

Kingston-on-Soar Parish Newsletter

July 2024



A New MP for Rushcliffe

Congratulations to James Naish who has become Rushcliffe's first Labour MP for 54 years.

At the general election on the 4th July, Mr Naish received 25,291 votes, 7,500 more than the Conservative's Ruth Edwards.

Voter turnout in Rushcliffe was 73% against a national turnout of 60%.

Rushcliffe's New Mayor

Cllr Andy Brown has been elected as the new Mayor of Rushcliffe for the forthcoming 12 months.

Cllr Brown is the current Borough Councillor for the Gotham ward (which includes Kingston on Soar).

He currently serves on the Council's Planning Committee and the Nottingham East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Committee

In a ceremony in the Council Chamber at Rushcliffe Arena on Thursday May 23rd, he accepted the position for the next 12 months from incumbent Cllr Debbie Mason as part of the authority's Annual Council meeting.



Mr Mayor said: *"I am honoured to be Mayor of Rushcliffe and represent the thousands of residents who live in the Borough, I look forward to meeting and working with the many different people and groups who are at the heartbeat of our communities"*.

Music Concert in Kingston-On-Soar Church

The string quartet are back for their annual concert at Kingston with an evening of light music on **Saturday 17th August 2024 at 7.30pm**. They will play Dvorak's lyrical 'American' quartet plus excerpts from Tchaikovsky and other popular music.

The ornate interior of Kingston-On-Soar parish church provides a lovely atmosphere for an evening of light music so please come and join us for a fun evening with a glass of fizz and nibbles, a perfect way to relax on a lovely summer evening. The church is easy to reach and there is plenty of free parking available.

Tickets are £10 for adults, and £5 for students and children. Pay on the door. The proceeds will be divided equally between the church and the DEC Ukraine Appeal.

Midsummer Chamber Concert

St Winifred's Church,
Kingston on Soar

Classic quartets & light music
accompanied by a glass of
fizz!

Saturday 17th August 2024, 7.30pm
Tickets: £10 (£5 students/children)
Available on the door



Parish churches like Kingston are an important landmark in the village but donations and collections at services cover only about half the annual running costs so fundraising events such as this one are important for their survival. If you want to help maintain the church and churchyard in good condition, so it remains an attractive focal point for the village, please support this event.

Kingston on Soar Beer Festival 2024

Save the date! **13th – 15th September.**

The Kingston on Soar Beer festival is back once again for 2024.

The festival team are currently working hard on the details of this year's events but have confirmed it will be over the weekend of 13th – 15th September, so make a note in your diaries.

Updates will be posted on Facebook and the Village Hall website.

Summer Events in our surrounding villages:

With the availability of the West Rushcliffe zone on demand bus, it is now super easy to get to our surrounding villages of Barton, Thrumpton, Sutton Bonington, West Leake, East Leake, Hathern, Normanton and Gotham.

Here's a few events coming up over the summer:

- West Leake Dog Show and Fair – Sunday 28th July at 2pm
- Normanton on Soar picnic in the park – Saturday 3rd August at 4.30pm at the Village Hall Field
- Sutton Bonington Show – Friday 30th August – Sunday 1st September
- Barton Fruit and Veg show – Saturday 7th September
- Normanton on Soar Church Fete – Saturday 14th September 2-4pm
- Barton Beer, Gin and Wine Festival – Friday 27th – Sunday 29th September
- Thrumpton Annual beer Festival 11th – 13th October.

Soar Valley Bus

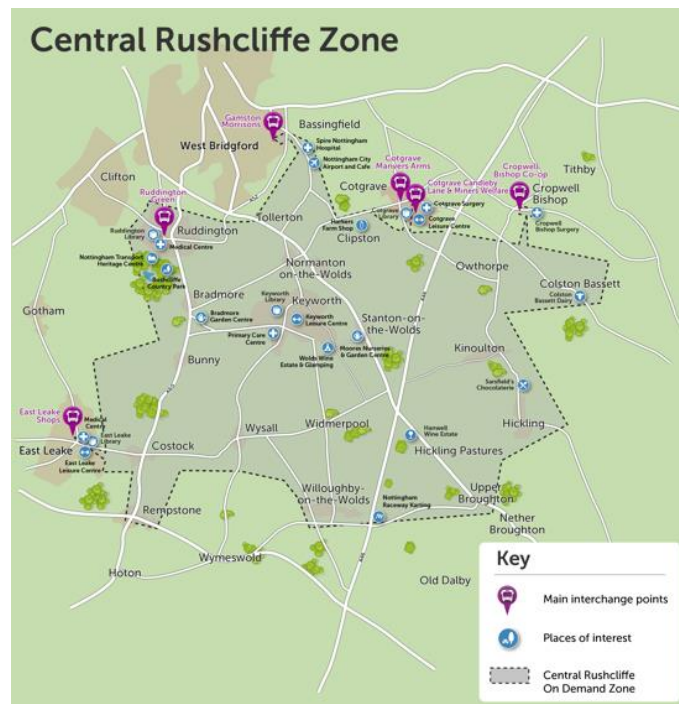
The Soar Valley Bus is planning a trial run of a service to Loughborough market on Saturday's starting in August.

The bus will have a pick-up in Kingston village at 9.30am. The details have yet to be confirmed on their website, so do keep an eye on their website for further details.

<https://www.soarvalleybus.co.uk/>

Notts Bus on Demand

Following the success of the trials of the Notts Bus on demand here in West Rushcliffe and in North Notts, the service has been expanded with a new Central Rushcliffe service. The service will launch from 22nd July.



This will enable Kingston residents to change buses at East Leake to get to the Central Rushcliffe rural villages in the map above.

Nottsbus On Demand services do not follow a fixed timetable. Instead, they operate on a flexible, on demand basis, allowing you to travel between bus stops and designated points within the travel zone, where there are currently no local bus routes.

You can also use the service to connect to other bus services if you want to go further out of the area.

The easy way to book and track a journey is via the Nottsbus On Demand App. You can also book by phone. See the Nottinghamshire County Council website for details.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/travel-notts/travelling-by-bus/nottsbusondemand>

Kingston Village Green Improvements

The Parish Council are looking at ways in which the Village Green could be improved. We are keen to make it a more welcoming place to sit and enjoy the village and also incorporate improved bio-diversity.

We have developed some initial thoughts and ideas, but we want your views. We will be launching a consultation over the summer, so do look out for that coming through your door.

Once we have your feedback the proposals will be developed and refined, and we will then seek funding for the works.

Kingston Village Hedges & Footpaths

Parts of the footpath through the village have become difficult to walk along due to garden hedges being overgrown and restricting the width of the footpath, forcing wheelchair and pushchair users into the road. Can we kindly encourage residents to make sure hedges are trimmed once the bird nesting season is over and cut back again in early 2025 before the next bird nesting season starts.

Further guidance on hedges obstructing public rights of way and owners responsibilities can be found on the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/376360/3/viarightsofwayvegetationleaflet.pdf>

Is Your Cat Microchipped?

New legislation came into force on 10th June 2024 making it mandatory for all cat owners to have their cats microchipped.

Owners must ensure their cat is microchipped before they reach the age of 20 weeks with their contact details stored and kept up to date in an approved pet microchipping database.

With more than 9 million pet cats in England, the introduction of mandatory microchipping will make it easier for lost or stray pet cats to be reunited with their owners and returned home safely.

Failing to comply with the law could see owners receive a fine of up to £500.

Extended Smoke Control Zone Consultation Results

Following a public consultation earlier this year, Rushcliffe Borough Council has put on hold plans to extend the Smoke Control Zone across the whole of the Borough. The proposals would have put further restrictions on the type of fuels residents can burn to heat their homes or requirements for upgraded appliances.

80 per cent of people who responded to the consultation objected to the plan.

Concerns included the expense of cleaner fuels and having to buy new appliances during the cost of living crisis, with some people feeling the measures were “disproportionate” for the benefits.

There was also worry about the lack of alternatives for rural residents whose homes aren't connected to gas, some of whom still rely on burning fuels for cooking and heating.

A total of 1,206 people took part in the public consultation to determine whether there was support for the proposals, which ran between January and March 2024.

Ratcliffe Power Station Closure

Ratcliffe-on-Soar's power station received its final order of coal in June.

Ratcliffe is the UK's last remaining coal-fired power station and is set to shut at the end of September.

During its lifetime, Ratcliffe, which was commissioned in 1967, has generated enough power to make more than a billion cups of tea every day.

At the turn of the 20th Century, coal was used to generate more than 95% of the UK's energy, but last year it had fallen to 1%.

The power station will close on 30th September 2024 as part of government plans to phase out coal from Great Britain's energy system.

Gypsum Extraction at Ratcliffe Power Station

The Parish Council are working with the 5 Parish Group to assess the impact of the proposals for gypsum extraction at the Ratcliffe Power station site. British Gypsum have mineral rights to the gypsum which would need to be removed before the power station is redeveloped following its closure later this year.

Of particular concern is the number of additional lorries that would use the New Kingston crossroads to take the gypsum to the headquarters at East Leake.

Planning Applications

- No new applications received within the Parish.
- The appeal for the Wood Lane/Stocking Lane solar farm has been dismissed.

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 – 28th Aug; 25th Sep; 23rd Oct; 20th Nov; 18th Dec; 15th Jan 2025

For more details visit:

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

Aircraft Noise

If you are being affected by aircraft noise, you can report it by e-mailing 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

Future Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 16th September 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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

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.

We would particularly like a representative from Kingston Hall, so that all areas of Kingston are represented.

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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Julia Hutchison Airport; and Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee	28 Kegworth Road
Vacant Traffic & Highways	
1 further vacant position	
Parish Clerk: Rebecca Hague kingstononsoarparishcouncil@gmail.com	49 Main Street, Rempstone. 07795 246923