

# Kingston-on-Soar Parish Newsletter

## March 2023



### Local Elections 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and Parish Councillor Vacancies

Local elections will be held in May including the Parish Council. **We currently have insufficient Councillors and need to recruit up to 3 new Councillors.**

Anyone wishing to stand for election needs to have submitted nomination papers by 4pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. These are available online on the Rushcliffe BC website or contact our Parish Clerk for further information:

<https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/elections/standforelection/>

**This year the Government has introduced a new requirement that in order to vote on the 4<sup>th</sup> May you will need to produce photo ID.**

This can be a Passport; driving licence; local travel card; blue badge; identity card; bus pass or one of several other forms of ID listed on the government website.

If you have a form of accepted photo ID which is out of date, you can still use it to vote at a polling station if it still looks like you.

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for use at these elections is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April.

For more information about which forms of ID will be accepted visit Electoral Commission - voter ID or call our helpline on 0800 328 0280.

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

### Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Garden Walkabout

We are pleased to announce that the 41<sup>st</sup> Sutton Bonington and Kingston-On-Soar Open Gardens will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 2-6pm each day.

If you are interested in helping in any way, for example baking or serving cakes and teas or holding a stall, please contact Andy Sparrow, 5 Long Row, 0781 444 8916, [andysparrow@fastmail.net](mailto:andysparrow@fastmail.net)

All proceeds to Cancer Research UK

The volunteer group have received a special commendation award from Cancer Research UK for having raised an amazing £250k through the Garden Walkabouts over the years.



Further details will appear on their Facebook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/SBqardenwalkabout/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/SBqardenwalkabout/?locale=en_GB)

## Power Station Redevelopment / Freeport

On Monday 13th March, a partnership of local authorities including Broxtowe Borough Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, supported by East Midlands Development Company, launched a public consultation for a Strategic Design Code.

Primarily aimed at uplifting design quality at development sites at Toton and Chetwynd Barracks and the Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station area, the Strategic Design Code can help create better-connected places across the south Nottinghamshire boroughs, addressing the climate emergency and meeting the aspirations of local communities who live and work in the areas.

The Strategic Design Code is a government pilot and part of the national agenda, with the partnership selected to progress one of 25 pathfinder schemes across the country for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

You can read more online at [www.emdesigncode.co.uk](http://www.emdesigncode.co.uk)

The Local Development Order (LDO) that would frame the redevelopment of the Power Station has been delayed, principally due to concerns with traffic impacts.

## Alternative Fuel Payments

If you use an alternative domestic fuel such as biomass or heating oil to heat your home, you should have automatically received your £200 government support payment as a credit from your electricity supplier in February.

If you think you are eligible and didn't receive a payment then please look at the government website for details of how to apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-help-energy-bills/alternative-fuels>

In the budget the chancellor announced that the Energy Price Guarantee (EPG) will be kept at £2,500 for an additional three months from April to June.

## Fire at Gotham Village Hall & GP Surgery



Following the fire at Gotham Memorial Hall in February which gutted the Orchard surgery practice, people are working hard behind the scenes to try and get services back up and running with a temporary solution.

Patients will be seen at the surgery's Kegworth site in the meantime.

Gotham Parish Council have arranged a volunteer transport service for Gotham patients without transport. The helpline for patients without transport is now up and running 07725 538712.

## Best Western Premier Yew Tree Lodge Hotel

There were protests in Kegworth after the Best Western Premier Yew Lodge Hotel signed an 'exclusive use contract' with the Home Office to provide accommodation for 250 asylum seekers.

Kingston residents have raised concerns around additional pressure on the local Orchard GP surgery which serves the surrounding villages, especially after the fire at Gotham.

It is our understanding that the Kegworth and Gotham Surgery will not be receiving any of the Yew Lodge residents as patients. They are not in a position to support any further capacity whatsoever, not least because of the fire at Gotham, and that another local group of practices will be accommodating these residents, although that had yet to be confirmed.

## Coronation of HRH King Charles

**Saturday 6th May 2023**



Kingston Village Hall will be hosting a local event to celebrate the King's coronation. Initial ideas are for either a coronation brunch or afternoon tea on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Details are yet to be formalised, so do keep an eye on the What's on in Kingston Facebook page for further updates.

The Palace has announced the following weekend of events to celebrate the coronation of HRH King Charles:

**Saturday 6th May 2023** - The Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey

**Sunday 7th May 2023**

- The Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle

- The Coronation Big Lunch - Neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom are invited to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, in a nationwide act of celebration and friendship. From a cup of tea with a neighbour to a street party, a Coronation Big Lunch brings the celebrations to your neighbourhood and is a great way to get to know your community a little better.

**Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023** - The Big Help Out. The Big Help Out is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation.

## A453 night time closures

The Highways Agency will be carrying out essential safety maintenance work on several major roads in the region including the A453 Northbound and Southbound between M1 Junction 24 to A52 Clifton Bridge. The work is due to start on 20 March 2023 and is scheduled for completion by the end-May 2023.

To keep the works programme as short as possible they will work under full carriageway and slip road closures between 8pm and 6am, Monday to Friday.

## Planning Applications

- 22/00319/FUL - Land To The West Of Wood Lane And Stocking Lane, Kingston Estate, Gotham - Installation of renewable energy generating solar farm – **This was rejected by Rushcliffe BC**

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

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

## 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.

## 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 2023:

**2023** – 12<sup>th</sup> April; 10<sup>th</sup> May; 7<sup>th</sup> June; 5<sup>th</sup> July; 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug; 30<sup>th</sup> Aug; 27<sup>th</sup> Sep; 25<sup>th</sup> Oct; 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov; 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

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](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)

## Events Diary:

- ❖ Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Coronation event at the village hall tbc
- ❖ Thursday 18 May 2023 19:00 Eddie & the Gold Tops
- ❖ Sat 10<sup>th</sup> and Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June 2-6pm Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Garden Walkabout

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

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

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

Also keep an eye out for further events on the Village Hall website [www.kingstonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.kingstonvillagehall.co.uk)

## Future Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

This is also the annual parish meeting and residents are invited to attend. 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 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)

**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:

Mark Johnson (Chairman) Planning	51 West Leake Lane 0115 983 0316
Gill Aldridge (Vice Chair) Finance	2 Long Row 01509 672944
Stuart Dale Environment	24 Kegworth Rd 01509 672703
David Fairbanks Wider development matters & Newsletter Editor	The Old Rectory, Kingston Fields 07570 068675
Vacant  Traffic & Highways	
2 further vacant positions	
Parish Clerk: Rebecca Hague	49 Main Street, Rempstone. 01509 881780

## Ruth Edwards MP Surgeries

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

Emailing me at

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Or phoning me on

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