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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the April 23 edition of Kingsley News,



It's great again to include a front cover photo taken in the village. In recognition of our feathered wildlife, this month's crossword is all about our diverse British birds.

Next month's front cover theme is ***dogs about Kingsley***, so please do send in your snaps of your favourite pooch, taken in or around the village.

In this month's edition we have our third instalment of Kingsley past, a lovely article from Kingsley Allotment Society and as ever an edition from Kingsley News archives - but can someone please tell me what a Chicken Dance is?

The Weaver Words Literature Festival starts at the end of the month and looks very exciting with a number of 'famed' authors with activities suitable for every age.

Please, don't forget that Kingsley & Newton Village Institute annual memberships run from 1st May 2023 to 30th April 2024 and as such, there is an application form included in this edition.

I thought that it might be prudent to share the costs to advertise in Kingsley News. They are exceptionally competitive and can be found below. Along with our volunteers, advertisers also enable Kingsley Community Association to continue to keep Kingsley News a free publication. Do get in contact if you wish to place an advert.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition and please do give feedback too.

Best Wishes
Steve

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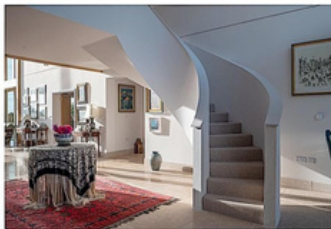
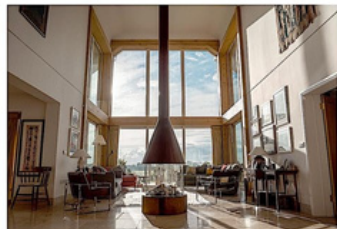
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A further instalment from the book by William Gibson and Alan Waterworth, published in 1975, but told from a perspective in the 1950s.

THE STORY OF KINGSLEY HALL

Kingsley was the centre of a Saxon estate which embraced the parishes of Norley, Crowton, Kingswood, Newton and Manley. The estates were called “Fees”. Ours was known as “The Fee of Kingsley”. The name of the Saxon proprietor, Dunning, and his residence and seat of government, Kingsley Hall.

One of the first effects of the Norman invasion, on this particular part of Britain, was to give an added status to “The Fee of Kingsley”. The Manor or Fee, of Kingsley, in Saxon times, when compared with boundaries of Kingsley today, was a large one. The Norman newcomers planted a forest, the remains of which we know today as Delamere Forest, but which was then known as “The Forest of Mara and Mondrem” covered nearly the whole of what is known as “The Eddisbury Hundred”.

The control of this vast forest was in the hands of the Lord of the Manor of Kingsley to whom was given the proud title “The Chief Forester of Mara and Mondrem”.

Whilst most Saxon estates were quickly confiscated by the Normans, the Kingsley estate was left in the hands of its Saxon proprietor, Dunning, for some time before passing into the hands of a nephew of Hugh Lupus, the Earl of Chester, who in turn was a nephew of William the Conqueror. This nephew took the title Ranulph de Kingsley and lived at Kingsley Hall. His grandson, Richard, married Joan Sylvester, daughter of the Chief Forester of the Wirral. Richard and Joan were the parents of five daughters and a son. The son and heir died in childhood, and owing to this it came about that the Kingsley Fee was divided between four of the daughters, the fifth having been disinherited for unknown reasons.

Joan, named after her mother, married a Done and inherited the estate of Crowton. Emma married a Gerrard and inherited the Cattenhall estate. Agnes became Mrs Lancelyn, who probably went to Crewood but must have lived there only a short time, for the Gerrards of Cattenhall were for a long-time owner of Crewood. Amica married a Rutter, whose portion was the Hall of Kingsley, in all probability the largest of the four divisions.

Judging from later records, it is possible that the village, with all the land round and about it, went to the Kingsley Hall portion. There is some evidence that the Crowton portion reached as far as the Hurst. The Title Deeds of Kingsley Hall only go back to the reign of Henry VIII in the sixteenth century, and there is little or nothing one can learn from them beyond that time.

The Rutters lived in Kingsley Hall for time which ran into centuries, and it was apparently only owing to their being Royalists that their reign came to an end in the late sixteen hundreds.

It is interesting to know that about the time of the Cromwellian strife the people of Kingsley were to a man on the side of Parliament and that the last of the Rutters was a Royalist. What the relationship was like between Hall and Village we must have a fair idea; it would not have been a happy one.

Rutter was heavily fined by Parliament and was forced to resort to moneylenders. First, he borrowed a thousand pounds (around £250000 in 2022 money); then in a year or so £2000 more; then he sold off parts of his possession. In the end the impoverished Kingsley Hall became the property of Earl Rivers.

Earl Rivers was connected with those in power at Whitehall, and it appears as though the fine had not been fully met and the Government, through the Earl, had stepped in. The Hall finally came into the possession of Arabella, Countess Dowager Rivers. When she died in 1716, the Rutter estate descended to her heirs, the Countess Paulett and Mrs Mary Bertie. In 1719, Countess Paulett and her husband, the Earl, sold the estate for £2300. Ultimately it was sold to Thomas Welles, Vicar of Sandbach, for £2338, but the portion this gentleman bought was only the part of the estate which comprised the “capital messuage or Manor House of Kingsley” called the Hall of Kingsley, and about 100 acres of land. Thomas Welles settled it on Francis Welles his eldest son, on the occasion of his marriage.

Kingsley Hall was further sold in 1804 to John Reddish who further sold it on in 1834 to Edward Langsdale, of Liverpool. Edward Langsdale sold the greater part of the remnant of the estate in parcels, and in 1857 all that was left of the fourth part of the Kingsley Fee was a new farmhouse and a few acres of land which Mr Langsdale sold to Thomas Stretch, whose son was the tenant.

When the Stretch family finished with it, the Hall was turned into a boarding school run by a Mr Thomas Overton. Afterwards the Church of England used it as a home for boys. Later the home was transferred to Tattenhall and the Hall was purchased by a man named Price, who sold it to John Norcross. The Norcross family resided there for the greater part of Mr Norcross's very long life. On his death the executors sold it by auction to William Harvey, a Kingsley farmer for £4000. Harvey immediately sold the Hall to a Mr Davies of Imperial Chemical Industries, but retained all that was left of the land, about eighteen acres.

Thus has the mighty fallen.

At one time the centre of a vast estate, today possessing only a front garden and an entrance which is common to a joiner's yard, a line of shippens and a pigcote.

The old Hall has been described by one writer as "a venerable half-timbered mansion, with walls of wattle and clay three to four feet in thickness and of imposing appearance". Another writer describing it has said that Rutter, just before the reign of the first Elizabeth, rebuilt the Hall of Kingsley, a large gabled structure with immensely thick walls of turf and lime, and full of beautiful carved oak fittings.

This building would have been of interest today to thousands of our countrymen, and visitors from overseas would have considered the journey cheap to have been able to visit it. Thanks to the mercenary spirit of a Langsdale, this has been made impossible.

The village a hundred years ago found itself behind the times when the nation began to wake up to the need for the preservation of buildings of historic and architectural importance.

Thank You

Many thanks to Simon Batey, for bringing Kingsley's history back to life

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1) Often seen hovering along roads

5) The most common UK breeding bird

8) This is the owl that hoots

9) Famed for their murmurations

10) So famed, the Beatles wrote a song about them

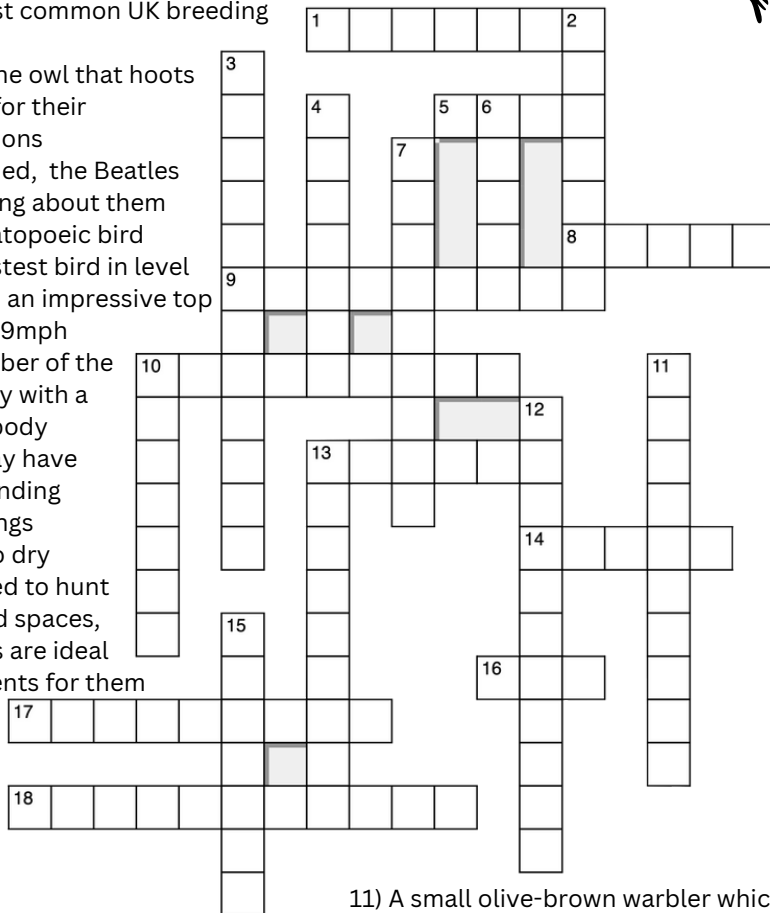
13) Onomatopoeic bird

14) The fastest bird in level flight, with an impressive top speed of 69mph

16) A member of the crow family with a pale pink body

17) You may have seen it standing with its wings held out to dry

18) Adapted to hunt in confined spaces, so gardens are ideal environments for them



Down

2) Nationally in decline, although you can go to watch them in Runcorn

3) Small but surprisingly noisy (5,7)

4) A scarce bird of prey, although well known in one Cheshire village

6) The friendliest bird in your garden

7) A shy bird, but found widely across Northern Europe, Asia and even Japan

10) Easily recognised by its broad wings and fanned tail whilst soaring above the Cheshire countryside

11) A small olive-brown warbler which actively flits through trees and shrubs, with a distinctive tail-wagging movement

12) These spend their winter in Africa before flying back for season after season (5,6)

13) The Victorians would cage these birds and hold singing matches between males. Thankfully, trapping these birds was made illegal in 1896

15) The scientific Latin name for this bird is *Tyto alba alba*

KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION -TREASURER

VACANCY - ROLE OF TREASURER

Simon Batey, KCA's Treasurer for the last eleven years, has indicated his intention of retiring in September 2023. There is therefore a vacancy to fill. The Treasurer is responsible for handling all receipts and payments, using online banking, reporting on the Association's financial position to KCA's Trustees and preparing accounts for independent examination and submission to KCA's annual general meeting and to the Charity Commission. The Treasurer works within the team of volunteers who run the Community Centre and KCA's other activities.

Simon describes the role as 'fulfilling but not onerous, giving a real sense of contributing to the community. The current financial position of KCA is sound and offers the Treasurer a great opportunity to participate within the team in the further development of KCA's activities'.

Simon is willing to provide guidance and support to his successor, so stepping into the role will not be difficult.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Batey, Chair (01928 788788), or Steve Easton, Vice Chair (01928 788050).



Thank you



Thank you to all who supported the quiz night on 25th March or who have donated

The quiz night raised over £700 for the National Deaf Children's Society and total fundraising so far is over £1900



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Each week of the year Christians in Kingsley pray specially for people in a different area of the village and its surroundings. During April we think of, and pray for people living in: -

W/c Apr 2nd **Cooks Hill**
W/c Apr 9th **Pike Lane,**
Wood Lane, The Clough
W/c Apr 16th **Roddy Lane**
and Beech Lane
W/c Apr 23rd **Chapel Avenue**
W/c Apr 30th **Chapel Lane**

We invite you to add your own prayers



CHURCH NEWS



St John the Evangelist, Kingsley

We are part of the United Benefice of
Norley, Crowton and Kingsley with
Alvanley and Manley

Services in April 2023

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday

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

Holy Week

Wednesday 5th April

7.00pm Passover Seder meal and liturgy
at the NCK Centre Norley – booking
needed

Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday

7.00pm – Holy Communion at Kingsley

Friday 7th April – Good Friday

10.00am – Family Worship at Norley and
Hot Cross Buns

2.00pm – Meditations at the Cross at
Crowton

2.00pm – Meditations at the Cross at
Alvanley

Sunday 9th April – Easter Sunday

10.00am – Holy Communion at
Norley, Crowton, Kingsley, Alvanley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

13th April - Crowton

20th April - Kingsley

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Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

April 2023

Sunday 2nd April

10am Palm Sunday Morning Worship
led by Mrs A Hanks

Sunday 9th April

9am Easter Day Holy Communion
led by Rev A Emison

10am Easter Day Morning Worship
led by Mr J Bell

Sunday 16th April

10am Holy Communion
led by Rev. A Emison

Sunday 23rd April

10am Morning Worship
led by Mr D Lawson

Sunday 30th April

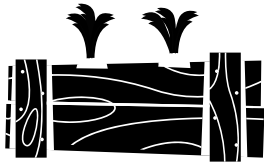
10am Morning Worship
led by Mrs J Batey

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.





KINGSLEY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Covid certainly has a lot to answer for that's for sure but I can honestly say that it was a blessing in disguise for me, after finding myself on Furlough with my job. It gave me an opportunity to join a wonderful community, work outdoors and put me on the road to growing my own produce and making wonderful friends too. It was my first time growing or tending an allotment and certainly was a baptism of fire, one that I've become to love and relish.



As an offshoot of Kingsley Transition Initiative, Kingsley Allotment Society was formed in 2009 to help people in the community grow their own fruit & vegetables locally. This is a small privately owned plot which we rent from a local farmer, with guidelines set by local planning permission. We currently have 21 plots which include 14 full size (22m x 11m) and 7 half plots 11m x 5.5m).

I first took on a half plot but found myself looking after the plots either side too and was offered a further half plot and turned it into a fruit and flower bed, growing my own flowers for my family and friends, nothing better than not having to pay £40-50 for a bouquet but lovingly growing your own and watching them bloom.

Since becoming a member in 2020, I can honestly say that it's been a great experience, living the "Good Life", (those of you that know will know), tending the land, sowing the seeds, growing and nurturing whatever you've planted and then reaping the rewards. Nothing tastes better than home grown that's for sure. Sharing tips and produce and helping each other to make the place we love become our sanctuary, away from the hustle and bustle of our busy lives.

KINGSLEY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

With the cost of living crisis it's even more important that we grow our own food and throughout the growing season we would like to give something back to the community. Throughout harvest, we will be donating baskets of produce to those in need. If you'd like to nominate someone then forward their name and contact details to me at kas_committee@kingsleyvillage.co.uk and we will add them to our list for donations and deliver in person.



Something in the pipeline for the future, we'd like to do a produce table at the community centre to raise funds to keep the allotments secure and any ongoing maintenance and also to make donations to the local groups/schools,

giving back and sharing the good times, reaping what we sow.

All we need now is some good weather, a little rain and some hard work to kick start our growing season ahead, may it be long, fruitful and plentiful.

If you are interested and would like to be added to the list or you'd like to have a look around, I'd be more than happy to show you.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2023.

Best wishes
Sarah Haselden
Chair/Secretary





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Kingsley WI darts' team receiving their winners' trophy from Cathy Stone at Helsby Sports' Club. The match was keenly fought between WIs from Kingsley, Frodsham, Helsby, Crowton, Acton Bridge and Norley

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All the money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Great Britain for work in their Partner Churches around the world. Last year, 2022, churches around the Chester Circuit raised nearly £2,000.

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KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB



The monthly meeting will be held on Monday 10th April.

The speaker will be Katie Lowe from Heathfield Orchards talking about Orchards and Fruit Trees. She is a local lady, who provides advice and gives practical demonstrations on how to get the best out of fruit trees in this area. Katie will also cover the history of the National Collection of Quince at Norton Priory of which she is the curator.

Kingsley was known for its orchards over a century ago, particularly pear and damson trees, many of which are now dead or dying. It will be very useful to learn which fruit trees to plant now in view of climate change, and how to look after them.

Katie is also an expert on, and provides courses on, hedge laying, a dying art.



*Kingsley Garden Club
now has its own
Facebook page. If you
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£500 prize money is on offer for the best bite-sized short stories of 300 words or less in the Frodsham Flash Fiction Prize, sponsored by RSK group based in Helsby. Deadline is 7 April 2023.

North Cheshire school children are invited to weave their own magical words and win £300 worth of fabulous prizes in the Great Weaver Words Writing Competition, sponsored by Encirc Glass, Elton. Key Stage 3 children (aged 11-14) are invited to write a poem on the festival theme of ‘New Beginnings’ and Key Stage 2 (age 7 – 11) an imaginary personal account of a moment in history. Closing date is 24 March.

The Marshes Community Benefit Fund is sponsoring a series of creative workshops in local schools, delivered by Wirral children’s author Charlie Lea and Cheshire poet Francesca Pridham. Taking part are pupils from Helsby High School and primary schools at Norley, Crowton, Helsby Hillside, Hornsmill, Frodsham Manor, St Luke’s, Frodsham C of E and Frodsham Primary Academy.

Adults are invited to join one of the three creative writing workshops at the festival, with specialist sessions on crime writing with Martin Edwards, writing for wellbeing with Chester Cathedral Poet-in-Residence Julia McGuinness, and a poetry walk in Frodsham’s Hob Hey Wood with Shropshire poet Jean Atkin.



And everyone is invited to respond to the festival theme, ‘New Beginnings’ by writing a short poem on a postcard for the pop-up poetry wall, which will be displayed in Frodsham Community Centre throughout April and May.



Festival manager Lynn Pegler said: “We want to inspire an explosion of creativity and encourage everyone to get writing! We welcome all poems on a postcard for our festival pop-up poetry wall, from a haiku about the King’s coronation to a few witty lines about making a fresh start.

“Whether people are putting pen to paper for the first time or they’re experienced writers, we invite everyone to send us a poetry postcard or enter one of the brilliant writing competitions.”



WEAVER WORDS

LITERATURE FESTIVAL



"Tickets are flying out for the main Weaver Words Literature Festival, Friday 28 April – Sunday 7 May, which offers nine days of fabulous talks, events and workshops, based mainly at Frodsham Community Centre.

Poet Laureate Simon Armitage (3 May) is likely to be a sell-out event. Also proving popular are Grange Hill/Brookside/Hollyoaks creator Sir Phil Redmond, a Bronte family Yorkshire afternoon tea with author Sharon Wright, a one-man stage version of Great Expectations by Gerald Dickens, Charles Dickens' great great grandson, and a Literary Cruise along the River Weaver from Anderton Boat Lift.

Other highlights include patron Tim Firth who will be revealing the inside story on working with pop stars and creating West End productions, London University Professor Andrew Blick on recent threats to the British constitution with his new book 'The Bonfire of the Decencies', literary expert Andy Jurgis on the poet RS Thomas and radio DJ Mark Radcliffe who will be guest author at a dinner in Frodsham's Main Street Kitchen restaurant.

Cheshire author Susi Osborne will be guest speaker at a fringe event at Frodsham Library on 20 April and the main festival opens on Friday 28 April with stand-up comedy from Frank Melling at Frodsham craft brewery Chapter Brewing, in a celebration of bikes and beer.

For small children, there's a chance to enjoy a brilliant jungle activity session with Asa Murphy, author of The Monkey with No Bum. And award-winning Word Weavers poet Andrew Rudd and violinist Daniel Axworthy are joined by poet Sarah Clare Conlon for another inspirational night of music and poetry on Friday 5 May.



Weaver Words is supported by the Arts Council England, the Marshes Community Benefit Fund, RSK (Helsby), Encirc glass manufacturers, Main Street Kitchen and Chapter Brewing.

A free 28 page Weaver Words brochure is available to collect from Frodsham Community Centre, Castle Park and other publicity points around the area.



For more details about events and competitions, visit the festival website www.weaverwords.org.uk. Tickets can be purchased online, through the box office 0333 666 3366 and in person at Frodsham Community Centre.

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KINGSLEY WALKERS



Long walk 28th February 28th. On a cold but clear and bright morning, twelve of us set off from Forest Hills car park. On the top of Frodsham hill we were treated to spectacular views over the rooftops of Frodsham and out over the marshes and estuary to Liverpool where we could pick out the two cathedrals. Dropping down the hill towards Dunsdale, we took the flight of sandstone steps and the path that follows the base of Woodhouse hill to Helsby and a steep climb to the top of the hill where we had yet more spectacular views. Our packed lunches were enjoyed in a lovely sheltered spot on the edge of Harmers Wood complete with benches and a table. We made our way back via Alvanley, the Sandstone Trail and Snidley Moor. It was lovely to see signs of Spring, the Hawthorn coming out, a sprinkle of Daisies and even a little clump of Violets. A very enjoyable eight mile walk. Incidentally it was a tribute to our cadre of walk leaders and their knowledge of the area that a late change of leader and route was successfully accommodated.

The short walk on 14th March started at Little Barrow with similar cold but dry conditions. There was a coffee stop in the grounds of Barrow Church which afforded more great views. The end of the walk entailed a quick drive to The Hornsmill in Helsby for a a pub lunch. Kingsley walkers meet up on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and new members or occasional walkers are always welcome, please email kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com.

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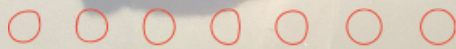


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April 1974



Kingsley news letter

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Dear Villager,

May I first of all thank all the people who showed an interest in the Association by attending the Annual General Meeting. Many interesting points were raised and it is hoped that benefit will be achieved from them.

At the present time there are people asking the questions;

- (1) Do we need a community centre ?.
- (2) How will it be used ?.
- (3) How will it be financed when it is open ?.

To the first question the answer must surely be 'Yes' The lack of community facilities have been apparent in Kingsley for a long time. Clubs and societies have for far too long had to rely on the generosity of other organisations to borrow rooms in which to hold meetings. The centre will belong to the entire village. Societies and clubs will have their OWN building with all the facilities they require.

In answer to the second question, it will provide a focal point for the whole community. There is a strong suggestion that it will be open on a full time basis. Suggestions for day use are: play groups, old persons' meetings, pre-natal classes, coffee mornings, etc. In the evening, no doubt the large number of societies in the village will keep it open full time, as well as enabling dances and concerts to be held in Kingsley. Who knows, there may even be a return of the long forgotten Kingsley pantomime.

Finally, the centre will be self-supporting and will certainly not be subsidised from the rates. All other local centres are self-supporting, with the exception of Tarporley. In Tarporley many buildings exist for social activities, as was stated on the front page of last week's Chester Chronicle, and therefore competition exists to the centre. This situation DOES not arise in Kingsley.

I believe that Kingsley DOES need a community centre, to cater for, and expand the large number of its interests.

Let us not forget that as well as a community centre, the Association has other aims. A principal one being the promotion of ALL community activities in the village. As you will see in this edition some organisations are already making use of the newsletter. It is hoped that many more will follow. If you require any insertions, please forward them to me

At the A.G.M. of the Parish Council, their chairman stated that the Council support the Community Association.

DO YOU ???

Tony Whitby.
Editor.

(1) Chicken Dance.

The next Association dance is a Chicken Dance being held on Friday 26th. April at Daresbury Centre. Dancing from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets available from all committee members, price £1-25 (inclusive)

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