



# Kingston on Soar Parish Newsletter

## January 2022

### 2022 a new year and lots going on...

As we gladly say goodbye to 2021, we are all hoping for better things in 2022. It looks like being another busy year for the Parish Council. For a small village, we are affected by so many major potential development proposals – Power Station/ Freeport, HS2, Solar Farms and the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan. The Parish Council will be working hard again this year to make sure your views and concerns are considered. We are also hopeful of having a full programme of events this year, making use of the improved Village Hall facilities. Talking of which.....

### Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards - winners

Congratulations to the Kingston Village Events team who won **Community Group of the Year** in the Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards for their great work in upgrading the village hall, introducing the bar, the new kitchen and food license.



Pictured above being presented with their award at the awards night in December are: Simon Holbrook, Angie Howard, Sian Holbrook, Nicole Elders, Richard Elders.

### HRH Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June

On 6th February this year Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

We are asking for **your** input as to how you think the village should celebrate this event. We already have a band booked for the Saturday night, but we want your views as to what else you would like .... a street party or BBQ perhaps?

### Kingston-on-Soar Beer Festival 2022 – Design Competition

It's only January but we are already making plans for September's beer festival.

The return of the beer festival last September was so successful that we have sold out of the specially designed beer festival glasses.

Rather than just order some more, we thought it would be a nice idea to have a competition to design a new logo for the glasses. So, all you budding designers out there, get your thinking caps on. More details to follow soon ...

And remember that all profits from the beer festival are used to support local projects and events.

## Village Hall Refurbishment

Following the successful introduction of the bar and upgrading of the kitchen, fundraising is ongoing for the next phase which will be refurbishment of the toilets.

The current improvements allow a wider range of activities and events to be planned so keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates.

## Live & Local Events

We currently have just the one Live & Local event booked for the Village Hall. A new programme of acts will be available in March for the Council to preview and bid for. We hope to get another 3 or 4 acts booked for the next 12 months.

### 30<sup>th</sup> April 8pm She'Koyokh Quartet

This award-winning band has a 16-year history as 'a brilliant live ensemble', and a reputation for being 'the best klezmer and Balkan music band in the UK'

Since bursting on to the UK's music scene in the early noughties, busking at London's East End markets, She'Koyokh has toured the world, won numerous international awards and released four critically acclaimed albums.

★★★★ *'One of the finest and most entertaining British-based exponents of global music.'* *The Guardian*

Tickets to Parish Council run events are available from our ticket platform:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingston-on-soar-parish-council>

## Fly Tipping and Littering

The Borough Council are seeing continued success in their campaign to stop fly tipping and littering.

They are reporting a 30% reduction in incidences since implementing new measures to tackle fly tipping.

If you witness any fly tipping please report it via the Rushcliffe Borough Council website

<https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environmentandwaste/fly-tipping/>

## Your Local U3A - Keeping Mind and Body Active in Retirement

If you're busy working, raising a family or doing all the other things that make today's life pretty hectic, you might not have heard of us. But if you've recently retired (or part retired) and maybe are looking for something to fill the space, the u3a could be just the thing. Part of a national charity movement founded forty years ago, there are now over a thousand local u3as around the country providing relaxed learning and leisure activities, with plenty of opportunities to make new friends.

Keeping active - physically, mentally and in friendly company - we know is good for our wellbeing. And especially so for older people, some of whom can find themselves lonely.

This area is served by Soar Valley u3a and, like all local u3as, they are run entirely by volunteer members. They draw on their knowledge, skills and experiences to organise various interest groups and social events. Currently they have around 40 such interest groups: science, singing, birdwatching, dancing, walking, crafts, photography and many more. Plus, they hold guest speaker meetings (at Normanton on Soar village hall), they arrange day trips to places of interest, and they organise social activities such as Christmas parties, quizzes and coffee mornings. In fact, we'd like to think that there's something of interest for everybody.

During lockdown, many of our activities had to be curtailed of course, though some internal meetings continued on Zoom. But as the country opens up, they are starting to get back to normal and to enjoy the full benefits of u3a membership once again.

All are welcome, and they are particularly seeking members who are happy to take on active roles. So, if you're looking for a more fulfilling retirement and want to try new experiences in good company, why not get in touch? Membership costs just £12 a year.

Search 'Soar Valley u3a' to visit our website and find out more. Or contact our Membership Secretary for details - Tel: 07812 913807, Email: [marilyniwood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marilyniwood@yahoo.co.uk)

## HS2

In November 2021 the government announced that HS2 would no longer be going to Toton but would instead terminate at East Midlands Parkway.

No further information has been made available of the detailed layout of the link to EM Parkway.

## Nuclear Fusion Power Plant

Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station has been dropped from the shortlist of potential sites for the first commercial fusion energy plant in the world.

The government said it had dropped Ratcliffe-on-Soar because of a land availability issue.

Instead, another Nottingham site at West Burton, near Retford, has been put back on the five-strong shortlist.

## Solar Farms

The Parish Council continues to work closely with our neighbouring wards as part of a 5 Parish council working group to address the wider development issues along the A453.

There are a number of solar farm proposals in the area currently being consulted on.

The proximity to the power station infrastructure makes this a prime location. As a group, we are keen to ensure that the pros and cons and cumulative impact are fully considered in the planning process.

## Fairham Pastures

The extensive housing scheme at South Clifton has received planning consent for the first plots of houses.

Regular progress updates and photographs are available on their dedicated website:

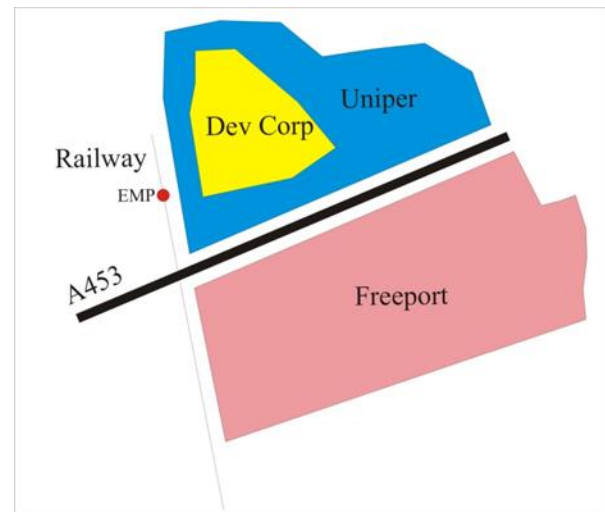
<https://fairhamlife.co.uk/vision/>

## Freeport and Power Station Redevelopment Proposals

Consultation events were held in early December on the proposal for redeveloping the Power Station site.

It is planned that the power station will close October 2024. The site will be selectively cleared possibly to 2030, and the cooling towers demolished.

Owners Uniper are working with the Development Corporation in site development. The site is destined for high value industry not housing.



The site comprises three distinct developments shown above and not to scale. Within the existing power station site there will be areas for development by Uniper and the Development Corporation. The Freeport will be south of the A453 and since this does not require any demolition is likely to be promoted first with a target proposal by summer 2022 with a target of September 2026 for start of occupancy.

## 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)

## Trees on the Green

Two of the three trees have now been planted on the village green. We are just waiting on availability of a suitably sized English Oak.

Thanks go to Matt Archer for donating and planting the Copper Beech tree.

## Litter Picking

A big THANK YOU to the unidentified volunteers who were spotted litter picking in the Village!

## Mobile Library

Did you know a 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 2022:

19<sup>th</sup> Jan; 16<sup>th</sup> Feb; 16<sup>th</sup> Mar; 13<sup>th</sup> April; 11<sup>th</sup> May; 08<sup>th</sup> June; 06<sup>th</sup> July; 03<sup>rd</sup> Aug; 31<sup>st</sup> Aug; 28<sup>th</sup> Sept; 26<sup>th</sup> Oct; 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov; and 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

For more details visit:

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

## Marquee for hire

If you know of anyone who is planning an outdoor event and requires a marquee, the Council have one to hire at very competitive rates.

Details can be found on the Parish Council website or by contacting your local Councillor.

All profits go back into supporting our village.

## Planning Applications

- Ref: 22/00001/FUL - Change of use of existing private residential garage to an office for a financial service business. (Retrospective) - 2 St Winifred's Court
- Ref: 22/00138/LBC - Opening to be created in an existing wall to change living room space - 10 Kingston Court

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

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

## Future Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 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.

## Events Diary:

- ❖ Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 She'Koyokh Quartet

Tickets to Parish Council run events are available from our ticket platform:

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Keep an eye out for regular updates on new events on our Facebook page and Parish Notice Board.

## Newsletter Articles

If you would like to share a news story in the Parish newsletter, or would like an electronic 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:

[www.kingston-on-soar-pc.co.uk](http://www.kingston-on-soar-pc.co.uk)

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

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

## Your Parish Councillors are:

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