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## Kingsley Community Association - Committee Members

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<b>Community Centre Standard Hire Charges</b>	<b>Whole Centre</b>	<b>The Hall</b>	<b>Club Room</b>	<b>Green Room</b>
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There is a standard charge of £35 per session for the provision of the bar.

# FROM THE EDITOR

*Welcome* to the March 25 edition of Kingsley News,

A warm welcome again from the team at Kingsley News. Spring is around the corner, or so I am told, although even the Sparrowhawk on the front cover looks a little blustered or flustered. Saying this, please do send in your snaps of Kingsley in springtime for next month's edition.

As always there is lots going on in Kingsley. I can definitely recommend getting along to a quiz night this month, either at the Hurst raising funds for Family Link Myanmar or at the Community Centre raising funds for the British Heart Foundation.

For those of you who have a good knowledge of past Kingsley residents, do look over the request by Frodsham and District History Society who are updating their "Frodsham in the War Years" booklet as part of the 80th anniversary VE Day commemorations.

The Parish Council would like to remind you all that the **Village Tidy Up** day will be going ahead on **Saturday 22nd March**, between 9.30 and 12.30 - they will be posting further information and updates on Facebook, so please keep an eye out.

We too are looking for your help. Would you be able to offer a little of your time and become our next KCA treasurer? Check out the advert inside.

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).*

*Photos/Articles/Adverts for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor at*

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# KINGSLEY WALKERS



Still with a heavy heart from the passing of Dave Wood we carry on with the walks programme for 2025. The early morning of the January 28th walk day saw a very late flurry of WhatsApp messages, emails and phone calls as the walk leader called in to say she was unable to make it. However, thanks to her able deputy Sue and the resilience and flexibility of the group we felt able to proceed. There were some further disturbances as different satnav problems saw us scattered slightly across Cheshire as we tried to drive to the start point but we finally managed to coalesce and set off along the Salt Line Path near Sandbach.

Apparently 150 years ago the area was a hive of bustling industry, based on salt. The Sandbach to Wheelock branch of the North Staffordshire Railway line, opened in 1852 to carry coal and limestone to the salt works. A passenger service also ran daily to take people to the market at Sandbach but it closed in 1966. Though our day started fairly grey it was a very pleasant walk through farmland and woodlands, with streams, pools and rough grassland.

There were a few sections along quiet country roads and we returned to the car park along the towpath of the Trent and Mersey Canal. Meanwhile our erstwhile leader floated in a torpor of heavy duty painkillers on a hospital trolley. Thankfully her condition turns out to be very treatable and we send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Early February saw us again use a section of disused industrial trackbed, this time the old Lever Railway branching off the mainline towards Port Sunlight and Bromborough on the Wirral. Aside from that the walk took us through some residential areas and then provided views across the Mersey from Eastham Country Park. The dense woods and torpid, muddy river waters of Dibbinsdale Country Park conjured up echoes of banjo music and images of the 1972 film Deliverance but 12 of us emerged unscathed and cheerful for a very pleasant lunch at the Pesto Restaurant where we had parked.

***Kingsley Walkers have two walks per month, new members are very welcome, please email on [kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com](mailto:kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com)***

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## **KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

# ***ROLE OF TREASURER***

**A vacancy has arisen for the role of Treasurer of the Kingsley Community Association.**

The Treasurer is responsible for handling all receipts and payments, using online banking, reporting on the Association's financial position to fellow 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 within the village.

The role is fulfilling and gives a real sense of contributing to the community. The current financial position of KCA is sound and offers the Treasurer a great opportunity to work with the team in the further development of KCA's activities.

Simon Batey, KCA's previous long-standing Treasurer, is willing to provide guidance and will fully support whomever comes forward to join the KCA team as Treasurer, so taking on this role will not be difficult.

Kingsley Community Centre is a wonderful village asset that relies on volunteers for its day to day running. Please do come and join us, as Treasurer or as a member of the management team.

***For further information, contact Elizabeth Batey, Chair, email: [embatey@msn.com](mailto:embatey@msn.com) tel: 01928 788788, or Steve Easton, Vice Chair, email: [eastonfamily4@me.com](mailto:eastonfamily4@me.com).***

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# **FRODSHAM & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY**

Frodsham and District History Society was formed in the 1970's and is an active group comprising some 90 members. We have 8 presentations a year from guest speakers covering many local history topics.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of VE Day, the group produced a booklet in 1995 : "Frodsham in the War Years". We are in the process of updating this out-of-print booklet for the 80th anniversary of VE day in 2025 and would like to obtain information on 3 Kingsley soldiers who were killed in the conflict.

*The names of the 3 soldiers are :*

*1. Peter William R Hall*

*2. Donald J Wilson*

*3. Ivor Bernard Oultrom*

I have been in Kingsley for 40 years and only recognise one name on the list, and as such are seeking any information that readers may have on these soldiers, photographs, family records, anything that is available to be included as a fitting memorial for those boys who never came back home.

Frank Whitfield

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## **Quiz and Supper Evening Friday 28th March**

Come and join us at The Hurst Methodist Church at 6.30pm on Friday 28th March for a fun evening of food and quizzing.

A two course supper will be served at 6.30pm and the cost is £10 per person. Proceeds are for the church's annual charity, Family Link Myanmar.

Teams of up to 6 people are welcome or come along and join in with others. There will also be a raffle. Tickets must be purchased in advance as spaces will be limited.

Please contact Julie Clark 01928 788775, Janet Batey 01928 788706, Jill Andrew 01928 788801 or Jean Moores 01928 787442 for details or to buy tickets.



## **Kingsley WI**

All meetings are the first Wednesday of the month  
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**20 – 22 March 2025**

The White Rabbit is late for the Duchess. The Cheshire Cat won't stop grinning. And the Hatter is, well, mad. In the middle of it all is Alice, a young girl with a vivid imagination and a family life that's less than perfect. Follow Alice as she escapes her Sheffield home to find adventure in a topsy-turvy world.

Based on Lewis Carroll's classic tale, Alice breathes fresh life into a much-loved story about rabbit holes, pocket watches and talking caterpillars. Alice is played by Teigan Withey, supported by Finley Savage as the Mad Hatter, Sophie Wallace as the Queen of Hearts, and a large cast of talented young actors and musicians.

Youth Theatre director Jake Powell said: "Our teen ensemble are back on stage, following our critically acclaimed production of 'A Monster Calls' last year. This year, we are going down the rabbit hole to Wonderland. It has been great welcoming new members to the teen ensemble and creating our version of Wonderland, complete with a live band, aptly named the Wonderband."

**'Alice' will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, WA6 8ED, from Thursday 20 - Saturday 22 March. Tickets cost £10 and can be booked online [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk) or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.**

*Kingsley Youth Theatre is kindly sponsored by Forresters, Kingsley Parish Council, Frodsham and Helsby Rotary.*



**stage hit Broadway musical 'Annie'.**

## **REVIEW**

*"Never work with dogs or children" it is said. However, the Kingsley Players did just that in their recent production of "Annie". The result was a well performed musical that provided the audience with splendid entertainment. The dog, "Sandy" (aka "Petal"), and the children all played their parts impeccably, possibly stealing the show at times!*



The play tells the story of "Little Orphan Annie", (played beautifully by Rachel Horton) who was left on the doorstep of a New York orphanage in 1922. The musical begins in 1933 when America was in the depths of the Great Depression. Millions were unemployed and many were homeless. Whilst few were able to keep hold of their wealth, industrialist Oliver Warbucks (Phil Murray) was a successful millionaire.

To many of his critics he appeared cold and unfeeling, so to try to soften his image, it was decided he should take in an orphan for Christmas. His secretary, Grace (Lisa Buckley) chose Annie. The story has its twists and turns, but with an eventual happy ending, for all except the villains! And what brilliant villains they were thanks to the strong performances of Louise Steggals, Paul Horton and Beverley Ross. The other members of the cast provided excellent performances too, in numerous roles from the homeless living in "Hoovervilles" to the servants of Warbucks and the genial President Roosevelt.

Much credit must go to the enthusiastic "orphans" who kept the energy flowing throughout! The music and choreography was of the usual high standard audiences have come to expect from the Players, as were the lighting, costumes, set and stage management.

All in all a bright spot in the middle of a dull February. Many thanks to the director Valerie Ball and her excellent team.



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**The Parish Council met on Tuesday 18th February 2025, at Kingsley Community Centre. There were eight members of the public present.**

Three members of the public spoke about speeding drivers on Norley Road B5152, and in particular the stretch from the Hollow Lane junction through to Top Road junction including Guest Slack. The speakers highlighted a very recent serious accident due to high speed driving. The speakers requested that the Parish Council raise this issue with CWaC Highways, and in particular the lack of signs indicating the permissible speed (there being only two 50mph signs along the whole stretch of road). The Council undertook to write to CWaC asking them to investigate both the lack of signage and speeding drivers with a view to reducing the permitted speed on that section of road. The Council will also raise the matter with our Borough Councillor Hugo Deynam.

With regards to Waterloo Lane, the Council had received correspondence from CWaC Highways, stating that on a recent visit by an officer, there was no evidence of speeding, or, of illegal / inconvenient parking on right angled bend at the end of Waterloo Lane. Highways advised that they would not be pursuing the matter further. CWaC also repeated their previous statement that if the residents wished to provide speed signage, then Kingsley Parish Council would have to cover a significant part of the cost.

The Council, through our Borough Councillor, have agreed to undertake training of a number of Councillors on speed monitoring devices. This will allow us to borrow a community speed monitoring device and undertake our own surveys around the village. Our PCSO Neil Flannigan will provide the training.

The Council was able to report that FACTCO had confirmed in writing, that they had returned to the lay-by area on the B5152 and the top of Dark Lane, and had cleared all remaining debris and equipment from the area.

Cllr Owen has confirmed that the Village Tidy Up day will be going ahead on Saturday 22nd March, between 9.30 and 12.30, and that he will be posting further information and updates on Facebook, so please keep an eye out. United Utilities (who are currently undertaking the upgrade works to the Vyrnwy Aqueduct in and around Kingsley) have said they will provide volunteer members of staff to assist in the work. Please remember that as part of this work day there will also be a village litter pick. The Council will be providing bags and grabs, but if anyone has the equipment from the original litter picking team, can you please bring this along, thank you!



The Council discussed the future provision of a village Christmas Tree. To have an impact the tree needs to be around 12 to 15 feet high. In previous years, the erection and lighting of the tree has relied on a small number of Parish Councillors. Such a sized tree is a considerable weight and awkward to handle on a busy road and across a public footpath. As a number of Councillors are now "senior citizens" and the remaining "younger" Councillors all work, it is becoming impossible to erect the tree without the kind help and assistance of DD Forestry who supply and deliver the tree. The Council is now considering a number of options to overcome this issue, from providing a number of smaller trees , to planting living trees that will mature, to possibly doing away with a Christmas tree and instead provide illuminated decorations in its place. Clearly costs are a significant issue that will need to be considered, the Council will report back in due course.

Our Borough Councillor Hugo Deynam, highlighted a survey that is open to all residents on the CWaC website, seeking your views on the HGV traffic passing through our village and other villages in the County. Please take a look at this and have your say, these vehicles are damaging our roads and causing major obstructions along Hollow Lane, particularly at the narrow part near St John's Church.

The Council has appointed Northwich Town Council (NTC) works department to excavate and repair the large dip in the playing field footpath adjacent to the Basketball net. We have requested that they try to determine the cause of the subsidence and rectify this prior to infilling.

NTC have also been appointed to undertake the remaining jet washing of the children's play area, and are also undertaking refurbishment of a number of benches around the village.

Due to the use of the Community Centre by Kingsley Youth Theatre on our usual third Tuesday meeting date, the Council has agreed to move the next meeting to the 11th March 2025. The Council has further agreed to amend two further meeting dates later in the year due to use of the Centre by Kingsley Players. These revised dates are: 13th May (instead of the 20th) and 28th October 2025 (instead of the 21st).

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

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Parish Clerk email address: [parish.clerk@kingsleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@kingsleyparishcouncil.org.uk)  
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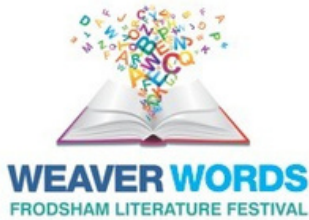
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### New Line-Up is announced.

Comedy legend Jenny Eclair, BBC TV presenter Louise Minchin and poet Lemn Sissay head an impressive line-up of talks, events, workshops and writing competitions at Cheshire's seventh Weaver Words Literature Festival, based at Frodsham Community Centre, **Saturday 3 - Sunday 11 May 2025.**

Gerald Dickens, great great grandson of the famous author Charles Dickens, returns to give a stunning one man show telling the story of his famous relative's novel, Nicholas Nickleby. We will explore the 'Future of the Media' with four experts from social media, print, broadcast and academia leading a fascinating debate into the recent impact of artificial intelligence, fake news and the digital Wild West.

The theme this year is 'A Celebration of Cheshire', with a focus on great Cestrian literary connections, from Lewis Carroll to Elizabeth Gaskell, plus new Cheshire writers aiming to make their mark.

Weaver Words patron Tim Firth will be guest speaker at a literary dinner in Frodsham's Main Street Kitchen restaurant, as well as providing musical entertainment at the Gala Evening, with poet Lynn Pegler, before the announcement of the Flash Fiction Competition winners.

For young children (aged 4-8), there's a chance to enjoy fantastic cartoon stories and games with award-winning authors Natalie Reeves Billing and Jude Lennon in Animates Action Stations! And for adults there will again be an array of creative workshops on offer, from poetry

writing with Jean Atkin aboard the impressive Danny Steamship, moored at the Anderton Boat Lift, to sessions on flash fiction with David Gaffney, journal writing with Julia McGuinness and children's picture books with Iryna Garkusha (Ira Bova).

Festival manager Lynn Pegler said: "We're delighted to have assembled a fantastic line-up for Frodsham's seventh literature festival.

"Our theme of 'Celebrating Cheshire' has provided inspiration for several wonderful events, including a tour to Lewis Carroll's birthplace in Daresbury, afternoon tea in the company of Mrs Elizabeth Gaskell and author Nell Stevens, and a fascinating look at the county's role in the English Civil War and how this plays into historical fiction.

"We are grateful to all our sponsors and partners for their kind support and to the dedicated volunteers who give their time and expertise to bring Weaver Words to life."

Sponsored by Encirc glass manufacturers, RSK (Helsby), Main Street Kitchen and Rotary, the festival will again feature two creative writing competitions.

£500 prize money is on offer for authors of the best new adult flash fiction story (under 300 words) and for local children (aged 7-14), the Great Weaver Words Writing Prize provides £300 worth of prizes, judged by festival patron Tim Firth. Closing dates for entries are Sunday 6 April and Friday 28 March respectively.

A free Weaver Words brochure is available to collect from Frodsham Community Centre and publicity points around the area.

**For more details see the festival website [www.weaverwords.org.uk](http://www.weaverwords.org.uk). Tickets can be purchased online or through the box office telephone 0333 666 3366.**

**MEDIA ENQUIRIES** For more information about Weaver Words, Frodsham Literature Festival, please contact Festival Manager, Lynn Pegler, on 07783 686246. [lynn@peglercommunications.co.uk](mailto:lynn@peglercommunications.co.uk)



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## ..... why churches take a collection each Sunday?

Looking back at the Hurst, historically, back in 1819 “pew rents” were initiated.

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In 1900, 25 people paid for 95 seats.

By 1910, this was down to 18 people.

In 1925, only 2 people paid up!!

In 1930, only 1, and the scheme was dropped.

From 1877 onwards, most of the Hurst’s collections on Sundays were given away e.g. Methodist Missionary Fund, Home Missions, Kingswood school locally, the Theological College, the “Worn Out Ministers’ Fund”! (Ministers’ and Widows Fund), the Education Fund and the Chapel Fund.

Today, at the Hurst, the collection is taken to cover costs – we are required to pay an “Assessment” every year to our Circuit, basically to pay the wages of our minister and to have access to a number of administrative groups and their advice etc. This has for some time been in the late £20,000s. We also pay for repairs and upkeep to the church building, organ tuning and running costs generally.

There are weeks in the year where there is an envelope on the chair in church where you can give an extra payment to a specific cause if you so wish e.g. MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged) Chapelfields in Frodsham is an example, Christian Aid, World and Home Missions, “Action for Children”.

At the Hurst, we hold fundraising events throughout the whole of the year. These are not for Church Funds, but for specific charities, as stated in a previous article. We concentrate on a different “charity of the year” every year and then we will occasionally raise money for a charity in the news, or one brought to our attention locally.



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# **KINGSLEY** **GARDEN CLUB**



Our next meeting is on Monday, 10th March 2025 at 8pm when our speaker will be Andrew Overland of Stonyford Cottage Nursery. Andrew will be talking about propagation and demonstrating some of the techniques. This is an ideal time to brush up our propagation skills here as I'm sure we'll all have lots of gaps in our borders that need filling!

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***We look forward to seeing you at The Community Centre  
on 10th March at 8pm.***



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# 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 March 2025

#### **Sunday 2nd March**

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

#### **Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday**

10.00am Holy Communion at Crowton

#### **Sunday 9th March**

10.00am Holy Communion at Crowton  
6.00pm 2nd Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre, Norley

#### **Sunday 16th March**

10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley

#### **Sunday 23rd March**

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton  
10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

#### **Sunday 30th March – Mothering Sunday**

10.00am Family Holy Communion at Kingsley

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

13th March at Kingsley  
20th March at Norley  
27th March at Crowton

Associate Minister Revd. Hilary Merrington

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## Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

### March 2025

#### **Sunday 2nd March**

8.30am Holy Communion  
led by Rev N Stacey  
10am Morning Worship  
led by Dr J Ford

#### **Sunday 9th March**

Morning Worship  
led by Rev C Heald

#### **Sunday 16th March**

10am Holy Communion  
led by Rev G Gresswell  
Following the service  
the Hurst Annual Church Meeting

#### **Sunday 23rd March**

10am Morning Worship  
led by Mrs E Holmes

#### **Sunday 30th March**

10am Morning Worship Local  
Arrangement

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.

**Church Open .....** St John's is open on Tuesday Mornings from 10am to 12noon  
for those who wish to take some quiet time out or for private prayer

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

**W/c Mar 2nd Newton Hollows  
and Hatcheries**

**W/c Mar 9th Newton/Hillfoot  
and Old Hall Lane**

**W/c Mar 16th Kingswood**

**W/c Mar 23rd Meeting House  
Lane/Offalpits Lane**

**W/c Mar 30th Norley Road**

**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***

**Men's Brunch**

*Friday, 28th March at 10.30am in  
The Hurst meeting room for  
bacon/sausage bap.*

***Please come and join us.***

**We can be helped greatly in our acceptance of Joy if we learn to see the Almighty not as a taskmaster, but as the God of the Universe with a smile on His face.**

Read how God feels about us: Zeph 3: "The LORD your God is with you; he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

God delights in you and me - breaks out into song when He thinks about us! If we have little or no Joy in our lives, it could very well be because we don't know God well enough to accept and welcome His Joy.

If instead recognize God as Joyful we can be more drawn to Him. He is not an aloof judge just waiting for us to mess up so He can unleash His fury. He has created us to be His delight. He finds great Joy in us! He wants us to feel that Joy too... Donna Ashworth put it wonderfully in this poem...

Joy does not arrive with a fanfare  
on a red carpet strewn  
with the flowers of a perfect life...

Joy sneaks in as you pour a cup of coffee  
watching the sun hit your favourite tree, just right  
and you usher Joy away  
because you are not ready for her  
your house is not as it should be  
for such a distinguished guest  
but Joy, you see cares nothing for your messy home,  
or your bank balance or your waistline.  
Joy is supposed to slither through the cracks of your  
imperfect life  
that's how Joy works, you cannot truly invite her  
you can only be ready when she appears  
and hug her with meaning  
because in this very moment  
JOY CHOSE YOU.

I'VE GOT THE  
**JOY, JOY,  
JOY, JOY,  
DOWN in MY  
HEART**

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