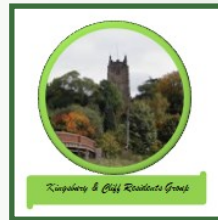


Kingsbury Informed

Kingsbury Village Blossom and Bloom

Members of the Kingsbury and Cliff Residents Group continue to work extremely hard; including ensuring Kingsbury Village environment is maintained, cared for and enhanced. Over the last couple of weeks they have donated a beautiful planter on the Tamworth Road (corner of Ralph Crescent).



To expand on this initiative, both Councillors Debbie Bates and Andy Jenns have had several members of the village enquire about putting additional planters in various locations to build on the 'look' of the village for both our community and visitors.

With this in mind, if you are interested in Sponsoring a planter and/or adopting one to tend and care for it, please drop us an email at: Debbie.bates7@icloud.com.

Charity of Philip Stanyers and Others

With the added expense of Christmas fast approaching, Councillors Andy Jenns and Debbie Bates; alongside other trustees, are reminding anyone living in Kingsbury, Piccadilly, Hurley, or Wood End who is on a limited income and is struggling with the cost of living, that they can apply for a small grant, payable in mid-December, from the local Charity of Philip Stanyers and Others.

Eligibility doesn't depend on any state benefit entitlement but it is necessary to complete a short application form. The charity derives much of its income from the rent on land it owns near Wood End, and as this income is limited the amount of the annual December grants partly depends on the number of applications received. Last year, all successful applicants received £50. The closing date for applications this year is Friday 24th November. For more information, or to request an application form, email stanyers.charity@btinternet.com



Flu and Covid-19 spread more easily in winter and can cause serious illness - please respond when you are invited or to check if you are eligible visit: nhs.uk/seasonalvaccinations.

Get vaccinated to protect yourself and those around you.



A December to Remember Appeal

Our decorated 'December to Remember' donation boxes will be at local venues in November. As previously noted, we do appreciate that the cost of living has impacted on many local residents; however, if you are able to donate wrapping paper, a toy or gift for children from **newborn to 17 years old** as part of the appeal we would be extremely grateful.

Please can we politely request that only **new and/or unused** items are donated. Additionally; should you be able to volunteer some of your valuable time in December, we will be looking for volunteers to assist in wrapping the gifts, so if you can spare an hour or two please do drop us an email: debbie.bates7@icloud.com





Parish Council News

Meeting

The September Parish Council meeting was put back a day in order to avoid a clash with a meeting of the Borough Council. It took place at Bodymoor Heath's Victory Hall where the Councillors discussed the pros and cons of proceeding with work on a Neighbourhood Plan and also received updates from the Finance Committee and a working group tasked with looking at HR matters and the Clerk's appraisal.

It was agreed to award small grants towards the cost of the this year's Piccadilly bonfire and fireworks event, which attracts people from across the parish, and to Bodymoor Heath Victory Hall towards the cost of staging a skittles even-

ing and social event for residents of the village. Two members of the public attended, and before the meeting the police met the parish councillors in private to talk about issues around the parish and to listen to concerns about anti-social behaviour in Kingsbury.

Training

A couple of the Parish Councillors have recently attended a training course to better understand maintenance and safety requirements around children's playground equipment. This will enable them to carry out the weekly visual safety checks on the play equipment in the Coventry Road recreation ground, though the more extensive monthly and annual checks will still need to be undertaken by outside professionals.

'Autumn whispered to the wind. "I fall but will always rise again"'. Angie Weiland-Crosby

**PICCADILLY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION-
CIO**

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS EVENING

SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2023

FIRE LIT AT 6.30PM

FIREWORKS APPROX 7PM

CENTRE OPENS AT 6PM

BAR OPENS AT 6PM

CASH ONLY

DONATIONS MADE BY:

KINGSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
PLANTERS GARDEN CENTRE
ASDA TAMWORTH
SNOW DOME TAMWORTH

**BARBECUE FOOD
SERVED FROM 6PM**

**REFRESHMENTS IN
COMMUNITY CENTRE
FROM 6PM**

**TOMBOLA, RAFFLE
IN THE COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

SEE YOU ALL THERE

SCOUTS

10½ to 14 years

Mondays 7:30pm

Jump in and get muddy.
Give back and get set.
Scouts ignore the butterflies and go
for it, and soon so will you.

email - kingsbury@tamworthscouts.org.uk
www.scouts.org.uk



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Wednesday 29th November 2023

Supporting our charity of the year
Motor Neurone Disease

Lea Marston Hotel, Haunch Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B76 0BY

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £6 each or 3 for £15 includes a welcome drink
(tickets to be purchased in advance)

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:
Sales team Tel: 01675 470468 Option 1



I went to the travel agents to book a family holiday, and the lady asked "where would you like to go?" I replied "Majorca". The lady replied, "idiot its pronounced 'Mallorca'. When are you looking to go she asked". I replied "une or ulry"



Mobile Library

From October the County Council is replacing its existing mobile library vans with new, more environmentally friendly, electric vehicles. There will be fewer of the new vehicles than there were of the old ones, and as a result their visits will be fortnightly rather than weekly.

Kingsbury's final weekly mobile library visit will be on Wednesday 4th October, with the first of the new fortnightly visits on Wednesday 18th October. The library van will be at the White Swan car park from 1.25 pm until 2.10 pm, then at Bromage Avenue, near the primary school, from 2.20 pm until 3.35 pm.



North Warwickshire
Borough Council



Protest

A recent meeting of North Warwickshire Borough Council had to be suspended when it was interrupted by a small number of Just Stop Oil protesters in the public gallery. They were objecting to the Council's court injunction which bans protest at the Kingsbury oil terminals. Another JSO activist had used the public question time to ask a valid question about the cost of the injunction but then walked out of the meeting when he wasn't allowed to ask a further question after the meeting had moved on to the next item of business. Kingsbury's councillors, Debbie Bates and Andy Jenns, joined a number of others in leaving the Council chamber rather than pay any attention to the chanting

Trees



In the previous issue we mentioned the sad loss of the lovely cherry blossom tree at the corner of Mill Crescent.

County Councillor Andy Jenns has now had further meetings with the

council's forestry team and has arranged for the lost tree to be replaced by two new flowering cherries. He also asked the County Council to consider planting some trees on the Coventry Road grass verge where they will be seen when entering the village from Mill Island. This has now been agreed and including those for the corner of Mill Crescent there will be a total of 13 new trees. They will consist of a mixture of Acer campestre Louisa Red Shine, Betula Pubescens, Prunus serrula Tibetica, Sprbus aucuparia Cardinal Royal, and Tilia cordata Rancho.

and banner waving. The meeting resumed after the protesters were eventually removed by the police.

Village Sign

There has recently been some anger in the village about the court injunction paperwork attached to the village sign at the corner of Trinity Road. The papers have been there for several months but they make a prominent part of the village look very untidy. The location was chosen because if there is any breach of the injunction banning protest activity at the oil terminals the Council has to be able to convince the court that the individuals concerned knew, or should have known, that the injunction is in place, and the notices therefore need to be placed at points that might be passed when travelling to the terminal. Councillors Debbie Bates and Andy Jenns agree that this is important but have suggested that the notices could be moved to the start of the Trinity Road bridge where they would not only still be seen by anyone using Trinity Road to reach the oil terminal but also anyone cutting through Pear Tree Avenue.

Updates:

Surgery Change

Our councillor surgery on the **final Friday evening of each month** has been well attended since we launched it in the summer, with as many as 6 or 7 residents dropping in to see us on each occasion. With the winter fast approaching we have now decided to bring the time forward and from this month the surgery will run **from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**. The surgery takes place at the **Sports Hall and Community Centre** in Pear Tree Avenue.

Tai Chi

The time of the Thursday Tai Chi class at the Welcome Hall, Barlow Court is changing next week. From **12th October** the start time will be **10.00 am**. This provides gentle exercise suitable for all abilities, costing £5.00 per session. For more information contact: Sarah on 0797 576 9038 or sarah.taylor@sky.com

Achray

The Borough Council has approved the formal addresses of the three new houses currently under construction on Coventry Road, at the site of the former bungalow known as Achray. The properties will be numbers 1, 2 and 3 Achray, Coventry Road, Kingsbury.

Planning Application

The Borough Council Planning Board has voted to turn down the latest application for a gypsy residence and caravans at the site in Cliff known as The Willows.

Useful Contact Details:

Warwickshire Police:

- nwe.snt@warwickshire.police.uk
- www.warwickshireconnected.com

North Warwickshire Borough Council:

- Phone - (01827) 715341
- Email - customerservices@northwarks.gov.uk
- Website - (Main Home Page) www.northwarks.gov.uk

Kingsbury Parish Council:

- Email - clerk@kingsbury-pc.gov.uk or kingsburypc@outlook.com
- Website - www.kingsbury-pc.gov.uk

Local Facilities & Services:

- Pear Tree Surgery - 01827 872 755
- Lloyds Pharmacy - 01827 874 927
- Kingsbury Water Park - 01827 872 660
- Kingsbury Sports & Community Centre - Email: enquiries@kscuk.org or Telephone: 01827 872 330
- Kingsbury Methodist Church - Email: info.kingsburymethodist@gmail.com
- Cliff Lakes - Call or email on 01827 230 656 / hello@cliff lakes.co.uk
- Samaritans - Telephone: 116 123
- Warwickshire County Council - Mental Health and Wellbeing: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth
- North Warwickshire Citizens Advice - Website: <http://www.nwcab.org.uk> Email: advice@nwcab.org.uk or Telephone: 0808 250 5715

What's On...



* There are a variety of clubs and social activities throughout the week for all ages and abilities, for full details email: ianj@kscuk.org



* **Kingsbury History Society** - To research and record the history of Kingsbury and its environs. Email carole.haines92@btinternet.com.

* **Coffee Morning** every **Tuesday 11:00 - 13:00** (Welcome Hall rear of the Methodist Church).



* Kingsbury Leisure Centre, located within Kingsbury School. Enquiries to: **01827 875 501 or kingsburylesure@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk**



* Do you want to make new friends and help support our local 'Clean-Up Group' along the way? Why not join our litter pick group. If you could spare some of your valuable time please email debbie.bates7@icloud.com.



* Do you enjoy knitting or crochet, or would you just like to have a cupper and chat. If so why not join the **Knit and Natter** group at Jubilee Court every Monday @10:30am, just £1.50 with Tea/Coffee, biscuits and great company.



* Halloween Party: **28th October, 6:30pm** till late - spooky Halloween disco, prizes for scariest children and adults



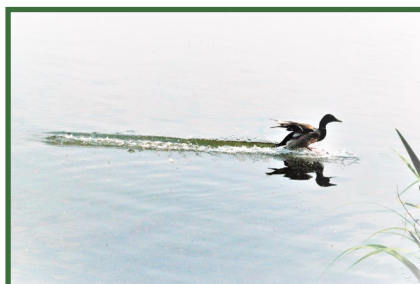
* Visit Middleton Hall and Gardens and join them for an evening of spooky family fun exploring the haunted hall by candlelight! **28th and 31st October— 6 pm till 9 pm.** Call 01827 283 095 or visit Middleton-hall.co.uk for more details and tickets.



* October Half-Term Adventure, **28th October to 5th November.** Autumn crafts, spooky train rides, tasty campfire treats, woodland den building and so much more. For more information and to secure your child's spot visit: <https://bit.ly/3rhMtqG> or call 01827 872 660

Through The Eye of A Lense.

Taken by: Mark Hayes



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