

# Kingston-on-Soar Parish Newsletter

## March 2025



### Postcode Lottery Winners!



There was great anticipation in Kingston and the surrounding villages of Gotham, Barton-in-Fabis, Ratcliffe-on-Soar and Thrumpton in February when it was announced that NG11 0\_\_ was the winning postcode in the People's Postcode lottery with a bumper prize fund of £3.2m.

In a special event at East Midlands Conference Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> March excited locals from the winning postcode found out how much they had won.



The top prize went to postcode NG11 0JR in Gotham. There were 4 winning tickets, worth £400,000 each, with one lucky resident having two tickets.

All other ticket holders received £6,201 per ticket.

Congratulations to all the winners!

### Power Outages

In February the National Grid undertook upgrading work to power lines around Kingston. This resulted in a number of unplanned power outages causing disruption to residents, especially for those that work from home.

The National Grid has taken on board the numerous complaints and has made a goodwill payment to those residents most affected.

### Potholes

We continue to lobby Highways about the state of the roads around our village. If you encounter a new pothole, the quickest way to report it is either on the Nottinghamshire County Council website or via the MyNotts app.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole?>

### Speeding on West Leake Lane

Following residents' concerns about speeding on West Leake Lane, we will be holding discussions with Nottinghamshire police about what measures could be implemented.

### Do you have a poor phone signal?

Many of us are affected by poor mobile phone signal strength around Kingston. Did you know Nottinghamshire County Council run a website that shows which provider offers the strongest mobile phone signal for your street?

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/digital-connectivity/nottinghamshires-mobile-connectivity-maps>

## Kingston Church Easter Service

The Easter service in Kingston church will take place at 12:00 noon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The service, which celebrates one of the most important events in the Christian year, will last about one hour and there will be refreshments afterwards.

If it is sunny, the butterflies that hibernated in the church over winter will cluster on the south facing windows and children can release them into the outside world.

The church tower will be open after the church service from 1.15pm till 2.00pm for anybody who wants to climb it and enjoy the same view of our village that the little owl does.

Tea and hot cross buns will be served in the church after the service.

## VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day which marked the end of the war in Europe and WWII is on 8<sup>th</sup> May this year.

National celebrations will take place either on Bank Holiday Monday (5<sup>th</sup> May) or Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

The government have announced that there won't be an additional Bank Holiday on the 8<sup>th</sup> May.

There were no responses to January's newsletter article to gauge interest in a village event, and we currently have no plans for one.

There will be some events in our surrounding villages, for example Manor Farm in East Leake are holding a VE dance on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, so do look out for those.

<https://www.manorfarm.info/events/view/ve-day-dance>

More details of planned national celebrations can be found here, which also includes a search facility for local events:

<https://www.veday80.org.uk/>

## Community Cinema at Gotham



The next community cinema film at St Lawrence Church, Gotham is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm (doors open 6.30pm).

As a condition of their licence they are not able to advertise the name of the film, but are able to give you a flavour of what the film is about.

Based on the events of an Apollo lunar mission, astronauts Jim Lovell, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert find everything going according to plan after leaving Earth's orbit. However, when an oxygen tank explodes, the scheduled moon landing is called off. Subsequent tensions within the crew and numerous technical problems threaten both the astronauts' survival and their safe return to Earth.

There is no entrance fee, but donations are welcome. This will be the last Community Cinema until October when the nights get darker again.

## Village Defibrillators

In January we asked for parishioners' opinions as to whether we should support a resident's proposal for a defibrillator in Kingston Fields/ New Kingston.

The main part of Kingston on Soar village has a defibrillator located in the old telephone box, paid for by the council and Kingston Hall have purchased their own.

We only had 6 responses to the poll with 5 in favour and one against.

Given the cost and logistics, the Parish Council would need to see more evidence of demand from residents before pursuing it further.

## No Parking on the Village Green

We once again remind residents that you should not park your cars on the village green.

This was the damage caused earlier this year:



Following the consultation on improvements for the Green, we have appointed this year a new grounds maintenance contractor.

To make sure we are not wasting **your** money please do not park on the Green. Free parking is available in the village car park.

## Bird Nesting Season

The 1<sup>st</sup> March marked the official start of the bird nesting season in the UK, which runs to the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

In May 2024 a new law was passed prohibiting the cutting of agricultural hedges between these dates with a number exceptions, such as where the hedgerow overhangs a highway, road or footpath and obstructs the public or private right of way, or boundaries of a private garden where the hedgerow is either within the curtilage of a dwelling house, or the hedgerow marks the boundary of the curtilage of a dwelling house (this applies to both sides of the hedgerow).

Further details can be found on the Government website

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hedgerow-management-rules-cutting-and-trimming>

Residents should always inspect their hedges prior to trimming to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

## Reorganisation of Local Government

There are currently national reforms proposed to change how local government is organised, with Borough Councils being scrapped and larger Unitary Authorities to be created.

In Nottinghamshire there is currently no agreement to which authorities will merge with each other. The preferred option of Rushcliffe Borough Council is for the City to remain on existing boundaries and the remainder of the County to comprise of two Unitary authorities. This would result in no-parts of Rushcliffe Borough joining the City, which of course currently has large debts.

Initial proposals need to be submitted to national government by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, the government will respond during the summer and a final proposal and full case will need to be submitted by November.

There are no proposals to change the structure of Parish Councils.

## Changes to the Greenbelt Definition

In December the Government changed the definition of the Greenbelt to include "Grey Belt" land. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) defines "grey belt" as land in the Green Belt comprising previously developed land and/or any other land that, in either case, does not strongly contribute to any of the purposes of the Green Belt.

It is the latter part of this new definition that severely weakens the Planning Authority's ability to reject development applications on the Green Belt.

The Five Parish group has made known their concerns given the high level of planning applications around the power station and A453 greenbelt corridor.

## Planning Applications

- No new applications received

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

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

## Garden Walkabout 2025

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Open Gardens will be held between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to be involved, please email [sbkgardenopen@gmail.com](mailto:sbkgardenopen@gmail.com) or contact Janine on 0776 815251. All proceeds go to Cancer research.

## Mobile Library

The mobile library stops in Kingston on Soar once a month. It will be at the Village Hall between 13:00 and 13:25 on the following dates in 2025:

**2025** – 9<sup>th</sup> Apr; 7<sup>th</sup> May; 4<sup>th</sup> June; 2<sup>nd</sup> July; 30<sup>th</sup> July; 27<sup>th</sup> Aug; 24<sup>th</sup> Sept; 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct; 19<sup>th</sup> Nov; 17<sup>th</sup> Dec; 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

For more details visit:

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

## East Midlands Airport

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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm 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.

The May meeting is also our annual parish meeting and all residents are invited to attend.

## 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:

[cllr.dfairbanks.kingstonpc@gmail.com](mailto:cllr.dfairbanks.kingstonpc@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

## Your Parish Councillors are:

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