

# Kingston-on-Soar Parish Newsletter

## March 2024



### Fly Tipping

There have been several instances of fly tipping in the area over the first part of the year.

This is a criminal offence and Rushcliffe Borough Council have been working hard to catch and prosecute offenders.



Fly Tipping by Kingston railway bridge January 2024



Fly Tipping on the public bridleway on Dark Lane/ West Leake Lane February 2024

If you see any instances of fly tipping please do report it to Rushcliffe Borough Council. Resources are prioritised according to the number of incidents occurring.

You can report it by either using their online fly-tipping form or by calling their Customer Services team on 0115 981 9911.

<https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environmental-health/community-safety/enviro-crime/fly-tipping/>

### New Combined Authority and Mayoral Elections

Following the devolution deal to create the Combined Authority of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, elections take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 across Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire for the new position of Mayor of the Combined Authority.

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire county councils and the city authorities in Nottingham and Derby have all backed the devolution deal. The councils will continue to exist, but the deal with the government will move significant powers such as planning, infrastructure and economic development from Westminster to an elected mayor.

This is an important high-profile role overseeing an increased budget. The devolution deal guarantees £38m per year for the next 30 years, and the government has promised an additional £1.5bn in transport funding. The Mayor's term of office will run for four years.

The candidates for the mayoral election currently include Nottinghamshire County Council leader, councillor and Mansfield MP Ben Bradley (Conservative), former MP Claire Ward (Labour), councillor Matt Relf (Independent), Frank Adlington-Stringer (Green) and Alan Graves (Reform).

Elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner will also take place on Thursday 2 May 2024.

A reminder that in order to vote you are now required to take ID with you.

## Rushcliffe Smoke Control Area Consultation

Rushcliffe BC have undertaken a public consultation on their plans to expand the existing Smoke Control Area to cover the entire Borough and have invited Rushcliffe residents, businesses and other stakeholders to share their views.

The Council is considering revoking the existing Smoke Control Orders and replacing these with a single Smoke Control Order, covering the whole of the Borough.

### What is a Smoke Control Area?

Clean air legislation provides local authorities with powers to declare the whole or part of their district to be a smoke control area where certain rules apply around the emissions of smoke from chimneys of buildings; and the type of appliance and fuel that can be burnt.

Smoke Control Areas aim to reduce the smoke that can be released from domestic and commercial chimneys, thereby reducing the amount of air pollutants emitted into the air.

In a Smoke Control Area, residents and businesses must follow certain regulations to be able to burn solid fuel in a way that is both clean and safe. Residents and businesses will still be able to buy and use solid fuel, provided that they:

- Use an approved (exempt) wood-burning stove or appliance
- Or, if they are unable to use an approved stove or appliance, they must use an authorised fuel type.

Rules also apply around the retail sale of fuels in smoke control areas. It is an offence to acquire "unauthorised fuel" for use within a smoke control area unless it is used in an approved (exempt) appliance.

Bonfires and barbecues are not covered by Smoke Control Areas.

Further details of the proposals and exempt appliances can be found on the Rushcliffe website.

<https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environmental-health/pollution/air-quality/smoke-control-areas/consultation-on-smoke-control-areas/>

This proposal is likely to have a disproportionately greater impact on rural villages such as ours, where there are many older listed and traditional houses that use either open fires or wood burners.

The consultation closed on 12th March. However, the Parish Council was not notified of the consultation, and we have requested that the consultation is re-opened.

## Flooding Update

Following the high instances of flooding in Nottinghamshire in January, our MP Ruth Edwards has been working with the Internal Drainage Board (IDB) to resolve some of the issues.

Locally, flooding occurred under the Kingston Bridge and also overflow from Kingston brook into adjacent gardens.

The IDB have investigated the matter and found an extensive willow tree obstructing the flow of water through the brook and work has been instructed to remove the blockage.

## Shepshed Waste Recycling Site Reprieve

After public reaction to the plan to shut the waste site in Shepshed, coupled with a better than expected Government funding settlement, Leicestershire County Council are now proposing to keep the site open for 2 days a week.

Leicestershire County Council are currently running a further public consultation on the new proposals with a deadline of the 20<sup>th</sup> March to respond.

## Potholes

Potholes and the condition of our roads is an issue everywhere following an extremely wet winter and spring.

The condition of West Leake Lane/ Dark Lane is particularly bad and has been exacerbated by a large number of lorries using it as a cut through to

the sewer upgrade works in East Leake. Our Chair and County Councillor are liaising with Highways on the issue.

## Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Garden Walkabout 2024

We are pleased to confirm that this year's Sutton Bonington and Kingston-On-Soar Open Gardens will be on:

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2-6pm each day.**

We are always delighted to include new gardens, so if you are interested please contact Andy Sparrow on 0781 444 8916 or [andysparrow@fastmail.net](mailto:andysparrow@fastmail.net)

All proceeds to Cancer Research UK as usual

## Village Hall Events

Following on from the well attended "*The Best of George Egg*", the village hall has two more Live and Local events lined up.

**Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 19:30 Confetti presented by Quick Duck Theatre**



'Rising Comic Star' (Attitude Magazine) Will Jackson presents this 'funny, well written and engaging' (Everything Theatre) one-man rom-com as he invites you to join uptight and unlucky in love, Felix in the week leading up to his best friend's wedding.

From surprise hen night to wedding reception, this star-crossed 'mate of honour' is determined everything will be perfect... as long as there aren't

any distractions – not even a secret tumultuous relationship with the Best Man! Shining the spotlight on the often side-lined 'gay best friend', we follow Felix on his own whirlwind adventure in pursuit of a happy ending.

This joyful queer rom-com offers a fun-filled, uplifting and interactive experience for all. As a 'hen party guest' you are invited to be as involved as you'd like but don't forget to pick up your goody-bag filled with sweets, party poppers and a party-hat.

This 'confidently executed, comic tale of love, lust and canapés' (Ed Fringe Review) guarantees a great night out for all.

★★★★★ *'The perfect 00s rom-com, Richard Curtis can eat his heart out.'* **Everything Theatre**

**'A Gleeful, Glittery One-Man Rom-Com' The Scotsman**

Tickets: Adults £12.50, students £10

Tickets available from

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingston-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingston-village-hall)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 19:30 An Evening with Kellys Heroes**



Kellys Heroes are an East Midlands folk band who formed in 1983 with a repertoire encompassing fast and furious Celtic songs and tunes, gentle ballads and quality contemporary numbers as well as some original material.

Vocals, guitar, button accordion, melodeon, bodhran, fiddle flute and whistles all combine to create an evening of unforgettable music from these seasoned performers. With an impressive 14 recording albums to their name and having performed across the world in venues as varied as royal concert halls, stadiums and festivals, these masters of folk certainly know how to entertain.

A guaranteed great night out for all ages, packed full of passionate and enchanting music!



## *'Fabulous and skillful playing'* **Long Whatton Village Festival**

*'Just brilliant, an absolute blast from start to finish'*  
Simon Turner, **The Atrium Bar & Kitchen, Radcliffe**

*'We feel too energised by the atmosphere and the music to go to bed'* **Audience member**

Tickets: Adults £12.50, students £10

Tickets available from  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingston-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingston-village-hall)

## **Kingston Church Easter Service**

The Easter service in Kingston church will take place at 9.00am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The service, which celebrates one of the most important events in Christianity, will last about one hour and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Kingston church has beautiful stonework and carvings inside so please come into your village church to admire them, and if you are new to Kingston, you can meet other people from the village there. If it is sunny, children can release butterflies which have hibernated over winter in the church.

The church tower will be open between 10.30am and 11.00am for anybody who wants to climb up it to see the impressive view from the top.

## **Community Cinema at Gotham Church**

Five local churches including Kingston have a community cinema in Gotham church once a month in winter.

Under the terms of the charity licence they are not allowed to advertise the names of the films but the dates and brief details of the films are shown below.

The doors open at 6.30pm, the film starts at 7.00pm and refreshments are served, including popcorn. They are not allowed to charge an admission fee but ask for a donation instead. The stone interior of Gotham church gives an atmospheric experience to watching a film at

almost cinema standard at a voluntary price. Previous films have included Les Miserables, The Polar Express, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society, Peter Rabbit and Winnie The Pooh, so the films are suitable for most ages.

**Friday 22nd March** – Famed builder Le Notre is tasked with building an ethereal palace for King Louis XIV that transcends beauty. Le Notre hires Sabine de Barra to design and construct the outdoor ballroom and is soon captivated by her beauty. Sabine is equally enthralled by Le Notre though she is struggling to deal with her past but through the trials of building the garden the two artists come together.

## **Defibrillator and CPR training.**

We have a defibrillator in the village, which is located in the red phone box.

The Parish Council have been considering whether to organise some training on how to use the defibrillator in an emergency along with CPR training.

This will only go ahead if there's enough interest from parishioners.

If this is something you would like to do, please provide your name to our Parish Clerk.

[kingstononsoarparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kingstononsoarparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## **Do you remember George Knox?**

We have had an enquiry from the Great Linford History society, who are trying to find out about a gamekeeper called George Knox, who may have lived at White Hill Farm circa 1964.

One of the older residents of their village remembers him fondly and was trying to find out more about him. Any recollections of George and his family would be gratefully received.

If you can help, please email John Gosling

[id.gosling@btinternet.com](mailto:id.gosling@btinternet.com)

## Freeport

The original deadline to have occupiers on the Freeport site in order for the businesses to qualify for benefits has now been extended by the government to 2030.

## Planning Applications

- No new applications received within the Parish.
- A date has been set for the appeal for the Wood Lane/Stocking Lane solar farm.
- There is an appeal pending for the proposed battery storage facility on green belt land off the A453/ West Leake Lane
- Barton Quarry - a new planning application has been made.

All planning applications are available to view on the Rushcliffe Borough Council planning portal.

<https://planningon-line.rushcliffe.gov.uk/online-applications/>

## Mobile Library

The mobile library stops in Kingston on Soar once a month. It will be at the Village Hall between 13.35 and 13.55 on the following dates in 2024:

**2024** – 10<sup>th</sup> Apr; 8<sup>th</sup> May; 5<sup>th</sup> June; 3<sup>rd</sup> July; 28<sup>th</sup> Aug; 25<sup>th</sup> Sep; 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct; 20<sup>th</sup> Nov; 18<sup>th</sup> Dec; 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

For more details visit:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/mobile-libraries/west-mobile-route-11/>

## Parish Website

A reminder that the Parish website has moved to:

<https://www.kingstononsoar.org.uk/>

The previous address will no longer be updated.

## Aircraft Noise

If you are being affected by aircraft noise, you can report it by e-mailing [community@eastmidlandsairport.com](mailto:community@eastmidlandsairport.com) or by using the automated complaint line on 0845 108 8540 or filling out the online Noise Complaint Form: <https://complaints-eu.emsbk.com/ema5>

Source: [www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/environment/contact-us](http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/environment/contact-us)

## Future Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, which will also include the Annual Parish Meeting.

There is a standard agenda item for parishioners who wish to attend and raise any questions. Please do check the Parish Council website in case the meeting date has had to be changed for any reason.

## Newsletter Articles

If you would like to share a news story in the Parish newsletter, or would like a digital copy of the newsletter, please email me on:

[daf247@gmail.com](mailto:daf247@gmail.com)

More information is kept on the Parish notice board and website:

<https://www.kingstononsoar.org.uk/>

**Village Facebook page\*** – “What’s on in Kingston on Soar”

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Organization/Whats-on-in-Kingston-on-Soar-121837239212174/>

\*Please note that the Village Facebook page is a community run page and not managed by the Parish Council

## Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies for anyone interested in becoming a Councillor. Training will be provided.

If you are interested please contact either the Chairman or Parish Clerk – contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

## Your Parish Councillors are:

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| Mark Johnson (Chair)<br>Planning  | 51 West Leake<br>Lane<br>0115 983 0316  |
| Gill Aldridge (Vice Chair)<br>Finance   | 2 Long Row<br>01509 672944  |
| Stuart Dale<br>Environment  | 24 Kegworth Rd<br>01509 672703  |
| David Fairbanks<br>Wider development matters<br>&<br>Newsletter Editor                                | The Old Rectory,<br>Kingston Fields<br>07570 068675   |
| Julia Hutchison<br><br>Airport; and Parish Council<br>representative on the<br>Village Hall Committee | 28 Kegworth Road  |
| Vacant<br><br>Traffic & Highways  |   |
| 1 further vacant position   |   |
| <b>Parish Clerk:</b> Rebecca<br>Hague   | 49 Main Street,<br>Rempstone.<br>07795 246923<br><br><a href="mailto:kingstononsoarparishcouncil@gmail.com">kingstononsoarparishcouncil@gmail.com</a> |

## Ruth Edwards MP Surgeries

I hold regular surgeries to listen to and help constituents. You can book one by:

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