

Kingston on Soar Parish Newsletter

March 2019

Burns Night Ceilidh

Our first event of the year, a Burns night ceilidh held in January at the Village Hall proved a great success.



The event was well supported by people from the village and a terrific time was had by all those who attended, with lots of dancing and laughter – just the thing to banish those January blues!

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we have decided to make this an annual event. So

make a save a date in your diary for **Saturday 25th January 2020!**

Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Garden Walkabout and Evening Social Event 15th & 16th June

This year's event will take place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June, from 2 – 6pm.

There will be a charity cake stall and plant stall on both days in Kingston on Soar on the Green. If you are able to support the event by opening up your garden, providing cakes, donating plants to sell or just volunteering some time, then please contact Nicole Elders. Nicole.e.elders@gmail.com

There will also be an evening social on Saturday 15th June at Kingston Village Hall, with a band, bar and BBQ.

Final details will come out in the May newsletter. Once again we suggest you save the date in your diaries.

Kingston on Soar Beer Festival 21st & 22nd September

Following the tremendous feedback on the inaugural Kingston on Soar beer festival last September, planning is already underway for this year's event. Equipment has been booked and a range of beers are being sampled for selection! As with last year, there will be a band on the Saturday night.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE HAD TO MOVE THIS TO 21ST AND 22ND SEPTEMBER.



Easter Walk and Service

On Good Friday 19th April there will be a service at Ratcliffe church at 12 noon followed by an Easter Walk starting at 1.00pm from Ratcliffe to Kingston and on to Gotham.

Anybody can join in and walk whatever distance they want. The Easter Day service at Kingston is on 21st April at 11.00am and all the butterflies remaining in the church will be released to the outside world after the service.

Books in the Village Bus Shelter

We have repeated this article in this month's newsletter because there are far too many books being left at the bus shelter.

The village bus shelter has been successfully used for many years as a place for villagers to share their used books. Unfortunately, the shelter has in recent times been overfilled with many unwanted items.

Please leave **good quality books only** and **only if there is space on the shelves** as the seats are still required for people waiting for the bus. Otherwise please take your books to your nearest charity shop who would be happy to have them.

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council Elections take place on 2nd May 2019. Anyone wishing to stand for election as a Parish Councillor in Kingston on Soar should submit a nomination form by 3rd April 2019. We can have a maximum of 7 Councillors (we currently have 6), and an election will only take place if there are more than 7 nominations.

If you would like to stand, nomination forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Website

Apologies if you have recently had difficulty in getting onto the Parish Council website. We have had some technical difficulties and hopefully it will be back up and running by the time you read this!

Snowdrop planting

Thanks to the volunteers who have been planting snow drops in the village green and surrounding areas. These should look great next year.

Spring in Kingston Churchyard

Daffodils are in bloom, other flowers are about to start blooming, a barn owl is roosting in one of the trees near the brook, a badger has been digging up part of the grass looking for worms and butterflies have started flying on the inside of the church windows on sunny days. The churchyard is a good quiet sanctuary for anybody who wants to observe wildlife or just needs a rest from life's stress and the church itself is open for visitors every day from about 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Village Beacon

No decision has yet been made on the future of the beacon currently located in the grounds at Kingston Hall. The beacon failed a recent risk assessment both in terms of its condition and current location. Options are being considered for an alternative siting.

Village Car Park improvements

- Funding is still being sought for the village car park surfacing together with investigating a less expensive specification. In the meantime, as a short term improvement, the current stock piles of gravel will be levelled. Unfortunately, the original pledges of free support to undertake this task have not been forthcoming, and the Council will pay to have the gravel spread.
- A design for a 2m height barrier is being finalised and quotes sought.
- If you witness any antisocial behaviour in the car park or elsewhere in the village, then please report it via the 101 police helpline

Traffic

We have had several instances reported of lorries ignoring the weight restriction signs and driving into the village. If anyone witnesses lorries coming through the village, these can be reported to the County Council via the LorryWatch page on Notts County Council website.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/lorries/report-misuse>

You will need to make a note of:

1. vehicle registration number
2. date of the sighting
3. time of sighting
4. name or number of the road.

Cycling events

We annually receive complaints from villagers about the numerous cycling races that are held around the village. We are once again entering the cycling season and we understand the first event is 17th March.

If you witness inappropriate behaviour please inform your local Parish Councillor.

Planning Applications

Two new planning applications have been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council since the last newsletter as follows:

- Proposal to erect an oak framed shed with log store at The Barn, 4 Manor Farm Court. Ref no. 18/02343/FUL.
- Nottingham University is proposing to construct a new building for the accommodation of calves and associated landscaping. Ref no. 18/02897/FUL.

Marquee for hire

A reminder that 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.

Church Reorganisation

The five churches of Barton, Gotham, Kingston, Ratcliffe and Thrumpton are merging to form one benefice called the A453 Churches of South Nottinghamshire. This is an administrative merger by which one Parochial Church Council will manage all five churches. The services and facilities of the church at Kingston remain unaltered. The merger is expected to take place on 1st June 2019 and a notice has been posted on the church door giving details of the change.

Anyone wishing to see the proposal in detail and make any representation about it will find the papers in the church or by request to the churchwarden, Angie Howard, or the secretary, Graham Grocock. Richard Coleman, our current priest-in-charge, will remain as vicar of the new benefice.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting and will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 7th May 2019 in the village hall. This will be followed by the Parish Council AGM.

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