

# Kingsbury Informed



## Community Speed Watch

Local residents have expressed concerns relating to speeding traffic through Kingsbury Village. In light of the concerns raised; Cllr Debbie Bates and Cllr Andy Jenns, have been looking into options to help combat this issue and reduce the potential risk of accidents.

One of the options available would be to set up a Community Speed Watch (CSW) Group; which is coordinated by Warwickshire Police, but managed and run by volunteers in the community. This then enables local residents to play a part in making their communities safer while educating drivers by monitoring the speed of passing vehicles with a hand-held speed detection device. Volunteers record any offending vehicle details and warning letters are sent out to the owner of the vehicle by Warwickshire Police. The letter aims to educate the driver, but enforcement and prosecution can follow if this is ignored.

To enable a CSW to be set-up in Kingsbury we would need a number of volunteers to put themselves forward. All volunteers would receive appropriate training and are supported by officers and staff. If you would like to be part of Kingsbury CSW, please drop us an email at [Debbie.bates7@icloud.com](mailto:Debbie.bates7@icloud.com) to express your interest.

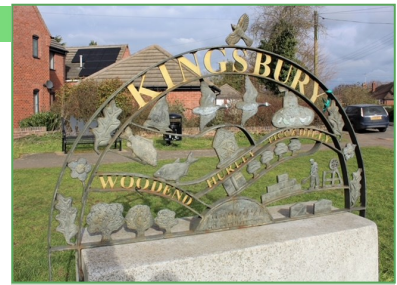
Please also refer to [Community Speed Watch \(warksroadsafety.org\)](http://Community Speed Watch (warksroadsafety.org)) for more information.

## Alisa's Braves The Close Shave

One of our local residents Alisa Price is bravely doing the Close Shave for Breast Cancer Now, in support of her beautiful friend Rita. The shave will be taking place on **Saturday 19th August 2023**, at 19:00, at The Royal Oak Public House, supported by her husband Gary Lupton who has helped organize the event, alongside Kieran from The Royal Oak, and hairdresser Leanne from the Hair Shack. As well as the 'Shave' itself, there will be fun and games; including a raffle, in an attempt to raise as much as possible for this amazing cause and charity.

There are many residents that will have met Rita; not only as someone who works within the village, but also as one of the original Kingsbury Good Neighbour Volunteer's. Rita really is one of our very own local hero's; who not only has a beautiful soul, she also has a genuine heart of gold. Rita always went above and beyond in her role as a volunteer, even when she returned to work, and remained active throughout the entire Covid-19 local response group to support local residents in the village, from collecting prescriptions and shopping to carrying out weekly befriending telephone calls, Rita stepped forward and took part in everything the group did.

Rita; was diagnosed with breast cancer in July. So lets all help Alisa achieve her target of raising £1,000, please go to: [www.justgiving.com/page/alisa-price-1689193020757](http://www.justgiving.com/page/alisa-price-1689193020757)



## Celebrating 50 Years

On Tuesday 18th July 2023, Kingsbury Sports and Community Centre; formally named Kingsbury Community and Youth Club, will celebrate its 50th Birthday.



In honour of this, Kingsbury History Society, who meet to research and record the history of Kingsbury and its environs at the Methodist Church, have taken up the challenge to provide us with some local history on the centre and this event.

Thank you Carole, we look forward to publishing more information in our September publication.



# Warwickshire County Council Mobile Library



Did you now that the mobile library comes to Kingsbury?

You can order books online to collect there as well as choosing from what they have, and they even have a service to bring them to you if you can't get to the library due to ill health or disability and you do not have someone to collect books for you.

## Next visit: Wednesday 9 August 2023

White Swan Public House Car Park – Arrive at 13:25 until 14:10

Kingsbury Primary School/Bromage Avenue – Arrive at 14:20 until 15:35

For more information and/or to download an application form for a home visit contact the Mobile Library Service:

- Email: [mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk)
- Telephone: 01926 851031
- Website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries>
- Home Visit Form: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice>

*“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”*  
**Mahatma Gandhi**

## Disability Forum

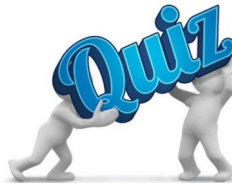
Michael Jewkes setup a Disability Forum approximately six-months ago, with the objective being to give disabled people a voice and to work together to influence change. The first meeting was held on 20th April 2023, whereby discussions revolved around drop curbs around the borough, transport issues, and special educational needs and the struggles of local families to achieve Health Care Plans and autism assessments; alongside other topics.

If you would like to know more about the Disability Forum; including more in-depth detail on the topics and discussions so far, please email Michael Jewkes directly at [disabilitywarwickshire@gmail.com](mailto:disabilitywarwickshire@gmail.com)



## West Midlands Combined Authority

Readers might have heard talk of Warwickshire becoming part of the West Midlands Combined Authority, and it is true that talks took place between government ministers, West Midlands Mayor Andy Street, and the leader of the County Council. It is also true that the Council's cabinet authorised officers to carry out work on the proposal and to report back on the pros and cons of joining. However, the County Council has now decided not to go ahead at this stage as it would have been necessary to make the decision by October in order for Warwickshire residents to vote in next May's Mayoral election and many councilors felt this did not allow enough time for proper public consultation.



## Mrs Mason's Master Quiz

How many can you answer?

1. Who played Colombo in the US TV drama?
2. What direction on the compass does the sun rise?
3. How many are in a baker's dozen?
4. What type of animal is a painted lady?
5. Who is the England ladies football team manager?
6. What was Mohamed Ali's name before he changed it on 6th March 1964?
7. What year was Michael Jackson's thriller released?
8. Who plays Barbie in the new block buster film?
9. How old is Boris Johnson?
10. What is the phrase...
  - Many
  - Very
  - Energetic
  - Martians
  - Jump
  - Straight
  - Under
  - Nine
  - Planets

Used for?





## Bus Passes

From 1 August 2023, holders of Warwickshire disabled person's bus passes are able to travel at any time for journeys that start within the County, enabling pass holders to get to work, school and college using their bus pass. This was not possible before as the passes were previously only valid after 9 am. The change follows a decision by County Councillors to carry out a 12-month trial of all-day travel for holders of disabled person's passes below state retirement age.

The disabled person's bus pass is available to anyone who has a qualifying disability, is under state retirement age, and lives within Warwickshire. The bus pass is distinguished by an orange stripe down the side. Holders of the older person's bus pass (with a blue stripe) will still be able to use their passes from 9 am to midnight on weekdays and all day at



## Kingsbury Parish Council

### Meetings

There is no Parish Meeting held during August, the next meeting will take place on 28th September 2023, at Bodymoore Heath Victory Hall. Meetings are open to the public, with the initial 15 minutes of each meeting set aside for a public question time. However, any questions need to be sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting, which can be done via email to kingsburypc@outlook.com

### Notice Board

The village notice board; by the shops at Jubilee Court, was provided by the Parish Council to provide a central space for Council notices, and for posters/notices about village groups and events taking place in the area. Please contact one of the parish councillors if you would like to display a community notice. Unfortunately, there is no space for personal, business adverts, or for information on events taking place outside the parish of Kingsbury.

weekends and on bank holidays. Warwickshire pass holders can also use their passes anywhere else in England, between 9.30am and 11pm on weekdays and all day at weekends and on bank holidays. For more information about eligibility and how to apply for a disabled persons bus pass go to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dpp>.

In the past some Kingsbury residents have encountered problems using their bus passes at the permitted times due to local buses operating across the Staffordshire border where the rules are different, meaning that occasionally the drivers get confused. If this happens to you County Councillor Andy Jenns would like to know so that he can take the matter up with the County Council and the bus company.

### Parking Fines

Civil Parking Enforcement; where County Council wardens rather than police officers, are responsible for issuing tickets for illegal on-street parking, has been in operation in North Warwickshire for a over a year. County Councillor Andy Jenns recently asked for statistics to help local people know which are the most likely places in Kingsbury of being fined.

In the past 12 months wardens have patrolled Tamworth Road on 121 occasions, Coventry Road on 30 occasions, Trinity Road on 78 occasions, and Pear Tree Avenue on 160 occasions. Across these locations 15 penalty charge notices have been issued.

For a Civil Enforcement Officer to issue a Penalty Charge Notice to a vehicle parked on double yellow lines they must first observe the vehicle for 5 minutes to see if loading/unloading is taking place (which is permitted on double yellow lines) and must also check that the vehicle is not displaying a valid disabled persons Blue Badge (which permits parking on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours).



North Warwickshire Borough Council

### Planning Visits

Members of the Council's Planning Board have made site visits to two locations in the Kingsbury area in order to fully understand the local situation before making decisions on planning applications at the sites. On a very wet Saturday they recently visited the land immediately next to the Tamworth border in Dosthill, behind Ascot Drive where the "road to nowhere" is. The proposal there is to create an estate of warehouses and work units. The second visit was to The Willows site at Cliff where there is a further application to create a gypsy residence.

### You Said, We Did...

- A) Keep Informed - The 'In Touch Leaflet' has now been printed and are currently being hand-delivered across the Village.
- B) Newsletter - A small number of Newsletters will be left in local businesses for you to pick up for free if you require a paper copy.

### Cllr's Surgery

On 28th July Councillors Debbie Bates and Andy Jenns held their first drop-in surgery at the Sports Hall and Community Centre in Pear Tree Avenue whereby three local people attended.

Please remember surgeries will take place on the last Friday of every month, from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. to discuss any council-related matters.

### Caution A4097 Roundabout Hazard

Over the last few weeks in particular, Kingsbury Roundabout has seen an increase once again in road traffic accidents.



The full reason/s as to the cause of this influx is not fully know at present, whether its oil on the road, the wet weather, driving too fast or a combination of things it certainly is causing a a lot of concern.

County Councillor Andy Jenns is currently liaising with officers from County Highways to discuss this issue and look into options to reduce such accidents. In the meantime please drive careful and slowly; especially in wet road conditions.

## 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...

Nothing better than to get out in the fresh air, join groups and meet new friends to improve our Health and Wellbeing :



- \* 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

- \* **Charity Quiz and Close Shave for Breast Cancer Now, Saturday 19th August 2023, 7pm till late.** In support of Alisa Price for her friend Rita.
- \* **SKA2NITE Friday 25th August 2023**, come and dance the night away with family and friends.
- \* Come and join in the fun at our **Bank Holiday Beach Party on 28th August 2023** - Follow our Facebook Page for full details.

\* **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, - Thursday's at 1:00pm.** £5.00 per session. Suitable for beginners or people with disabilities. For more information contact 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.

\* We are still looking for volunteers for our littler picking group. If you can help get the group up and running again please email debbie.bates7@icloud.com.

\* **Knit and Natter** group at Jubilee Court - **Monday's @10:30am**, just £1.50 with Tea/Coffee, biscuits and great company.

\* **Walking Group** - Meets at **10.30am on Wednesday's** at the Welcome Hall car park, Barlow Court. A gentle, not too fast walk, usually in the Water Park, plenty of chatting as we go, and a drink at the Water Park Cafe - or bring your own. A very friendly group and everyone is welcome, just turn up.

## How Many did you get right?

### Quiz Answers:

1. Peter Falk
  2. East
  3. 13
  4. Butterfly
  5. Sarina Weigman
  6. Cassius Clay
  7. 29th November 1982
  8. Margo Robbie
  9. Aged 59 - DOB: 19th June 1964
  10. A way to remember the order of the planets from the sun.
- Mercury
  - Venus
  - Earth
  - Mars
  - Jupiter
  - Saturn
  - Uranus
  - Neptune
  - Pluto