

Kingsbury Informed

A December to Remember Toys and Gift Appeal



please do drop us an email: debbie.bates7@icloud.com

Charity of Philip Stanyers and Others

A gentle reminder that anyone living in Kingsbury, Piccadilly, Hurley, or Wood End who is on a limited income and is struggling with the cost of living, 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 closing date for applications this year is **Friday 24th November**. For more information, or to request an application form, email: stanyers.charity@btinternet.com

Our 'December to Remember' initiative is underway. Donation boxes have been placed in **The White Swan Public House, The Royal Oak Public House, Jays Food and Wine Store, Atlantic Fish Bar and Kingsbury Village Store** (previously A&D).

As previously noted, we do appreciate that the cost of living is difficult for 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

Speed Watch

The community speed watch groups are a valued part of our communities. They take time out of their lives to help make our communities safe on the roads. If you would like to sign up to be a member of your local speed watch group, email nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk



We are looking to set up a speed watch group in Kingsbury. If you would like to put your name forward to be trained, please email the above email address. We will be looking to get volunteers trained in November, so apply now so you don't miss your chance!



Sad Loss



We were very sad to learn of the passing of a popular local resident and parish councillor, Carol Ayasamy, who died following a short illness on the morning of 31st October 2023.

Carol came to Kingsbury in 1980 and had many friends in the village. She played a huge part in the life of the community as an active member of the local WI, serving on the Pear Tree Surgery Patient Participation Group, helping establish the Kingsbury and Cliff Residents Group; of which she was Chair, and serving as a Parish Councillor for many years, being re-elected as recently as May this year. Carol had also been a candidate at Borough Council elections on a number of occasions. Reunited with her much loved husband, Michael, sadly passed away in February this year.





Parish Council News

Presentation



Ahead of their last monthly meeting Parish Councillors had a presentation from the main HS2 contractor, Balfour Beatty Vinci, about the changes taking place following the recent announcement of the cancellation of phase 2 of the rail project. For example, the phase 2 Eastern leg which would have impacted Kingsbury has now been scrapped. However, the Kingsbury Road works complex off the A4097 near Lea Marston, which is part of HS2 Phase 1, will continue to operate.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service's Visit



A number of Parish Councillors recently visited the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service's Training and Development Centre based at the site of the former Outdoor Education Centre in Bodymoore Heath. They were made very welcome and were able to watch newly recruited retained fire fighters from across Warwickshire taking part in training exercises. The councillors and parish clerk met the staff who work at the TADC, were shown inside the sites' dry smoke house, had an opportunity to operate a powerful fire hose, and joined in handling the computer simulation of an emergency situation.



'The only impossible journey is the one you never begin'. Tony Robbins

Police Survey



Residents of Kingsbury and the rest of North Warwickshire are invited to take part in a new survey launched by Warwickshire's Police and Crime Commissioner to understand people's priorities for policing and community safety in the year ahead and how these should be funded.

The 'Your Police, Your Views' survey forms an important part of the budget setting process for Warwickshire Police with the responses gathered helping to inform any changes that may be made to the police element of the Council Tax. The Police Commissioner wants to understand people's personal experience of crime and anti-social behaviour and how police are performing in the county - what is going well, what needs to be improved and how the police should prioritise what they do to make sure it matches what local people feel is important.

With Kingsbury currently experiencing an upsurge in anti-social behaviour this is a valuable opportunity for village residents to make their thoughts known. The survey runs until Friday 22nd December and can be found online at www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/yourviews/. Paper copies are also available on request by contacting the Commissioner's office on 01926 733523 or writing to: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, 3 Northgate Street, Warwick, CV34 4SP.

THE ROYAL OAK

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

AND FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER FROM 12PM

GIFTS IDEAS FOR EVERYONE WITH FESTIVE FOOD & DRINKS

PLUS...LIVE MUSIC, FACE PAINTING, BOUNCY CASTLE & MUCH MORE.

BRINGING THE FESTIVAL COMMUNITY SPIRIT BACK TO KINGSBURY



More Bins

A couple of years ago many of the litter and dog waste bins in Kingsbury Water Park were removed in a bid to encourage people to take their rubbish home, an idea that was surely unlikely to work and would, if anything, lead to more littering. It was a management decision that was not supported by local County Councillor Andy Jenns or by the park's ranger team who have to deal with the consequences of littering. However, common sense has now prevailed and the Park is to have a number of new bins to replace some of those previously removed.

Trees

Two replacements for the much loved



North Warwickshire
Borough Council



ASB

Antisocial behaviour remains a problem in the village and the Borough Council has now established a multi-agency group consisting of police officers, the fire service, the village's Borough Councillors, professionals from across a range of both Borough and County Council services, and a representative from the Parish Council. The group is meeting regularly to coordinate ways of tackling the problem. The police ask that anyone witnessing antisocial behaviour call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency situation.

cherry blossom tree which had to be removed earlier this year have now been planted near the corner of Mill Crescent, along with some additional new trees along Coventry Road where they will be seen when entering the village from Mill Island.



Many people have commented favourably about the new planting. A few additional



trees are still to be planted on Coventry Road but have been delayed by the builders of the 3 new houses due to parking on the verge. The County Council have spoken to the builders and are considering action to prevent the parking.

Dog Fowling

One of the most common complaints councillors hear from residents of Kingsbury concerns dog owners failing to clean up when their pets foul in public areas. Such behaviour is completely unnecessary as the ordinary litter bins as well as the dedicated dog waste bins around the village can be used to dispose of bagged waste.

Now the Borough Council is proposing to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to help prevent such anti-social behaviour across the borough. It would allow the Council to issue offenders with a £100 penalty notice, or a fine of up to £1000 if they are taken to court. Prior to making a PSPO, the Council must be satisfied that the activity the order seeks to prohibit is having, or is likely to have, a detrimental affect on the quality of life of those in the locality and is, or is likely to be, persistent or unreasonable in nature, and one method of ascertaining whether a PSPO is necessary is through a public consultation. The Council is therefore running a consultation which can be found on the North Warwickshire Borough Council website until 8th December.

Updates:

Surgery Change

A reminder that our councillor surgery will take place on the **final Friday evening of each month from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**. The surgery takes place at the **Sports Hall and Community Centre** in Pear Tree Avenue.

Grants

Earlier this year the Warwickshire County Councillors' small Grants Fund made awards totalling over £318,000 to community groups across the County, and a second round of applications is now open for bids. This year Kingsbury's Andy Jenns is one of the County Councillors who has a small amount remaining in the fund and he will welcome applications from locally based community groups before the closing date of 5pm on Sunday 26th November. For more information please get in touch by emailing Andy at: andyjenns@warwickshire.gov.uk or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants

Community Christmas Tree

With support of Kingsbury Parish Council; and in partnership with The Royal Oak pub, this year we will be planting our Community Christmas Tree on the grass verge of The Royal Oak Carpark.

A huge thank you to Mark and the team for all your support.



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
- 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: 0800 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.



* Christmas Market: Saturday **9th December 2023** from **12pm**



* Middleton Hall and Gardens are ready for a fun packed Christmas with a variety of events and offers, for more information and to book for you and the family visit: Middleton-hall.co.uk for more details and tickets.



* Rustic Reindeer Crafting on **30th November, 10:30-12:00 or 13:30-15:00**. 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

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