

KCS NEWS

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Save the date:

- Quiz @ Shrew 24 July
- Shrewfest 26-28th Aug
- Shed Shop 06 Aug
- Working Weekend TBC
- Community events Coming soon

Introduction from our Chairman Alisdair Cummings

Welcome to our second new look KCS newsletter. Hopefully you will be getting through this heatwave without too many issues and you are taking advantage of the many cold drinks available to the Shrewsbury Arms to keep you cool.

Since the last newsletter a lot has happened, we've had our AGM – first one face to face since the Pandemic struck, the marquee has been removed, we've celebrated the Queens Jubilee and many other items which we'll go thorough in the rest of the newsletter.

The thing that has please me the most recently, is the removal of the marquee and porch from the pub. Both of these were essential to keeping the pub going and giving us a place to go during Covid but their removal shows we're returning to normal life, which is a great boost and allows us to look again at how pretty the pub is with the seating and flowers outside the front door.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the KCS news and as usual any comments or suggestions are grateful received.

What's on?

Shrewfest - our Tenants are organising what promises to be an awesome event open to all the village and locals. With 20 real ales, 4 local ciders, local largers and gourmet burgers, finished off with Dalton's ice Cream. And with Live Music too this promises to be a great few days. Do come and join us!

SHREW FEST



Quiz night – our tenants have also organised a big quiz night on 24 July. £5 per person, with all quiz fees going to the KCS porch fund (see more about this later in this newsletter). Free hot dogs and fries will be provided as well as prizes for the winners. Give the pub a call on 01889 500 181 to book your table and support this effort to improve YOUR Pub.

Shed shop workshop – we have an idea to run a craft workshop featuring some of our talented Shed Shop sellers. This would be a good opportunity to perfect your skills and help support local businesses. Once we have more details we'll let you know.

Past Events

Jubilee weekend – What a weekend! There were so many memorable events that we all enjoyed, from afternoon teas to live music, Kingstone had it all. Members of the KCS team helped organise Saturday's It's a Knockout event. With over 100 people in attendance, 4 teams competed in competitions including egg and spoon race, stills walking, fancy dress and the finale - the tug of war! Thank you to everyone involved.



AGM – in March we held our Annual General meeting in Kingstone Village Hall. This was well attended by Shareholders and provided a good opportunity to hear about all things KCS. The 2021 Annual Report and AGM minutes are available on our new website.

Music night at the Shrew - Our first KCS porch fund raising event! A Sunday evening in April saw wonderful live music from Victoria Lucie and Tim Hoad with food provided by the team at the Shrew.



Porch - Having seen the benefits the temporary porch made to the warmth of the bar during Winter, we would like to put a permanent structure in place. The initial review following a meeting with an established double glazing company, was that potential planning permission may be required, and could involve further building work. The committee have now engaged with local architect to review potential planning and building requirements. We would also welcome advice from any shareholders who are builders/surveyors .

Defibrillator - thanks to a generous donation from a local Shareholder, Caron Hall, we now have a defib fitted to the pub – next to the side door entrance off the main car park. Please make a note of its location (there is also another one by the front door of Kingstone Village Hall). If you are unfamiliar with how to use one, St Johns Ambulance have some great info on their website:



<https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/how-to/how-to-use-a-defibrillator/>

Car park repairs – a very kind local contractor has filled in some of the holes in the car park. Its also been sprayed with weedkiller ahead of more maintenance. The next job on the list is trying to improve the parking. We have started to look at marking out car parking bays for more efficient use of space. Do any of the Shareholders have any suggestions?

Planters - since the marquee came down, we've wanted to tidy the front of the pub up. Dave Parker skilfully constructed a number of raised planters. These not only look good, but do help to separate out the front car parking spaces from the outdoor seating area. Next on the job list is to fill in the holes left by the old fence.



Shed Shop



New opening times are first Saturday of every month – so it doesn't clash with Uttoxeter makers market. We have a dedicated team that would love to open more, but recent openings have resulted in dwindling sales. If anyone has any ideas about new ranges of goods that might attract more custom, please let us know.

Our Tenants

As well as trying our best to support the local community, the KCS is also the Landlord to the Shrewsbury Arms. We (the Shareholders) own the pub and our tenants run it as their business. To make sure everyone is happy, the KSC committee meets with the Tenants regularly. We discuss anything from what community events we want to run together in the future, to what colour the front fence should be!

Our Pub

The pub has been shortlisted for entry into the Good Food Awards. If you've experienced the high quality cuisine at the Shrew and enjoyed it, please cast your vote using the link below:

www.Goodfoodaward.com/vote

The closing date is soon!

The pub is still looking for people to join it's amazing team. If you know anyone that might be interested please get in touch.



New Website

Our new website is now live, please visit the link below to check it out. We've made it ourselves, so its easy to keep updated. If you have any feedback please let us know.

<https://www.kingstonecommunitysociety.co.uk>

End - time to go to the pub!

That's the end of our second new look newsletter, we hope you have enjoyed it and found it informative.

Thanks!

The KCS Committee