**New Planning Applications:**

Application by 4 Manor Farm for the provision of store buildings, insertion of roof lights to facilitate the conversion of the garage to a sitting room.

**Existing Planning Applications:**

We have objected to the application for the expansion of the University Dairy Centre, Melton Lane. (Ref:15/02931/FUL). This is because of the not infrequent very offensive odour from the farm even at its current size. We consider that the cause of these events should be identified, and action taken to mitigate their impact before any expansion can be considered.

We have objected to the application for the erection of a wind turbine at the Dairy Centre. (Ref:15/01735/FUL).

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

This is continually being updated and you can access information about the Parish including this Newsletter.

**The Annual Parish Meeting**

This will take place on Tuesday 10 May 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Do please come along as it would be of benefit to know the views and opinions of as many parishioners as possible. The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by the Parish Council AGM.

**Your Parish Councillors are:**

Gill Aldridge 2 Long Row 01509 672944

Stuart Dale 24 Kegworth Road 01509 672703

David Fairbanks The Old Rectory 07718804066

 Kingston Fields

Mark Johnson 51 West Leake Lane 0115 983 0316

Neville Smith The Old Smithy 01509 670898

Station Road

**Your Parish Clerk is:**

 Richard Parrey 61 West Leake Lane 0115 983 0730

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**Workshops for Carers**

There are 6.5 million Carers in the UK and they provide a vital role in supporting others, often at a significant cost to themselves. The work they undertake saves the UK Economy a staggering £119 billion a year, but it is taking its toll. 61% of carers surveyed have suffered depression as a result of their caring role and 92% feel more stressed. So who is taking care of the Carers? Fun, FREE and interactive workshops are being commissioned by NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group for those in Rushcliffe who are caring for a friend or family member. Access to these workshops is FREE and enables careers to meet and socialise whilst creating their own personalised playlist, the aim being to help carers find time to relax and rejuvenate using the power of music. Workshops will be held on 5th April (1pm- 4pm) at East Leake Village Hall, on 13 May (1pm- 4pm) at Bingham Library, and on 10 June (1pm- 4pm) at the Cedar Room West Bridgford Library. Please book on line at [www.joco.gb.net/shop](http://www.joco.gb.net/shop), call 07955016377 or email info@joco.gb.net. Spaces are limited to twelve per Workshop and participants must be registered with a GP. Details about reclaiming replacement care costs whilst attending will be provided at the Workshop. Further information can be found on the web at [www.joco.gb.net/my-music-oasis-workshop/](http://www.joco.gb.net/my-music-oasis-workshop/)

**Traffic**

There has been yet another bad accident at the New Kingston crossroads with the occupants of both the cars involved needing to be cut free. The interactive signs on the Gotham Road are being connected to mains electricity to improve their reliability.

**Village Ventures**

The Village Hall was full to capacity for the ‘Blast from The Past’ held on 6th February and the show was another great success. A very big thank you to Bob Metcalfe and to the others that help for the work they put in so willingly to arrange these shows and organise the bar and catering etc. Bob will be going to the previews of future Village Ventures shows during March and will place bids for the shows that have the most appeal. We will find out whether these bids have been successful in May and hopefully will then be able to advise that there will be three more shows for your enjoyment during the autumn and winter months.

**Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations**

Bob Metcalfe is pursuing the possibility of having an outdoor celebration event, using the marquee, and including a band and a bar in the grounds of Kingston Hall. The likely date for this is Saturday 11 June 2016 but the event is subject to gaining permission for this. Further details will be provided later.

**Environment**

1. With all the rain we have been having the flower tubs are thriving well unattended, but it will not last, and we are still trying to find a volunteer who is willing to look after these.
2. The repairs to the bollard on the Green remain outstanding and Andrew Brown will be asked to chase Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) to get this work undertaken.
3. Quotes for a survey of the trees on the Green are being received and a decision will be made shortly.
4. There are several new areas around the Parish where daffodils have appeared for the first time and we would like to thank whoever it was that planted these. Some have appeared in the wild flower area so the attention this area needs will now have to wait until these daffodils have died back.
5. As requested NCC have cleared the Gotham Road footway between the Kingston Hall and the bridge over Kingston brook.
6. Materials for renovating the Parish Council notice board at the Village Hall have being obtained. The renovation work will be undertaken when the weather improves.

**St Winifred’s Church**

* The content of the information board has now been finalised and agreed with the Church Wardens. Final quotes for its provision are being requested.
* April is traditionally the time when the butterflies that have hibernated over the winter inside the Church wake up and flock to the windows on sunny days. One window during a morning service last year had seventeen butterflies fluttering on it, a pretty sight against the stained glass window, and the children caught some to take outside and set free in the spring sunshine. This winter has been so mild that one butterfly was flying about during the carol service. The Church is happy to give sanctuary to wildlife and also welcomes people to witness the butterflies and stay for a service. The times of services at Easter, April and May are shown on the leaflet in the Church porch. The morning services are the best time to see the butterflies, the rooks nesting in trees and to appreciate the flowers round the Churchyard.

**Marquee**

Please note that this remains available for hire and anybody wishing to make enquiries should contact Bob Metcalfe (tel 01509 670499). Each of the seven sections measures 30x10ft and any number of sections can be hired. The hire costs £50 per section plus £50 for transport and erection with proceeds going into the village entertainment fund. Heating is also available. Anyone who is able to volunteer to help Bob with the work of erecting and dismantling the marquee for the bookings we have would be very welcomed. This includes the event for the Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebrations.