**Existing Planning Applications:**

Application by 4 Manor Farm for the conversion of the existing garage with new roof lights and flue, erection of store building, and increasing the height of part of the boundary wall to 2.66m has been granted subject to conditions. (Ref: 16/00562/LBC).

Despite our objections, which were supported by both our Borough and County Councillor, the application for the expansion of the University Dairy Centre, Melton Lane has been granted and is going ahead. (Ref:15/02931/FUL).

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.

**Future Meetings**

Parish Council Meetings commence at 7pm and will take place on 5 July, 6 September, 1 November, 10 January, and the 7 March in the Coronation Room at the Village Hall. The date of the next AGM is Tuesday 9 May 2017.

**Your Parish Councillors are:**

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Stuart Dale 24 Kegworth Road 01509 672703

David Fairbanks The Old Rectory 07718804066

 Kingston Fields

Mark Johnson 51 West Leake Lane 0115 983 0316

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**Your Parish Clerk is:**

 Richard Parrey 61 West Leake Lane 0115 983 0730

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**Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic and Barn Dance**

Come and join us on Saturday 11th June in Kingston Hall Paddock under the Parish Council Marquee for a Picnic and Barn Dance to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. The gate will open at 6pm so bring your own picnic, chairs, drink and friends. There will be plenty of room for the children to run around and there will be a soccer goal and basket ball net to keep them happy. The barn dance will start at 7.30pm with the music of the Steve Benford Band and will finish around 10.30pm.

Tickets: Adults £2, Children U12 £1, from Bob Metcalfe 01509 670499 or metcalfe\_robert@hotmail.com Last minuters can pay at the gate. Parking is available in Church Farm Yard - opposite the gate.

**Kingston on Soar Flower Festival**

On Friday 3rd June the Church will be open from 11am till 6pm and afternoon teas will be served at 9 The Green.

On Saturday 4th June the Church will be open from 11am till 6pm and tea/coffee and cake will be available in the Church between 11am and 5pm.

On Sunday 5th June the Church will be open from 11am till 6pm. Afternoon teas will be served at 9 The Green. The Church service will be at 6pm followed by the sale of flowers at 7pm.

**Midsummer Concert at St Winifred’s Church**
Our parish church is featured in the May edition of a publication entitled "Building Conservation".  The editor visited our church in March and was very impressed by the interior of the building, which is a Grade 1 Listed Building. The church is also listed in the book "England's Thousand Best Churches" by Simon Jenkins, although the churches are not ranked so we cannot tell our overall position.  The church is open every day so anybody who wants to look inside and see what inspired these authors can do so.  As an opportunity to see inside,  and also help to maintain our parish church, you are invited to a "Midsummer Concert" (well almost) - an evening of chamber music in St Winifred’s Church, Kingston-on-Soar on Saturday 16th July at 7.30pm. The evening will feature a range of chamber music from Bach to Scott-Joplin and much else besides. Further details and how to obtain tickets will be announced in due course.
**Village Ventures**

David Fairbanks and Bob Metcalfe have attended the review of the acts available for the next season’s Village Ventures and will be making bids for those that they consider will have the most appeal to Parishioners. We will find out whether these bids have been successful in the next few weeks and hopefully will then be able to advise that there will be a further two shows for your enjoyment during the autumn and winter months. Bob has also discovered a very entertaining brass band that will provide a further show later this year.

**Information Board for St Winifred’s Church**

The final quotes that we have received for the provision and installation of this board are considerably higher than the initial estimates we were given. The consideration is that the quotes are excessive so Stuart Dale is exploring the cost of making the board himself including the use of safety glass.

**Waste Recycling in Nottinghamshire**

First of all the bad news that all Nottinghamshire residents who want to use a household Waste Recycling Centre will need to register their vehicle with Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) who manage these sites. If it has not been registered you may not be allowed to use the recycling centre once the scheme is enforced from September of this year. CCTV and automatic number plate recognition equipment is being set up at the recycling centres. You can register your vehicle at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/)recycling-centres but to do this you will, first of all, need to create an account with NCC. The good news is that Nottinghamshire, unlike Leicestershire at Shepshed, has not introduced charges for the disposal of certain waste items including concrete, rubble/hardcore, ceramics, glass, plasterboard/gypsum products and cement bonded asbestos.

**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 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. We have requested Royal Mail to arrange for the refurbishment of the pillar box.

**Internal Auditor**

We are still trying to find a volunteer who would be willing to undertake the role of Internal Auditor for the Parish Accounts with effect from 2017. We are advised that the time this important role takes is around 2 hours each year.

**Village Hall Notice Board**

We would like to thank Stuart Dale for refurbishing the Village Hall Notice Board.

**Road Works**

Works to replace the bridge over the River Soar at Zouch and to increase the height of the bridge over the railway on Station Road are being scheduled to start within the next few months. The re-surfacing of Station Road is also being scheduled for later this year. Cabling has been installed to provide a mains supply to the New Kingston crossroads interactive signs but the final connections are outstanding.