

Kingston on Soar Parish Newsletter

November 2018

First World War Commemorations

On Sunday 11th November commemorations were held across the country to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1.

Unfortunately, the Parish Council's planned lighting of the beacon at Kingston Hall had to be cancelled due to the beacon being in poor condition and failing a health and safety risk assessment.



Instead about forty villagers gathered on the village green to pay their respects, with the Reverend Richard Coleman saying a few words in remembrance of those from the village that gave their lives in the Great War.

Coffee, cake and mulled wine was enjoyed by all afterwards in the village hall.

The future of the beacon will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.



War Graves in Kingston Churchyard

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has started a project to mark the site of all war graves in the UK with a commemorative sign and one will be put up in Kingston churchyard shortly.

Our churchyard contains the graves of two men killed in the Second World War – Air Gunner Ivan Hill of the RAF and Pilot Officer Michael Strutt of the Royal Canadian Air Force. It also contains the grave of an ex-Italian prisoner of war.

Burns Night Ceilidh

We are planning to have a burns night ceilidh on **26th January** in the village hall.

Make a note for your diaries. More details to follow.

453 Churches Cluster Supper

The 453 Churches Cluster Supper was held at 8pm on Friday 12 October in Kingston's Village Hall. Many thanks to the Church Wardens of the 453 churches, who provided an excellent Supper, which was much enjoyed by over fifty people from the five parishes. The meal consisted of a cold buffet followed by numerous desserts such as pavlovas, trifles, fruit flans and a roulade. Afterwards a quiz was held, which was conducted by Ray State of Ratcliffe, and a hamper, chocolates and wine were the prizes awarded to the winners.

Harvest Festival Service

The Harvest Festival took place on Sunday 7 October at St Winifred's Church, when around 70 people attended. The traditional harvest service was conducted by Sonia Hawkins of Gotham. The Rev. Richard Coleman remembered Mr. Norman Beeby and the contribution he had made to the church and village, having been church warden for fifty years. During the service parishioners provided harvest fare, non-perishable goods and toiletries, which were destined to be sent to the Food Bank in Clifton.

After the service a Harvest Supper was held in Kingston's Village Hall, when over 30 people attended. Members of the PCC are thanked for providing a splendid meal consisting of Shepherd's Pie followed by various hot puddings, including fruit crumble and apple sponge. An auction was held to sell off the harvest fruit and vegetables, and £45 was donated to the Food Bank.

Kingston Village Hall – new committee members wanted!

Would you like to contribute to the running of the Village Hall and help ensure this important resource meets the current and future needs of the local community? The Committee is currently looking for one or two new members, in particular someone to fill the role of secretary.

As well as regular bookings such as pilates, table tennis, choir and tai chi, the Hall is well used for parties, village social events, such as the recent Beer Festival and WWI Commemoration Event, parish council and other village meetings.

The role of the Committee is to ensure that the hall is well maintained and continues to thrive as a great resource for the village in future. The Committee usually meet 2 or 3 times a year, always in the evening. So not a big time commitment, more important is your enthusiasm.

If you have spare time or skills and would like to find out more, please contact Caroline Williams caroline.williams65@yahoo.com

Parish Councillor Vacancy

We still have space for one more Parish Councillor. If you have an interest in the welfare of the village and our community and can spare a few hours each month, then please do get in touch.

Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Garden Walkabout

Next year's event will take place on 15 - 16 June. This year £4,507 was raised for good causes. We do hope you can support this event in 2019.

Village Car Park improvements

- The Council are currently seeking quotes to improve the surface of the village car park.
- A proposal has been received requesting that a 2m high barrier be installed at the car park entrance. This would prevent any high sided vehicles or caravans parking in the car park. The Council are considering the proposal and would welcome any views from village residents before the next Parish Council meeting in January. If you would like to share your views on this then please contact a Parish Councillor. Contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

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.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

- 18/02364/FUL 21 West Leake Lane, Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey and single storey side extension.
- 18/01842/FUL Old School House Gotham Road; Demolition of 5no. timber sheds and erection of car port/tractor store with games room over Approved with conditions 21/11/18.

Future Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8th January 2019 in the village hall.

Your Parish Councillors are:

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If you would like to share a news story in the Parish newsletter, please email me on:

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More information is kept on the Parish website:

www.kingston-on-soar-pc.co.uk

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**ON BEHALF OF KINGSTON ON
SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MAY
WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

