



Kingston on Soar Parish Newsletter

November 2020

COVID -19

Once again we sadly find ourselves in lockdown. There is good news on the horizon with the new vaccines being developed and let's just hope these few weeks of lockdown stem the spread of the virus sufficiently to allow some lifting of restrictions in December and especially Christmas.

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>

Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

Following the responses made to the draft Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan proposals, the 5 parish councils in the Gotham ward have decided to continue to work together to prepare for the next round of consultation.

We will keep you informed as more details emerge.

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.

Updates will appear on the Facebook page "What's on in Kingston on Soar".

Cleaning Headstones in the Churchyard

As part of the churchyard maintenance the church want to clean five headstones situated on the left-hand side of the entrance to the churchyard. However, under church law these headstones belong to the family who erected them, and we cannot clean them without the family's permission. In the case of old headstones, where the family no longer visit the churchyard we are obliged to make reasonable efforts to trace them before we can proceed. Accordingly, we ask if anybody knows of any living relatives of the following people:

- Frances Barbara Kirkham, wife of George Kirkham, who died on 11th July 1921;
- William Smith who died on 2nd February 1928 and his wife Sarah Smith who died on 18th January 1959;
- Oliver Bertie Henderson who died on 25th December 1939 and his wife Gertrude May Henderson who died on 6th March 1997;
- Eliza Mary Pont and Annie Maria Pont who died on 10th and 11th March 1883;
- Thomas and Mary Baker whose children Mary and Dora died on 11th and 12th March 1883 and Harold on 25th January 1884.

If anybody knows of any living relatives of any of these people please give the details to Angie Howard, Churchwarden, on angiecraft@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Church Sunday Services

Our church is temporarily closed for Sunday services. This meant that the Remembrance service sadly had to be cancelled but they hope to re-open in time for services in December. A list of service times will be displayed in the church porch, on the Village Hall noticeboard and in the Bus Shelter once they are allowed to open again, so anybody who wants to attend a service and forget about Covid19 and other worries for a time is welcome. There are safety precautions inside the church with people only allowed to sit on alternate pews but a church with seating for one hundred and twenty people has space to accommodate anybody in the village who wants to escape from life's worries. There is no singing allowed currently so you do not even have to worry about a bad voice, just come along and enjoy a quiet reflective service.

You are also welcome to wander around the churchyard or sit in it to enjoy the wildlife and take refuge from the fears caused by worrying too much about matters that may affect you but are beyond your control. The scattered piles of pigeon feathers in the churchyard are left by a sparrowhawk which hunts there regularly; a little owl lives in the churchyard; a kingfisher and little white egret are often seen on the brook, and sometimes barn owls which have bred nearby can be seen in the evening. The churchyard is open all hours but please note that the stile in the fence in the bottom left hand corner of the churchyard, which has been exposed after vegetation was cleared, is not on a footpath and there is no public right of way into the neighbouring field.

Trees on the Green

Following a tree survey, 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.

Quotes for the work have been received and a contractor selected to undertake the work. As the trees have Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) on them, there will be a delay before the work can commence while the relevant application forms are completed, and approval received.

We expect the work to be undertaken early next year. We will be considering in the New Year what should replace them. Your views are welcome.

Thanks to Stuart Dale for his hard work in trying to sort this out.

What 3 Words

What 3 Words is a free to download app that provides a precise location of exactly where you are in the form of 3 words.

In the event of an emergency or breakdown and you needed to phone 999, by using the app the emergency services would be able to pinpoint exactly where you are.

Have a look at the website:

<https://what3words.com/news/emergency/three-words-for-a-faster-emergency-response>

Fitness Classes in Sutton Bonington

LC Fitness in Sutton Bonington have recently started some fitness classes which would be best suited to the older generation or people with known joint injuries.

The classes are chair aerobics and are Sunday at 5pm in Sutton Bonington Village Hall. They are COVID secure and would provide a perfect opportunity for people to get out of the house and meet new people safely whilst also developing their fitness when lockdown ends.

Further details can be found on the website:

www.LCFitnesscoach.co.uk

Future Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7.00 pm subject to coronavirus guidance. Please see our website for updates.

We will be setting the budget for 2021 so if you have identified any particular needs for the village then do let us know.

This is the last newsletter of 2020.

From the Parish Council we wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and hope we all can return to some level of normality in 2021.



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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