



Kingston on Soar Parish Newsletter

January 2021

COVID -19

Another newsletter and another lockdown!

If you or your neighbours need support during these difficult times then do look at the Notts County Council website for the Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub pages

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/coronavirus/nottinghamshire-coronavirus-community-support-hub>

Covid Vaccinations - Sutton Bonington Parish Council have organised a free bus for over 80's who need assistance in getting to the covid vaccination centre in Gamston. This will be on the Soar Valley bus which is fully PPE equipped.

They have generously extended their offer to include Kingston on Soar. If this service would be of benefit to you then could you please contact Cllr Sheila Harrod direct on 01509 672507 or email CllrHarrod@suttonboningtonparishcouncil.org.uk

They are also intending to make this service available to the next age category too.

Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

Since submitting responses to the draft Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan proposals, the 5 parish councils in the Gotham ward have continued to hold regular meetings in preparation for the next round of consultation.

In December, following objections, the Government revised the way it calculates housing targets for local authorities across the country. We are reviewing what impact this may have for Rushcliffe. We will keep you informed as more details emerge, but do also please respond to the Parish questionnaire attached.

Fibre Broadband

There is currently an opportunity to get Fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband under the Community Fibre Partnership and Rural Gigabit Broadband voucher schemes. This would hugely improve internet speeds. The current broadband (Fibre-to-the-cabinet or FTTC) sees the fibre from the telephone exchange terminate at the BT Openreach cabinet and then existing copper phone lines provide the broadband to individual properties - the longer the distance to the cabinet, the more the speed will drop. One of our Kingston Hall residents has been investigating FTTP where the fibre is all the way to each property, and an initial quote has been obtained.

This initial proposal covers properties served from the BT Openreach cabinet by the railway bridge, i.e. all properties along Kegworth road as far as Kingston Hall. New Kingston, Kingston Fields and the dairy end of Station Road are not covered by this BT Openreach quote as they are served by different cabinets.

A £1,500 subsidy is available for each household towards this work. In theory if there is sufficient uptake from properties then the cost can be fully covered by BT Openreach and the subsidy voucher scheme, i.e. at no cost to parishioners. We are now seeking feedback from eligible properties to gauge interest. If there is sufficient interest from properties in New Kingston and Kingston Fields then a further quote can be obtained from BT Openreach. If you are interested or would like to pledge your support then please contact Nicole Elders. Updates and information will also be posted on our Facebook page.

Village Hall Refurbishment

The Village Hall committee was successful in obtaining a £2,000 grant from the County Council to continue the improvements. Further funding is being sought to upgrade the toilets.

Updates will appear on the Facebook page “What’s on in Kingston on Soar”.

Trees on the Green

Following a tree survey last year, 3 trees on Kingston Village Green (2 sycamores and a horse chestnut) were found to be in a poor structural state and we have been advised that they need to be taken down.

We expect the work to commence in February. We are looking at options for replacing them.

Village Questionnaire

We want your input on what you value about our village, and what could be done to improve it.

Your feedback will help us understand what the Parish Council priorities should be in terms of targeting funds for improvements and responding to wider development proposals and policies that could impact our village.

A questionnaire is attached to this newsletter. Please take the time to complete it and post in through the letterbox of your nearest Parish Councillor (contact details are always on the last page of the newsletter). If you would prefer to email your response, please download a copy from the Parish website and email your responses to daf247@gmail.com

Please provide responses by **15th February 2021**

Gotham-Clifton road to close for six weeks with diversions in place

Nottingham Road between Gotham and Clifton will be closed for six weeks in January and February to allow for a new junction to be built as part of enabling works for the £800 million Fairham development.

The closure will take place from Monday January 18 to Sunday February 28 to enable the safe construction of a new staggered road junction to create access to the new development either side of the existing road and forms part of the longer term ambitions for traffic calming in the area.

There will be diversions in place for Nottingham Road from Gotham in the south and Clifton in the north for all vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians, with signed diversions for cars, a designated cycle route and pedestrian access via the existing public right of way track through the fields to walk between Clifton and Gotham.

All motorised traffic will be re-routed via the A453 at the Gotham/Thrumpton junction coming from the south, east and west, and via the A453 at Crusader Island coming from the north.

Parish Clerk Successor

We are still searching for a successor to Richard Parrey, our Parish Clerk, who is planning to retire from the role. Richard has been doing this role for many years and has a wealth of knowledge of council processes and procedures, and we would like to find a successor.

The role does come with a modest remuneration. If anyone is interested, then please contact Councilor Mark Johnson or Richard Parrey in the first instance for further information.

Village Hall Events

The planned programme of Village Hall events remains on hold until lockdown restrictions ease sufficiently for us to be able to deliver events in a safe manner.

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Planning Applications

No new applications received

St Winifred's Church

A message from our Village church:

Snowdrops have just started to flower in the churchyard to show that spring is on its way, with all the hope that brings for a better future. We pray for more good news so that our world will become a safe place again. Under the current regulations our church is closed during the week so you cannot come in for quiet contemplation or to escape the unremitting doom on television. It is, though, open for services on Sunday and a list of service times is displayed in the lich-gate, on the village hall noticeboard and in the bus shelter so that anybody who wants to pray or just gain relief from worry during these difficult times can come into our church to do so. There are safety precautions inside the church with no singing allowed, seating on alternate pews and children not allowed to roam but remaining with their parents or locked in the bell tower. Anybody is welcome to attend a service and we can provide a free face mask to allay your fears whilst we pray together for guidance to see us safely through these strained times.

Future Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.00 pm. The meeting will take place via zoom due to coronavirus guidance. Please see our website for updates.

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 website:

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/>

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