking. It's come to tell Conor tales from when it walked before. And when it's finished, Conor must tell his own story and face his own deepest fears.

Do come and support these amazing youngsters, accompanied by a live band, and enjoy an uplifting insight into love, life and healing.

**'A Monster Calls' will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, WA6 8ED, from Thursday 14 – Saturday 16 March. Tickets can be booked online at [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk) or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.**

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# KINGSLEY WALKERS



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

It was tempting to carry on with the lyrical theme from the previous contribution to Kingsley News but the only appropriate song in January seemed to be Bus Stop by The Hollies. Surely, though, few of the Kingsley Walkers date back to that tune's release in 1966. Alternative suggestions would be more than welcome.

Our December adventures using the excellent itravel bus service were followed by the assembly of 19 souls at the fairytale location of Stand E, Chester Bus Interchange on the 9th January. Some wafted in on the X30 from Frodsham, others used the Broughton Park and Ride, magically free for the month of January, whilst a wealthy few forked out for car parking nearby.

After the Christmas Monsoon Season it was a gloriously sunny day, though extremely cold. Rucksacks were excavated to find extra layers and gloves but quickly all the hats bobbed off, over the Shropshire Union Canal, around the Cathedral and up onto the city walls. The group chatted cheerfully about joyful family visits and the presents and overdrafts they had received from Santa(nder).

It was beautifully clear with views over the sandstone finery of Chester and towards Wales. Descending, we used the canal link path to cut through to the swollen Dee and round towards the Racecourse. Climbing on to the footpath alongside the rail bridge we entered Curzon Park where routine property maintenance seems to involve completely knocking down a small mansion to build a slightly larger one.

After a stop for coffee in a community garden we cut through to the South Bank of the river, over the suspension bridge, up through Grosvenor Park, across the A51 and back along the canal, the impressive cutting and to Telfords Warehouse for a generally pleasant, if rather extended, pub lunch.

Though Chester City was familiar territory, most commented that they had visited parts new to them and had enjoyed a fine winter walk. Kingsley Walkers has an interesting programme and welcomes new members with companionable and non-extreme resolutions for exercise in 2024 (contact [kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com](mailto:kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com)).



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# Norley Wednesday Group

Meets at Norley Village Hall each Wednesday 2pm

We have a varied programme of Speakers / Singing Groups / Bands / Exercises / Bingo sometimes.

Coach Trips. Meals out.

***Everyone is welcome. Do come along and join us.***

## IT HAPPENED IN FEBRUARY

### Answers

1. Buddy Holly
2. Soviet Union
3. Idi Amin
4. George Washington
5. Churchill, Stalin, and  
Roosevelt
6. Ceylon
7. a) 2004
8. Belgium
9. Charles II
10. b) 1969
11. Napoleonic Wars
12. c) Mud month



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# YOUTH CLUB

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YEAR 6+

# “PLANS FOR CLIMATE ACTION FRODSHAM”

**Climate  
ACTION  
Frodsham**

CAF are continuing the Warm Homes and Thermal Cameras campaign with two further meetings:

- Tuesday 9th January at 7pm at Helsby Community Sports Centre.
- Tuesday 6th February at 7pm at Frodsham Community Centre.

Most British Homes have poor insulation and air leakage and use more energy to heat than they should, this wastes both carbon and money effecting the Climate Emergency and our pockets.

These free meetings give a range of ways for homeowners to reduce energy loss and save money from free actions, through medium cost modifications to major retrofit schemes. There is also demonstration of use of the thermal camera to find cold spots and heat leakage and CAF have a thermal camera to loan.

The campaign is supported by a grant from Frodsham Town Council.

*Please book via Eventbrite, search the web for “Eventbrite Climate Action Frodsham” and you will find our meetings.*

Last year Climate Action Frodsham concentrated on our Food Choices and the amount of CO2 emission we cause by those choices, the effect on our Carbon Footprint.

In 2024 we are going to concentrate our campaign on choices related to Transport and Travel and the effect on our carbon wheelprint. In some cases our choices are limited by the poor provision of public transport in the area. We will be investigating why the provision is so poor and how we can influence the improvement.

We are kicking this off with a public meeting on Saturday 24th February at 2pm at Frodsham Community Centre. We plan to have local politicians and representatives of policy making sections of the Cheshire West and Chester Council for presentation and discussion of the poor provision and route for improvement. There will also be information on the choices we have and their effect on our carbon footprint. - Walking, Cycling, Bus, Train, Electric Car, IC Car, Flying, Staying Local, Planning where you live and work.

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Visit our website <https://www.climateactionfrodsham.com>”

# Soup Lunch

Thursday February 15th at 12 Noon

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**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

..... that at one time  
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Methodist churches  
in Kingsley?

Villagers tended to worship in believers' homes until they could afford to build a church of their own. The Anglican church, St John's, was built in 1850, but there were non-conformists worshipping in Kingsley before then. The Quakers worshipped in a cottage, still known as the "Meeting House" at Newton, from 1686 to 1800. The Baptist fraternity had a chapel which stood at the bottom of Chapel Lane where it joins Mill Lane, possibly from 1709 and no longer in existence. A Rev John Phillips was ordained there in 1738. Kingsley's original Methodist chapel on the Hurst may have been a house previously, but was registered as a Chapel in 1788/9, and may possibly have had a thatched roof. A large schoolroom 38' X 20' was added some time later. There was much alteration over the years as the congregations grew. This was all demolished for the present chapel to be built in 1871. The second Chapel to be built in Kingsley was the Brookside Primitive Methodist chapel, built in 1832, rebuilt in 1864 and closed in 1967. It is now demolished. A breakaway (Wesleyan Association) chapel was built in 1843 at Blakelees between the Parish Church and the Norley/Frodsham road.

*(Details taken from "Kingsley – The story of a Cheshire Village" by Alderman W. Gibson and A.W. Waterworth, and "Two centuries of Witness – A history of Methodism in Kingsley, Cheshire" compiled by Peter Robinson.*

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**The Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday 16th January 2024, at the Kingsley Community Centre, no members of the public were present.**

The new Community Orchard has now been planted on Kingsley Playing Field, there were over 30 people that turned out on the day to help in any way they could. The Parish Council received good positive feedback from those present about the Community involvement with many expressing a desire to get involved in more community projects..... watch this space there will be a number coming up in 2024.

The RoSPA recommended works to the playground equipment, including the Zip-wire, have all now been completed ready for a new RoSPA inspection later this Spring. The Zip-wire was full dismantled and serviced prior to re-erection and is now ready for use.

The Parish Council is still awaiting final release of the land from CWaC for the construction of the new ramp between Smithy Lane and the Co-op car park, our Borough Councillor has undertaken to progress this with the Property Department. There have been various comments on Facebook with regards to the proposed ramp, so perhaps further clarification is required.

The new ramp is being installed to assist elderly and infirm residents from the Westbrook / Horseshoe Close /Smithy Lane area to access the Co-op without need to use the steps. The ramp is being constructed in accordance with CWaC specification and will have a smooth tarmac surface, drop kerb to the road and car park, concrete retaining kerbs along its length, hand rails, a bench (sponsored by Forresters) and a hard standing area adjacent, all as required by CWaC. This will be of great benefit to anyone with mobility aids such as scooters, frames, or, indeed those who find difficulty in using steps such as buggies and prams. It is sincerely hoped that work will commence later in Spring.

# KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council has set its precept for 2024/25 at the equivalent of £0.94 per month increase on a Band D property. This remains lower than the national average and the precept charged by other similar sized local Councils. Over the past few years, the Council has made efforts to establish a realistic budget. Kingsley Parish Council is now better equipped to respond to issues as they arise and unforeseen circumstances (such as vandalism) without this impacting the delivery of other services. However, between 2009-2020 the precept increased by an average annual sum of just £0.83 per annum. While this produced an overall saving for taxpayers for over a decade, it effectively resulted in real-term budget cuts throughout most of the Council's recent existence as the precept fell far short of inflation.

Across a similar period, CWaC has experienced funding reductions of almost £400 million. In reaction to these circumstances, Kingsley Parish Council has tried to play a more proactive role and reduce the potential risk of watching a decline of services in the Parish by not only maintaining, but undertaking additional improvements to important public realm areas (establishing new wildflower meadows; diversifying use of the playing field; restoration of heritage sign(s); undertaking repairs of village benches; providing additional festive lighting; delivering the future 'ramp' project; and although we have no statutory duty, undertaking clearance of key public rights of way around the village). A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council website.

## **Contact Details for Kingsley Parish Council;**

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British Heart  
Foundation

# QUIZ NIGHT

A fund raising event



**Saturday 24th February@ 8pm - Kingsley Community Centre**

**Teams of up to 6 people - £20 per team**

**Bar, Stand-up Bingo & Charity raffle**

*'Hi - I'm Lisa and I'm running the London Marathon this April with the aim to raise over £3000 for the The British Heart Foundation Society, please do come along to my charity quiz night.'*

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