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FEBRUARY 2023

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A frosty morning in Kingsley - Jan 2023

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# FROM THE EDITOR

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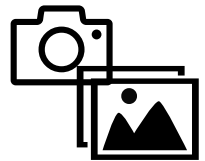
What a cold start to the year it has been! I hope everyone is fairing well during this cold spell and hopefully the photo on the front cover captures our frosty village to good effect. Each month I would like to include a picture of Kingsley through the seasons on the front cover of Kingsley News. If you have a picture you are willing to share then please do send it to [kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com) by the 21st of the month. Although only one picture can be chosen for the front cover, all pictures sent will be shown in the web edition of the Kingsley News found at [www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk).

In this edition there continues to be a look back at past news stories, a brief history of the village, opportunities and events taking place this month as well as plans moving forward for the village as shared by the Parish Council.

Enjoy reading this edition and please do give feedback too.

Best Wishes

Steve



*If you have a story to tell about Kingsley or it's residents then please do get in touch. It would be great to include articles from guest writers each month.*



Articles for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor  
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## **KINGSLEY: THE STORY OF A CHESHIRE VILLAGE**

A book with this title was published in 1975, authored by William Gibson and Alan Waterworth. The book reprinted a number of articles about Kingsley written by William Gibson and published in the Cheshire Chronicle in the 1950s, together with two essays written by Alan Waterworth. The book had a limited print run, although there are probably quite a few copies on bookshelves in Kingsley, and has never been reprinted, to my knowledge.

Now we are two, or even three, generations on from original publication, it is perhaps time for the Kingsley story to be re-told.

### **The Domesday Book**

No local history, however brief, is ever considered respectable without at least some reference to the Domesday Book, that great valuation list which the Commissioners of William I completed in 1086 so that the Norman Conqueror might know the full extent and value of his Conquest. A modern translation of the mediaeval Latin entry for Kingsley tells us:-

*Dunning, who was Lord of the Manor before the Conquest, still holds it and now pays homage to the Earl of Chester. Tax can be assessed on 120 acres and there are a further 240 acres, half of which is farmed direct by Dunning with the aid of 5 slaves, 1 villein and 3 bordars. In Kingsley there is one large and one small fishery, a wood one and a half miles long and the same wide and the whole area is subject to the laws of the Royal Forest. There is also a hawk's nest and four enclosures (hays) for taking Roedeer. In Edward the Confessor's time (the last Saxon King) the manor was worth 30 shillings but now it is only worth 6 shillings.*

Nothing is known about Dunning except that he was one of the very few Saxon thegns (lords) who retained his lands after the Conquest. He was probably a moneyer in Chester and his name appears on coins minted there until 1066. Villeins often worked two or three a week for the lord and received in return about 20 acres of land on which to support their families. Bordars worked only about one day a week for the lord and received perhaps ten acres for themselves. Slaves, who could be bought and sold, were landless and dependent for food and lodging upon the lord of the manor.

One of the fisheries would almost certainly be on the river at Pickerings. The river was well known for its salmon and the local placename Crewood is derived from the Celtic word CRYW which means “a kind of wicker-work woven fence across a river to catch fish”. It was the responsibility of the lord of the manor to maintain the fisheries and to keep the hays in good condition. A hay was an enclosure in the forest for taking deer and it is likely that at least one of those mentioned would be near the river where the deer went to drink. It is tempting to associate these four hays with Hall of the Hey, Higher Heyes, Hare Heyes and Lady Heyes – place names which still exist in Kingsley today.

Hawks, of course, were highly valued, and it was important to know where replacements could be obtained. In the breeding season, the young birds were carefully guarded until old enough to be removed to the falconer’s mews. Sparrowhawks’ Clough, a place-name that died out in the eighteenth century, lay halfway between Hall of the Hey and the fishery at Pickerings. This is the only place-name in the area referring to hawks and it is possible that this was the site referred to in the Domesday Book. The possibility is further strengthened by the fact that the Gerrards, who owned Sparrowhawks’ Clough from at least 1248, incorporated a hawk’s lure in their crest.

William the Conqueror laid waste most of Northern England and this usually accounts for the substantial decline in land value that had occurred since Edward the Confessor’s time. In the case of Kingsley, however, this decline was probably due to the amount of land lost to the royal hunting grounds of Mara and Mondrem. This great forest stretched as far south as Nantwich and included the whole of what we now know as Delamere Forest.

### **Place Names**

There are no less than forty-three variants of Kingsley as a place name since it first appears as **Chingeslie** in the Domesday Book.

The following are a selection of other local place names together with the year in which the earliest form of the name appeared.

|                   |      |                                     |
|-------------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Cattenhall        | 1129 | She-Cats Nook                       |
| Hall of the Hey   | 1420 | Hall of the Enclosure               |
| Hatley Farm       | 1347 | Clearing at a hat-shaped hill       |
| Peel Hall         | 1347 | The peel house, the fortified house |
| Rodey Lane        | 1272 | The Riding way                      |
| Brook House       | 1495 | From a family surnamed Del Broke    |
| Depmore Farm      | 1503 | Deep marsh farm                     |
| Wigan’s Lake Farm | 1780 | Mountain ash by the water - farm    |



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**Adults (Beginning 10th January For 5 Weeks)**  
**Beginner/Improver - Tuesdays 6.00pm - 7.15pm - £8.25 Per Session**  
**Improver/Advanced - Tuesdays 7.15pm - 8.30pm - £8.25 Per Session**

**Adults (Beginning 26th January For 4 Weeks)**  
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# **CHURCH NEWS**

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

Tea at 2.30 – Thursday, 23rd February 2023 at 2.30pm at The Hurst meeting room

Men's Brunch – Friday, 24th February 2023 at 10.30am at The Hurst meeting room

## **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: -*

*W/c Feb 5th: Middle Lane and CP School*

*W/c Feb 12th: Mill Lane and Scotlands Lane*

*W/c Feb 19th: Ball Lane and Crewood Common*

*W/c Feb 26th: Newton Hollows and Hatcheries*

*We invite you to add your own prayers*

**DID YOU KNOW?** ... that, since its inception 152 years ago, the Hurst Methodist Church

has been reaching out to residents of Kingsley and its environs with practical, physical, mental and spiritual support. In living memory there has been much support for young children in the area. In the 1970s there were as many as 100 young people who attended Sunday School. In the 1980s, a crèche was formed so that Mums could go to Frodsham market on Thursdays, in the safe knowledge that their children were being cared for. Alongside that, mother and toddler groups were introduced using various names over the years, a youth club for primary aged children called the Shell group was very active and latterly we provided Messy Church. Many of these continued until the pandemic, which has hit us all very badly and, at the moment, these activities have ceased. We are very interested to know if there is a call for activities for any age range to start up at the Hurst. We do offer a daytime drop in on Tuesdays and monthly men's and ladies' groups, but if you personally feel that you are in need of some activity for any age range, either socially or spiritually, please contact Alison (one of the Senior Stewards) at [abpeate@gmail.com](mailto:abpeate@gmail.com) or any of the other Hurst contacts, with your thoughts.

# **CHURCH NEWS**

## **St John the Evangelist, Kingsley**

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Manley

### **Services in February 2023**

#### **Sunday 5th February**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley  
6.30 pm Sacred Space

#### **Sunday 12th February**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Kingsley  
6.00 pm Holy Communion (BCP) at Alvanley

#### **Sunday 19th February**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Crowton  
6.00 pm Healing Service with Holy Communion  
at Kingsley

#### **Wednesday 22nd February – Ash Wednesday**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley with  
Imposition of Ashes

#### **Sunday 26th February**

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton (BCP)  
10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley  
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at Norley

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

2nd Feb - Norley – 16th Feb - Kingsley  
9th Feb - Crowton – 22nd Feb – Alvanley

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## **Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church**

### **February 2023**

#### **Sunday 5th February**

8:30 am Holy Communion led by  
Rev A Emison  
10am Morning Worship led by Mrs A Hanks

#### **Sunday 12th February**

10am Morning Worship led by  
Mr P Davidson

#### **Sunday 19th February**

10am Holy Communion led by  
Rev. A Emison

#### **Sunday 26th February**

10am Morning Worship led by Mr D Lawson

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.

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## **Coffee and Chat**



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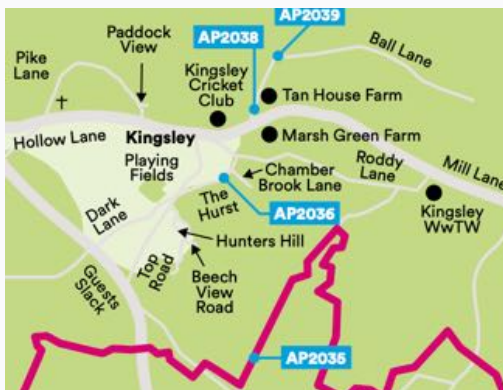
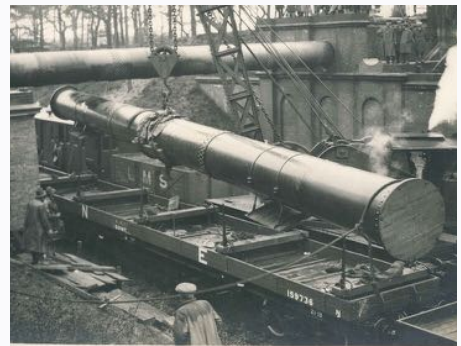
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Further details can be found at:  
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After the warmth of the Christmas meeting the Kingsley Walkers got off to a peculiar start to 2023. The membership and email circulation list now stands at a very healthy 52 and can normally be relied on to procure good numbers for our Tuesday walks - 4-5 miles for the short walk on the second Tuesday of each month and 7-10 miles for the long group on the fourth. However, we are not immune to weather warnings. The January short walk was planned to go on a return trip over the Runcorn Jubilee Bridge footpath before a pub meal. However, the chosen date coincided with a forecast of 8mm of rain which might have taken the edge off the spectacular views even for our doughty crew. We decided to delay it - a week later, another weather warning, this time for icy roads and paths. A few headed out for a local walk from Kingsley but we generally decided the risk of broken bumpers and ankles wasn't worth the risk of driving to Runcorn.

A pity, but never mind, we have a full programme coming up. Walk leaders are signed up for expeditions which will explore many areas, local and further afield. We may even try to get across the Runcorn Bridge again if we wish to call in some horrible weather.

New members are always welcome, please email to [kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com](mailto:kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com).

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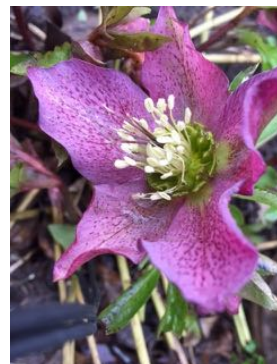


# KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB



**We look forward to welcoming members and friends to the first meeting of 2023 on Monday February 13th.**

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**The meeting starts at 8.00 in The Community Centre. Visitors welcome.**

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# KINGSLEY

## PARISH COUNCIL

January 2023

The Parish Council met for its first meeting of 2023 on the 17th January, in Kingsley Community Centre and there were three members of the public present. During this meeting we welcomed our latest Co-opted Councillor Mark Owen, this has brought our number up to seven Councillors. We would welcome more Councillors and we have room for a further four. At present we have only one female Councillor so, come on ladies we require a more balanced representation on YOUR Parish Council. Should you be interested, please contact the Parish Clerk through the email address below.

One member of the public who addressed the Council represented CWAC, advising of the plans by FACTCO the proposed broadband supplier, supported by CWAC, looking to bring faster broadband connections to the rural communities. Whilst weekly clinics are held in Crowton, and residents of Kingsley are welcome to attend, it was felt that a meeting in Kingsley at the Community Centre would be more beneficial to Kingsley residents. The Parish Council will work with FACTCO to put in place such a meeting which will be advertised in Kingsley News, Kingsley Facebook and the Kingsley & Parish Council websites once a date has been agreed.

A full tree survey has been undertaken on Kingsley Playing Fields and Kingsley Cemetery, and a report issued to the Council. This report will be made available on the Parish Council website for anyone to look at. The report has recommended the felling of a small number of trees on both sites as these are considered to be in a poor condition. These High Priority works will be undertaken this Financial Year (ending 31st March 2023).

# KINGSLEY

## PARISH COUNCIL

January 2023

Our CWAC Ward Councillor, Cllr Hugo Deynam, was present throughout the meeting, and reported that a Manual Gritter would be provided to the community, funded by Cllr Deynam's Members Budget. This Gritter, although possibly too late for his winter, will be available for hire next winter for community use, with grit provided by CWAC. Details on how this may be hired will be provided later this year.

Discussions continue to be had with CWAC over the adoption of Middle Lane Playing Field by Kingsley Parish Council, it is clear that at present, this adoption will require it to be maintained as a sports facility, and grants will be sought by the Parish Council to enhance the facilities provided at present.

Similar discussions are also continuing with CWAC regarding the provision of Community Orchards at both Middle Lane and Kingsley playing fields. It is hoped to have these discussions concluded and the trees planted by the end of March 2023.

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# KINGSLEY PAST

## FEBRUARY 1975



Included in our on-site photograph are: Mr. R. Jones, Mr. F. Kells, Mr. N. Clough, Mr. A. Whitby, Mr. Roger Toft, Mr. A. Lowe and Mr. G. Brown.

### Start on new village centre

THE FIRST phase of the Kingsley Community Centre, costing £24,000 got underway on Saturday when Major R. P Bonner, secretary of Cheshire Community Council, cut the first piece of turf with a mechanical digger.

This was the climax of three years' work by Kingsley Community Association. It aims to provide facilities for recreation and leisure - time occupation for the people of Kingsley and to work towards establishing a community centre for the village.

The latter was fulfilled in principle on Saturday (15th February) when representatives of Cheshire Vale Royal District, Kingsley Parish, Cheshire Community Councils and local churches attended the turf-cutting and inauguration ceremony.

*Thank you to Tony Whitby for providing this newspaper cutting - those with a keen eye may have spotted him on this page!*



Major R. P. Bonner at the controls of the mechanical digger.

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