

Kingsbury Informed

Fly-Tipping

Kingsbury has recently seen an increase in local residents leaving unwanted household items; such as fridge freezers on public pathways, which is causing an issue of fly-tipping. The illegal dumping of waste, or fly tipping, is a big problem in rural areas like North Warwickshire. The Borough Council prosecutes offenders when there is sufficient evidence and is now investing in new Artificial Intelligence enabled mobile cameras which can be moved to problem locations around the area. The cameras are activated only when suspicious activity occurs, meaning the batteries last much longer. Images are stored remotely, in the Cloud, so that evidence isn't lost even if the cameras themselves are stolen, as was often the case with the older cameras.

Fly-tipping is taken very seriously by North Warwickshire Borough Council, and anyone caught or identified as the owner of dumped rubbish will be prosecuted and fined. Should anyone have any unwanted bulky items that they wish to dispose of, please use the bulky waste disposal service who will collect large or bulky items from households within the North Warwickshire area for a small charge; £29 for up to five items, £6 for each additional item (maximum three). To access this service and to view a full list of what can, and what cannot be collected, please visit: www.northwarks.gov.uk - Bulky Collections.

Brian Moss



Brian is well known in the village having represented Kingsbury on the Parish Council and at North Warwickshire Borough Council for over 40 years, only standing down due to ill health at the election

earlier this year.

Brian was twice Mayor of North Warwickshire, one of only two councillors in the history of the Borough to hold the position more than once. Between 2005 and 2017 he also represented Kingsbury on Warwickshire County Council.

Brian is a former teacher and is fondly remembered by many of his pupils, some of whom remain regularly in touch. At the start of his career he taught in Africa and still has many friends there, often returning to see them over the years. He tells fascinating tales of cycling alone through the African bush, and also has many interesting stories of his frequent travels in Eastern Europe.

Andy Jenns, who took over from Brian as Kingsbury's County Councillor, and local Parish Councillor Val Barker, an old friend, recently visited Brian at Bentley House Care Centre near Atherstone where his recovery from a stroke is continuing. He remains very interested in all that is happening in Kingsbury and sends best wishes to his many friends and acquaintances. He says he is always pleased to have visitors, so why not pop by and say hello.

Mental Wellbeing

Sometimes, regardless of our best efforts to look after our mental wellbeing, life can impact our mental health in ways we cannot always manage on our own. The stresses and strains of everyday life can influence us all in different ways.

If you find you are struggling to manage your mental wellbeing there is specialist help and support available, please speak to your GP initially or contact a local support group or organisations. For a full list please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth>



Kingsbury Water Park Food Festival

What a great family day out, it was wonderful to see so many friendly faces from the village enjoying the good weather, good food and good vibes.



Heart of Tamworth Firewalk 2023

On Saturday 24th June 2023, our very own Martina Kelly joined other brave volunteers to support the Heart of Tamworth Community Project by daring a Firewalk to raise much needed funds for the charity.

The charity who work with people living in Tamworth and surrounding areas deliver practical support to people experiencing ill health, addiction, bereavement, homelessness, financial worries and loneliness - Well done Martina! To find out more about this amazing charity visit www.heartoftamworth.org. You can also donate at: [Martina Kelly is fundraising for Heart of Tamworth Community Project \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/HeartofTamworthCommunityProject)



Phoenix Dementia Support Group



Residents of Kingsbury may have seen the posters in the Parish Notice Board and Lloyds pharmacy about the North Warwickshire Phoenix Dementia Support Group. This Group is a charity totally funded through donations and grants, and wholly run by volunteers.

The Acting Chair of the Group, Phil Knight, is a Kingsbury resident and says that even though there is no cure for dementia that shouldn't stop anyone living well with the disease. The Phoenix Dementia Support Group meets every Tuesday at Wood End Working Men's Club and is regularly attended by around 40 members, some from Kingsbury, and currently ages range from 60 to 98. Membership of the Group is open to anyone with dementia, more importantly their carers and anyone who has lost a loved one to this terrible disease.

Each week Group members have the opportunity to make friends, discuss each other's experiences of living with dementia, join in a quiz, have a go at a wordsearch and enjoy a light lunch. After lunch they usually have entertainment in the form of singers, ukelele bands, line dancing, Tai Chi or talks from organisations such as Age UK and the Alzheimer's Society. The Group also takes members out for meals at various times through the year and tries to have two coach trips a year. The latest trip was on 20th June when they went to the West Midlands Safari Park where they enjoyed a tour of the park and a two-course lunch before having a Group photograph taken.

Should anyone want to know more about the Group they are invited to call Phil Knight on 07800-563690, or have a look at their website: www.phoenixgroup-nwarks.org.uk

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together" Vincent Van Gogh



Kingsbury 1st Pre-school Ltd

Kingsbury 1st Pre-School have had much to celebrate over the last few months in March they celebrated getting another good grading from Ofsted and a glowing Ofsted report and in June they received the news that once again they have been awarded the WInCKs kite mark by the local authority. The Warwickshire Inclusion Kite-marking Scheme WInCKS has been developed to recognise and celebrate high quality enhanced SEND provision in settings. This award celebrates good practice in conjunction with Ofsted. Only a handful of settings across Warwickshire have been awarded the kite mark so they are delighted that their inclusive practice has been recognised once again.

The pre-school is currently full, but they have places available from September for 2, 3 & four year olds. They are based in Kingsbury Primary School making for a smooth transition into school and offer a secure and nurturing environment where children flourish through play-based learning.

For more information contact us:

Email - kingsburyplaygroup@welearn365.com

Telephone - 01827 870488

Website <https://kingsbury1stpreshool.chessck.co.uk/>

Mrs Mason's Master Quiz

A huge thank you to Mrs J Mason who has kindly volunteered to do a monthly Newsletter Quiz - How many can you answer?

1. What are baby rabbits called?
2. What is the chemical symbol for gold?
3. What is the minimum speeding fine in the UK?
4. What is the capital of Germany?
5. Who played Jane Tennison in the 1991 TV drama prime suspect
6. What year did Margaret Thatcher become prime minister?
7. What woman is buried next to Prince Albert at Frogmore cottage?
8. Can you solve the riddle of the Sphinx? What walks on 4 legs in the morning 2 in the afternoon 3 in the evening and non at night?
9. Who wrote James bond?
10. Who painted the scream?

New Chapters

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all pupils who have recently completed their studies in Year 6 and Year 11, at both Kingsbury Primary, and Kingsbury High School. We would like to also wish them all the very best with their SATs and GCSE results; along with their future education and/or careers - you should all be very proud of yourselves. **Please** share any pictures and stories with us for our August Newsletter - Debbie.bates7@icloud.com



Bus Service

When the bus operator withdrew the commercially operated routes serving Kingsbury and nearby villages, the County Council stepped in to fund the replacement services we now have.

County Councillor Andy Jenns is aware that these buses aren't always reliable, with complaints about them sometimes not turning up on time or even not showing at all. As the bus services are subsidised by Council Tax payers at considerable cost Andy is keen to report any incidents of poor service and will be pleased to hear from local passengers who experience any problems. You can email details to him at andy.jenns@aol.co.uk



Parish Council

Date Change

June's Parish Council meeting took place at the Victory Hall in Bodymoore Heath. Meetings are open to the public and on this occasion two people were present to listen to the discussions.

The July meeting will be at Jubilee Court in Kingsbury and has now been brought forward to the 20th due the Chair having a clash of commitments on the original date. There will be no meeting in August.

Neighbourhood Plan

Parish Councillors have agreed to look closely at the possibility of developing a Neighbourhood Plan and will be seeking advice on the way forward from the planning professionals at the Borough Council.

Producing a Neighbourhood Plan takes a lot of work over a long period of time, and is even more complicated in a Parish, like Kingsbury, made up of a number of different villages, but having a plan and getting it adopted by the Borough Council would

Education Strategy Survey

Kingsbury residents are being encouraged to join people from across the county in sharing their views on Warwickshire's Education Strategy for 2024 to 2030. The council is reviewing its existing strategy and seeking views on whether the proposed principles and priorities are the right ones to inform the direction of travel on education until 2030. The survey can be found on-line at: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/education-strategy-2023-2030/>

Supporting Biodiversity



one for every Warwickshire resident.

The Council has also created its own tree nursery to help meet the demand for saplings. Last year 20,000 acorns were planted there.

carry some weight when planning decisions affecting the Parish are made.



North Warwickshire
Borough Council

Boundary Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission is starting a review of the Borough Council's ward boundaries which could see changes to the number electoral wards and the size of the areas each councillor represents after the next Borough Council election in four years time.

Boundary reviews are a legal requirement and often take place after every third set of elections. However, it has been longer than that since North Warwickshire's boundaries were looked at and the current review is therefore overdue.

You Said, We Did...

- A) Keep Informed - Alongside the Newsletter and Facebook pages we have put together an 'In Touch Leaflet' which will be published and hand-delivered over the next couple of weeks.
- B) Many people have expressed difficulties in accessing the new Newsletter electronically. We will therefore be printing out some paper copies and will leave them in local businesses for you to pick up for free if you require a paper copy.

Cllr Surgery

Reminder that Councillor Surgery will take place at Kingsbury Sports & Community Centre in Pear Tree Avenue, on Friday 28th July 2023. Cllr Andy Jenns and Cllr Debbie Bates will be there from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Please feel free to drop in to discuss any council-related matters, you do not need to make an appointment.

Housing Related Support

We have had a couple of enquires related to housing over the last couple of weeks.

If you have enquires relating to registering for housing, repairs, neighbour disputes and/or require assistance with cost of living - rent or council tax, please contact your housing provider in the first instance.

Alternatively please visit North Warwickshire Borough Council at: www.northwarks.gov.uk/info/20001/housing, for additional information and signposting.

Useful Contact Details:

Warwickshire Police:

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

North Warwickshire Borough Council:

- Phone - (01827) 715341
- Email - customerservices@north-warks.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@cliffakes.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

Get In Touch:

Do you have a news story you would like to share or a community event, if so drop us an email for consideration in our next Newsletter.

Email: Debbie.bates7@icloud.com

What's On - What's Local...

As a community we are very fortunate to have many amazing community groups and organisations right on our 'doorstep'; as well as the added value and benefit of living in a lovely village with beautiful surroundings. Therefore; what better way to reduce social isolation, make connections and memories with family and friends, or access support to improve our Health and Wellbeing than by joining any of the amazing opportunities and events:



- * **Pachamama Yoga:** Roots on **Tuesday's** and Bloom on **Thursday's**
- * **Badminton** on **Monday's** and **Friday's**
- * **Tae Kwondo** on **Tuesday's** and **Friday's**
- * **Epic Dance Academy** on **Tuesday** evenings
- * **Baby Bloom** Classes on **Wednesdays**
- * **Junior Football** on **Wednesday's**
- * Lucie Marcus **Dance Class** on **Wednesday's**
- * Babbs Mill **Basketball** Club on **Sunday's**
- * **Wood Turners** Monthly Club on a **Sunday** once a month



Kingsbury
WATER PARK

- * Heartbreak Productions are coming to Kingsbury Water Park for a wonderful outdoor performance of David Walliams' Bad Dad on **Wednesday 19th July 2023, 6pm** - Get your tickets: <https://bit.ly/44uA9VF>



- * **Kingsbury History Society** - To research and record the history of Kingsbury and its environs. Email carole.haines92@btinternet.com.
- * **Coffee Morning** every **Tuesday 11am - 1pm** (Welcome Hall.)
- * **Tai-Chi**, every **Thursday at 1:00pm**. £5.00 per session. This is a vey aimed at supporting individuals through gentle movement and is suitable for beginners or people with disabilities. For more information please contact Sarah: 07975 769 038 / sarah.taylor@sky.com



- * Jigsaw Lending Library: Do you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles? There is now a free jigsaw lending library at the Old Stables in Kingsbury Churchyard on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday every month. Just drop in, between 11am & 1pm.
- * Services are held at St Peter and St Paul Church, Kingsbury, at 11am on the **2nd and 4th Sunday** of every month. All are warmly welcome.



- * Leisure Centre/Swimming Pool, located in Kingsbury High School. Enquiries: **01827 875 501 / Kingsburylesure@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk**



- * We are till looking for volunteers for our littler picking group. If you could spare a couple of hours and would like to help us get the group back up and running please email debbie.bates7@icloud.com.



- * Do you enjoy knitting or crochet, or would you just like to have a cuppa 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.

Quiz Answers:

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| 1. Kits | 6. 4th May 1979 |
| 2. AU | 7. Queen Victoria |
| 3. £100 | 8. Man (4 baby, crawling, 2 standing, 3 with a stick and 0 deceased) |
| 4. Berlin | 9. Ian Fleming |
| 5. Helen Miriam | 10. Edvard Munch |