

Kingsbury Informed



Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of 'Kingsbury Informed', a village newsletter with local news and stories.

Local Elections



Thank you to everyone who voted for us on 4th May. It is a tremendous honour to represent the village where we live and have raised our families, and we are both very grateful to have been elected to the Borough and Parish councils. We will always strive to put the interests of Kingsbury and its residents ahead of party politics.



North Warwickshire West Safer Neighbourhood Team

PCSO Smith and PCSO Beale from Coleshill SNT have been conducting high visibility school parking patrols at Kingsbury Primary School. Parents/Carers who had parked illegally were spoken to and moved on to find a more appropriate parking space.

Please remember to park sensibly and safely when collecting children from school!

Rule 243 of the Highway code - **DO NOT** stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles in front of an entrance to a property on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities Except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

Please Park safely and responsibly!



Random Acts of Kindness

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you" Princess Diana

Marley

A local dog walker was enjoying her afternoon walk when her 11 year old Cocker Spaniel 'Bobby' decided to take a swim and leapt into the water.

Unfortunately, despite the owner's attempts, Bobby was unable to get back up the bank and to safety as it was too steep. Without hesitation Marley, aged 13 years old; who was walking his own dog at the time, offered to help the dog owner and laid down on the bank to rescue Bobby, bringing him out of the water unhurt. Caroline, Marley's mother heard about what her son had done and said *"he told me what had happened when he got home and he was just happy that he could help, I am so proud of him, he really is a great lad"*. Well done Marley!

Co-op Shopping

Whilst doing some shopping at the Co-op a customer witnessed that an elderly gentleman was attempting to pay for his groceries; however, despite several attempts there was a problem with the card payment machine which caused confusion for the gentleman.

With this another customer stepped forward; and without a second thought, paid for the gentleman's shopping in full. Whoever you are, as a village we are all touched by your kindness and generosity.



Parish Council News



Councillor Jean Thomas
Chair of Kingsbury Parish Council
2023/2024

The Parish Council held its annual meeting on 18th May 2023, at Piccadilly Community Centre. Councillor Jean Thomas was appointed Chair for the coming year, and Councillor Debbie Bates was made Vice Chair.

The law says that parish councils must meet at least four-times per year (an annual meeting and a minimum of three ordinary meetings). However, some of the smaller parish councils do hold only a few meetings each year, but Kingsbury Parish Council normally meets 10 times, meeting monthly except in August and December. All meetings are open to members of the public with the next meeting scheduled to take place on 29th June 2023

The Parish Council manages the Coventry Road recreation ground, including the play equipment and adult gym equipment, and is also responsible for local bus shelters and various benches.

It provides grit bins, dog waste bins, and some litter bins. It also owns and looks after the local defibrillator machines and is a statutory consultee in relation to local planning applications as well as being consulted by the Borough and County Councils on a range of other matters. It operates a small community grants fund and parish councillors are also custodian trustees of Hurley Village Hall.

The elected Councillors at the Parish Council:

- Kingsbury Cllr Carol Ayasamy
- Kingsbury Cllr Val Barker
- Kingsbury Cllr Debbie Bates (Vice Chair)
- Kingsbury Cllr Andy Jenns
- Kingsbury Cllr Margaret Moss

- Wood End Cllr Hayden Phillips
- Wood End Cllr Alexander Phillips

- Piccadilly Cllr Ian Thomas

- Bodymoor Heath Cllr Jean Thomas (Chair)

- Hurley Cllr John Given
- Hurley Cllr Owen Phillips

“The Smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention” Oscar Wilde

Saving Tips

With the impact of the increasing cost of living on many households in and around the village, we have put together some cost-saving tips for you to consider.

Should you need any further information, advice or support please visit:

- www.nwcab.org.uk
- www.helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk
- www.northwarks.gov.uk and search ‘Cost of Living Help’

	Potential Saving per year	Additional Information
TURN YOUR COMBI BOILER FLOW TEMPERATURE DOWN TO 60°C	£100	Flow temperature is the temperature of the water that your boiler sends to radiators. If you are over 65, or have pre-existing health conditions, you may want to set a slightly higher flow temperature of 65°C to ensure your home warms more quickly.
TURNING DOWN YOUR RADIATORS IN ROOMS YOU AREN'T USING OR USE LESS	£70	When you're not using rooms, turn radiator valves down to between 2.5 and 3 (roughly 18°C). While you are using a room, increase the temperature to a comfortable level by turning the valve up. Turning off radiators completely in rooms you are not using is less energy efficient as this means your boiler must work harder to increase the temperature again than if kept at a low setting. People over 65, children under 5 and those with pre-existing health conditions are more vulnerable to cold temperatures. Make sure you are warm enough and have a minimum indoor temperature of 18°C to ensure you protect your health.
TURN APPLIANCES OFF AT THE SOCKET	£70	Almost all electrical appliances in your home, such as computers, televisions, smart devices, and video game consoles, draw power continuously unless unplugged.
WASH CLOTHES AT A LOWER TEMPERATURE	£40	Most washing machines can clean clothes effectively at lower temperatures. Changing from 40°C to 30°C means you could get 3 cycles instead of 2 using the same amount of energy.
USE YOUR TUMBLE DRYER LESS	£70	Tumble dryers are one of the most energy-intensive devices in the home. Use your tumble dryer less frequently or use a clothes airer to dry clothes outside, or inside with a window open for ventilation. Also avoid overfilling your dryer as this could lengthen the drying time.
CLOSE ALL CURTAINS AND BLINDS AT NIGHT	£40	By closing your curtains and blinds, you can help stop warm air escaping through windows and reduce heating costs, especially if you have radiators situated below your windows.
FIX DRAUGHTS	£60	Draught-proofing is one of the cheapest and most effective actions you can take to stop or prevent heat escaping and reduce your energy bills. Block unwanted gaps around windows, doors, chimneys, and floors that let the cold air in and warm air out.
SWITCH TO ENERGY SAVING LIGHT BULBS	£55	Standard or incandescent light bulbs are very inefficient. By switching to energy efficient bulbs, such as LEDs, you can save money on your energy bills while keeping your rooms well lit. LED lightbulbs also last longer than traditional bulbs, saving on maintenance costs.
INSULATE YOUR HOT WATER CYLINDER/TANK	£70	If you have a hot water tank, you can invest in a hot water cylinder jacket, available in most hardware shops and online. It reduces the amount of heat the cylinder loses and keeps water hot for longer, making them more efficient and cheaper to use.
INSTALL ROOF AND LOFT INSULATION	£355	Loft insulation is one of the most straightforward ways to increase insulation in your home. If you don't have any, adding 270mm thickness could save you £355 a year. If you already have 120mm, increasing to 270mm could save you £35 a year.
UPGRADE TO MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES		Electrical appliances such as fridges, freezers, washing machines, dishwashers and TVs have an energy rating A-G, A being high and G low. A higher rating means the device is more energy efficient. The efficiency labelling on appliances allows you to compare models by how much electricity they use. For example, upgrading from a C rated washing machine to an A rated could reduce the energy you use to wash your clothes by 25%.



Standing Down

For the last two years Andy has served on the County Council cabinet, with responsibility for Customer Services, Human Resources, and Business Transformation.

However, he has decided to stand down from the role as he felt he was spending too much time dealing with matters relating to the running of the Council when he would rather concentrate on representing the Kingsbury Division, which is what he was elected to do.

No Name Change

Recent proposals by the County Council to change the name of Kingsbury Water Park to



North Warwickshire Borough Council

Borough Council

At the Borough Council, Debbie will be serving on the Planning and Development Board, and has also been made Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Working Party. Andy will Chair the Licensing Committee and will serve on the Community and Environment Board and also the Council's Special Sub Group which deals with staffing and organisational matters.

Coronation Grants

Before the recent election, the Borough Council set up a small grants fund to support street parties and other celebrations of the King's Coronation. These had to pass a two stage approval process. First, they went to the relevant local Ward councillors for vetting before all the applications from across the whole of North Warwickshire were considered by small group of councillors which included the Chair and Vice Chair of the Community & Environment Board.

There were six applications from Kingsbury. Andy was happy to agree them all and was pleased that all six then went on to make it through the final approval process.

Kingsbury Country Park have been dropped after Andy complained about Council Officers coming up with the idea without consulting either himself or local people.

He said he thought it would be a waste of money and told the officers that Parish councillors and local residents he had spoken to had reacted angrily to the idea.

Wheel Chair Ramps

Following ongoing concerns raised by wheelchair and mobility scooter users, Andy is pushing the County Council to instal a series of tactile dropped kerbs in Pear Tree Avenue to make it easier for residents with impaired mobility to reach the doctors surgery.

The work has been agreed in principle but final plans and a time scale are still awaited. Andy is therefore arranging for officers from County Highways to visit and see for themselves the urgency of the problem. One mobility scooter user says that he currently has to travel on the road due to difficulty managing the high kerbs.

Planning Applications

Local people may be interested in a couple of Kingsbury planning applications currently under consideration by North Warwickshire Borough Council.

Application Number One - Ref No - PAP/2023/0191:

Application for a gypsy residence on the site known as The Willows at Cliff. A number of similar planning applications at the site, which falls within the green belt, have previously been refused by the Council.

Application Number Two - Ref No - PAP/2023/0185:

Application proposal awaiting a decision for alterations to the car park at the rear of the Co-op. The landscaped area would be reduced so that some of the parking spaces can be realigned and the car park entrance widened to make it easier for delivery vehicles. The number of parking spaces would remain the same.

To review/comment on either of these applications visit the Planning Pages of the Borough Council Website.

You Said, We Did...

- a) During our local election campaign in May 2023, we promised to keep you all up to date on relevant information. To achieve this we will publish a monthly Newsletter; 'Kingsbury Informed', with issue one being published in June 2023. If you have any news stories, events or updates that you would like to share with fellow members of Kingsbury village please drop us an email at Debbie.bates7@icloud.com.
- b) In addition to the Newsletter we also both have new dedicated Facebook Group's to share updates and for local community members to contact us directly. Please feel free to join our groups via Facebook at Councillor Debbie Bates and Councillor Andy Jenns.
- c) Do you have a local issue you would like to discuss with us, if so as promised; if elected, we would hold a monthly drop-in Councillor surgery, and we're pleased to announce that we've arranged to hire a room at the Kingsbury Sports & Community Centre in Pear Tree Avenue. We will be there between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm on the final Friday of every month, starting Friday 28th July. Please feel free to drop in to discuss any council-related matters, or even just to say hello. We will always be pleased to see you, and you do not need to make an appointment. Alternatively, please don't hesitate to get in touch at any time.

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@kscck.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

What's On...



- * Pachamama Yoga: Roots on **Tuesday's** and Bloom on **Thursday's**
- * Badminton on **Monday's** and **Friday's**
- * Tae Kwando 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

For full details email: ianj@kscck.org



Kingsbury
WATER PARK

- * **Food Festival** with around 60 incredible food and drink traders, this free to enter festival will definitely wet your appetite and will also have, children's activities, and live music. **Sunday 25th June 2023, 10am - 5pm**
- * **Artisan Market** a day of arts, crafts, and locally produced goods, from beautifully handcrafted jewelry to intricate woodwork and stunning paintings, a fantastic variety of products on offer to browse and purchase. All items have been sourced from local artisans and producers, giving you a unique opportunity to support and celebrate the talents of our community. **Saturday 1st July 2023, 10am - 4pm**



- * **Kingsbury History Society** - To research and record the history of Kingsbury and its environs. Email carole.haines92@btinternet.com.
- * Kingsbury Methodist Church **Coffee Morning** every **Tuesday 11:00 - 13:00** at the Welcome Hall (rear of the Methodist Church). Open to the whole community to make friends and enjoy each others company.
- * **Table-Top Sale**, Saturday **8th July 2023, 11:00am - 3:00pm**, to book a table call Rose: 07527 931 542 or Dawn: 07894 800 508.



- * Cliff Lakes is home to a variety of fun-filled activities, and is one of the UK's biggest Aqua Parks! For more information and full details about specific activities and to see what's new for 2023, why not visit their website www.cliffakes.co.uk



- * Kingsbury Leisure Centre provides the community with the use of leisure facilities and activities, located within Kingsbury School, Tamworth Road. Enquiries to: **01827 875 501** or Kingsburyleisure@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk



- * Do you want to make new friends and help support our local 'Clean-Up Group' along the way? Prior to Covid-19 our group met on a regular basis to carry out litter picking across the village, something we would like to reignite. 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.

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.

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