

Kingston-on-Soar Parish Newsletter

May 2023



Local Elections results

Local elections were held on the 4th May 2023.

In the Rushcliffe Borough Council elections, Kingston on Soar is part of the Gotham Ward. Congratulations to Rex Walker and Andy Brown who were elected.

In the Parish Council elections, there were insufficient candidates for a contested election, and all nominees were elected to post.

We welcome Julia Hutchison as a new Parish Councillor, and say thank you to the other Councillors who are once again volunteering their time for a few more years.

We have 5 Parish Councilors but there are still 2 vacant posts if there is anyone with an interest in being involved. Please contact our Chair or Parish Clerk for more information.

Chairman's Annual Report

At the Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting on the 15th May, chairman Mark Johnson gave his annual report:

As is customary, I would like to start with a thank you to the Councillors and staff of our Parish Council for their work throughout the past twelve months, and voluntarily offering their continued support for the community. We do, at present, have two vacancies on the Parish Council, and hope to fill them within the coming year. I would also like to thank our Borough and County Councillors for their help on matters beyond our remit.

- *The application for planning approval for a solar farm, on land at Church farm, was given approval, with a start date for construction yet to be confirmed.*

- *Following her success in organising events for the village, Nicole Elders decided she would be better placed to continue that work, as a member of the Village Hall committee, and resigned from the Parish Council. We had another resignation, that of Wendy Melville, and I would like to thank her for her contribution during her time as a Parish Councillor.*
- *The Parish Council has, with the agreement of the Village Hall committee, decided to pass over control of future events to the Village Hall, as the hub for entertainments, leaving the Parish Council to concentrate on its other responsibilities.*
- *The Beer Festival continues to be a well-supported event and long may it continue as an annual event.*
- *The final tree has now been planted on the village green. Sadly, the donated Copper Beech tree, succumbed to the harsh heat of the summer of 2022, and will be replaced when a suitable specimen has been sourced.*
- *The bus shelter has again been misused as a dumping ground for items other than its intended use for books; thank you Janice Avery, for bringing this to our attention. I encourage residents to be observant to anything unusual happening in and around the Village.*
- *The Parish Council continues its alliance with the 5 Parish group to monitor and react to upcoming proposed changes within our communities, namely the PowerStation site, the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, and monitoring of the East Midlands Airport activities.*
- *Despite the local roads becoming more hazardous, with the continued increase in vehicle usage, it has not deterred the cycling clubs from continuing to hold events in the vicinity. I remind everyone to be vigilant and take extra care. Should you witness anything untoward associated with the cycling activities,*

please contact a parish councillor and/or the police (depending on the severity of the matter).

- *Looking forward, the priorities for the Parish Council over the next 12 months will be the upgrading of the website and the refurbishment of the pump on the Village Green.*

Help your Parish Councillors to help you, let them know your thoughts and ideas and give your support where you can.

Your Village Green – Your Vote!

The village green is looking in poor condition at the moment which has led to several complaints from residents who would like the grass cut more frequently.

The green is currently scheduled to be cut 5 times over the growing season by the County Council and the first cut only commenced mid May. The situation has been exacerbated by the early spring growth and the recent wet and warm weather.

In contrast to this, we have previously had complaints when the cutting started earlier in the year, that wild flowers were cut down, and a further complaint over the recent verge cutting. There are also currently environmental campaigns to not mow lawns and verges as often to act as summer pollinator sites and encourage wildlife and habitats to thrive, such as the Rushcliffe Borough Council supported “non mow May” campaign.

So, we would like the Parish residents to decide how you would like the Green to be maintained in the future.

The options are:

- Option 1 – we stay as we are, and Notts County Council will do 5 cuts in the season but we have little or no control over the dates.
- Option 2 – we supplement the 5 cuts with additional cuts at the start and the end of the season by a private contractor. This would cost approximately £600 extra per year.
- Options 3 - We find a new contractor and increase the cuts to fortnightly over the full season. This would cost approximately £2,500 extra per year.

Once appointed contractors work to a set schedule, and we don't have the flexibility to decrease cuts when there is little growth in hot weather and increase the cuts when there has been warm and wet weather.

As your Council tax increase for the Parish was kept to a minimum this year, we currently do not have a budget for increased cuts, so it would come from reserves. The additional costs in Options 2 & 3 would need to be paid for by an increase in your council tax bills for future years.

What is your preferred option. Please email your vote to the Parish Clerk by the deadline of 30th June. Include your name and property address so we can verify that you are a Kingston resident. One vote per household.

kingstononsoarparishcouncil@gmail.com

Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Garden Walkabout

The 41st Sutton Bonington and Kingston-On-Soar Open Gardens will be on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June 2023, 2-6pm each day.

All proceeds to Cancer Research UK

Further details will appear on their Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/SBgardenwalkabout/?locale=en_GB

Village Hall update

CCTV has now been installed to provide additional security, together with new outside lights.

Internally they now have a new screen and projector to expand the range of events they can hold. They are also looking into securing an internet connection for the hall.

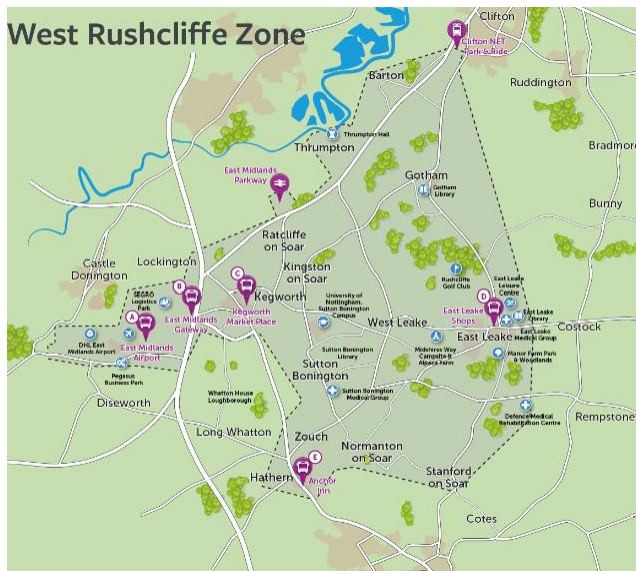
Bookings for the hall are currently very busy with Gotham village hall being out of action.

Nottsbus On Demand

Nottsbus On Demand is a new flexible way to travel by bus - simply book your journey using the Nottsbus On Demand App.

The new on demand service was initially launched as a pilot in the villages around Retford, Ollerton and Newark and in the evening in Mansfield. Following successful trials in these areas, the service has now been rolled out to **West Rushcliffe** (which includes Kingston on Soar). The new West Rushcliffe Zone has replaced the 865 service, offering residents better transport links, which will allow them to make journeys more frequently and to new destinations.

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.

The new Nottsbus On Demand services have been funded in partnership with UK Government.

For more details there in introductory video on the Notts County Council website:

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

In the West Rushcliffe zone, the bus can take you to other villages or the main transport links of East Midlands Parkway, Clifton Tram site or East Midlands Airport.

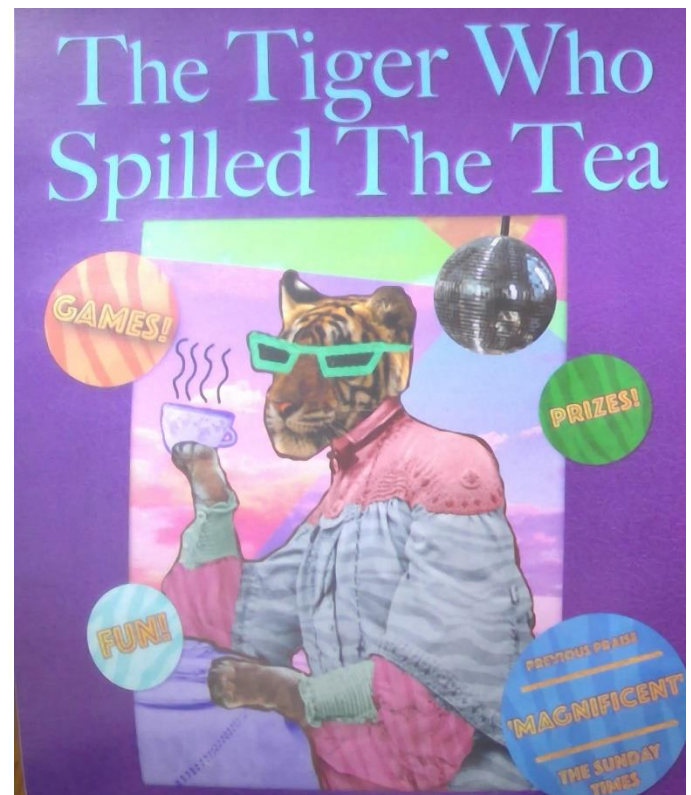
My neighbours and I have already been using it and we all think it's great. For the first time we can get into Nottingham and back on public transport at convenient times.

Many thanks to Councillor Matt Barney for helping make this happen.

Village Hall Events

Sunday 28th May - The Tiger Who Spilled the Tea

12pm Brunch & Bar open. 2pm & 4.30pm free interactive Tea Party shows



“Spilling The Tea” (Phrase // Definition: To share gossip & catch up over refreshments).

‘The Tiger Who Spilled The Tea’ is a fun tea party where members of the community can get to know their neighbours better through games, prizes and activities hosted by a fabulous tiger. There will be dressing up boxes, games and quizzes, all underscored by the greatest disco hits.

Freeport & Power Station site

The 5 Parish working group have submitted all their comments and concerns on the various consultation documents.

The Highways Agency have withdrawn their initial opposition on the caveat that the amount of development is capped before further highways improvements are made.

The Local Development Order will be voted on at the Council meeting in July.

Planning Applications

- 23/00506/FUL - Land to the East of Manor Farm Court and adjacent to Kingston on Soar Village Hall, Kegworth Road, Kingston on Soar - Construction of new dwelling – Application withdrawn.
- 23/00848/FUL - 5 St Winifreds Court, Kingston on Soar - Change of use of building from C3 to C2 to be used as a therapeutic residential home for children

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 2023:

2023 – 7th June; 5th July; 2nd Aug; 30th Aug; 27th Sep; 25th Oct; 22nd Nov; 20th 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 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

Events Diary:

- ❖ 28th May – The Tiger Who Spilled The Tea at the village hall. Free entry
- ❖ Sat 10th and Sun 11th June 2-6pm Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Garden Walkabout

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

Also keep an eye out for further events on the Village Hall website www.kingstonvillagehall.co.uk

Future Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 10th July 2023 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.

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.

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

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

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

Ruth Edwards MP Surgeries

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

Emailing me at


ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk

Or phoning me on

0207 219 3549

Follow me on social media:

 Ruth Edwards MP

 @ruthedwardsrushcliffe



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
Julia Hutchison	28 Kegworth Road
Vacant Traffic & Highways	
1 further vacant position	
Parish Clerk: Rebecca Hague	49 Main Street, Rempstone. 07795 246923