

August 2023 Kingston Faith and Belief Forum Bulletin

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This bulletin has been set-up on the request of Forum members who wish to share regular notices. All members have access to this document.

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- Simply add your notices to an empty box below by the 25th of each month
- Please keep information short and relevant to the forum members.
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	Forum priority topics
Author	Rabbi Rene
Short summary	At the Forum meeting on 21 June, 2023, 4 topics were identified as priority discussion items at meetings for the next 12 months.
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Please rank the topics in your priority order

Title of article or notice:	Sustainable September
Author	RBK Comms
Short summary	Returning for a second year, Sustainable September is an opportunity to shine a light on the great activities that take place across the borough which help to protect the environment and encourage communities to explore Kingston's green spaces.
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	We have a shared responsibility to meet our net carbon zero target for the borough by 2038. Please could the forum encourage its members to visit www.kingston.gov.uk/sustainable-september to find out what has

	been planned so far, and to contact climate@kingston.gov.uk if they know of, or are planning to run a green-minded activity during September.
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Title of article or notice:	Housing Allocation Policy Consultation
Author	RBK Comms on behalf of the Housing team
Short summary	Kingston Council are consulting on how social housing is allocated in the borough to ensure that allocations policies are clearer, fairer, and those most in need are given priority. Consultation ends on 17 September 2023. Please share with residents so they can have their say.
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Please share this consultation link with those in your communities who may be affected or have a view on how social housing is allocated they can have their say: https://www.kingston.gov.uk/housing-options-advice/housing-allocation-consultation

Title of article or notice:	Upcoming Police Engagement Event
Author	Met Police
Short summary	Monday 7th August 2023, 18:00-21:00 in The Guildhall, Council Chamber, High Street, Kingston KT1 1EU The purpose of the event is to bring the community together, for us as the Police to listen to concerns raised and then collectively look at ways we can address these to achieve the Commissioners Promise of less crime, increase trust & confidence and raise our professional standards. We want to do this in an environment where everyone can feel comfortable to speak and interact with other attendees.
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Eventbrite link to register

Title of article or notice:	Walking Tour of Kingston's Inns, Past and Present
Author	Mayor's Office
Short summary	Join Brian Sullivan, attendant to the Mayor of Kingston and local amateur historian, on a special walking tour to discover the history of some of Kingston's inns, past and present. This unique tour will start with a welcome drink and introductory talk in the Mayor's Parlour in the Guildhall, itself part of Kingston's rich history. The group will then move on to the ancient market place and riverside, where Brian will regale you with information and anecdotes on some of

	our current public houses, as well as the inns of days gone by.
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	<p>Tickets cost £20 per person (over 18's only). This event is in aid of The Mayor's Charitable Trust, which in 2023-24 is supporting two local charities: Voices of Hope & Kingston Charitable Foundation.</p> <p>Places are strictly limited. Book your tickets via this link</p>

Title of article or notice:	NHS - survey around Women's Health and Gynaecology Services
Author	NHS - Public Health
Short summary	<p>NHS colleagues have asked us to share the following survey to better understand women's health. Please help us by sharing a survey around Women's Health and Gynaecology Services. It has been developed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how to make it easier for women to prioritise their own health • Understand what prevents people from accessing women's health & gynaecology services • Understand what we could do better
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	<p>Please share with your communities: https://southwestlondonics.uk.engagementhq.com/embeds/projects/25504/survey-tools/26139</p> <p>The closing date to complete the survey is 18 August 2023 and those taking part could win a £100 shopping voucher. Please help us by sharing this opportunity with your networks.</p>

Title of article or notice:	Measles (MMR) vaccinations
Author	RBK Comms
Short Summary	<p>The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is warning that unless London's vaccination rates improve, we are at risk of a measles outbreak with tens of thousands of cases. Parents and carers are being asked to check they and their children are up to date with 2 doses of the MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine.</p> <p>It's never too late to catch up, and people can get the MMR vaccine for free on the NHS whatever their age.</p>
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	<p>Please encourage families in your networks to check their children are up to date with 2 doses of the MMR vaccine by checking in their child's red book or contacting their GP practice.</p> <p>Information about childhood vaccinations can be found on the NHS website</p>

	www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/
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Title of article or notice:	Stay safe in hot weather
Author	RBK Comms
Short Summary	During the summer months we are seeing more extreme weather, including heatwaves and heavy rainfall. Anyone can become unwell in hot weather, but some people are more vulnerable, including older people, babies and toddlers, and people with existing health conditions. To help Kingston residents be prepared, we've pulled together advice on how to stay safe in the heat, and tips on how to make sure friends, family and vulnerable residents are safe and healthy.
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Please share the link www.kingston.gov.uk/emergency-planning/coping-extreme-weather/2

Title of article or notice:	Water safety
Author	RBK Comms
Short Summary	The River Thames is a hot spot for activity, particularly during the hot summer months. While it can be great for cooling off, it is important to remember the Thames is a dangerous river. Its strong current, as well as houseboats and debris can all cause serious risk to life. There have been a number of tragic deaths in the river around Kingston and Richmond over the last few years. We want to ensure young people who live in and visit the borough understand how to enjoy the Thames safely - and know the risks.
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Please share this important video on staying safe around the River Thames - particularly with young people. www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0j_yop-Kz0 Please share this link to water safety advice, particularly with young people. www.kingston.gov.uk/neighbourhood-community-safety/water-safety