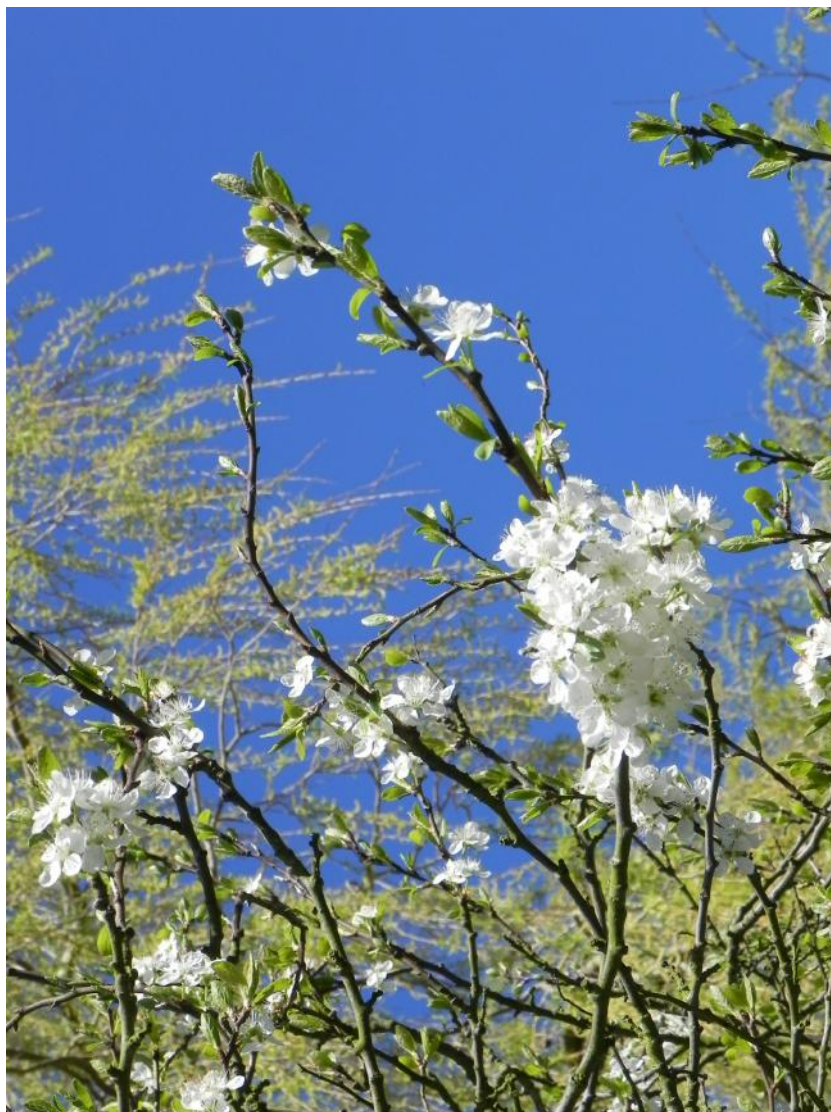


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June 2013

Village Diary

Sat Jun 1	Black Bins
Sat Jun 1	Pub Night 6-10:30pm, Village Hall
Thurs June 6	Blues Musical Evening, Village Hall
Fri Jun 7	Blue and Green Bins
Fri Jun 14	Black Bins
Fri Jun 21	Blue and Green Bins
Fri Jun 28	Black Bins
Sat June 29	Village Barbeque
Sat Jul 13	Summer Party 2 - 5pm, The Orchard

Chimney Sweep

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th June

As usual, the chimney sweep is offering us a discount for the block booking on these 2 days. If you would like to have your chimney(s) swept or want further details, please contact me.

Pat Draper

Rose Hide House, Church Lane, Kingston

Arrivals and departures

A warm welcome to Ken and Lynda Murphy (Tinkersfield), and Rassed, Rowan and David Khan (7 Cranes Lane) who have moved into the village recently.

We are sorry to say farewell to Colin, Gail and Donna Swain (7 Cranes Lane) and Linda Taylor (4 Field Row) and wish them well.

Vicar's Letter

We all know that society is much more fragmented than it once was. People used to live, work and socialise within their local community. Huge social development over the last fifty years and more has seen much of that change: the loss of many village shops, pubs, bus services and other amenities is a sign of that. Now we often live some distance from our work and find that our social networks are based on shared interests rather than an accident of location. Our closest friends may be scattered around the country or even abroad, while our neighbours are virtual strangers to us. Clearly these changes have provided immense opportunities for ourselves and our children to broaden our horizons and experiences, to the great benefit of many. The problem has been that many towns and villages consequently lose their identity and community spirit. This is of concern to the government, which speaks of values such as neighbourliness, local identity and community spirit, which they would like to see fostered, in terms of 'social capital'.

The church has been in the business of social capital for a long time. The system of parishes, whereby every square inch of the country belongs to a parish unit with a church and a (perhaps shared) minister goes back to the early middle ages, and while some might say that in contemporary society that is no longer the most effective way to evangelise, it nonetheless speaks of a profound interest in and concern for including and serving every individual. Our model is always Jesus Christ who was passionate about belonging. He repeatedly sought out those who were considered outcasts or undesirables from their local communities, healed them of their physical or social ailments and offered forgiveness to those who repented their misdeeds, allowing them to be reintegrated into the vital life-line of society. Jesus did this to show us that we are all precious and valued and wanted by God, and it is that understanding which drives local churches to want to foster a sense of community and belonging.

The 'social capital' of these villages is very evident during the summer months when we enter the season of village fetes, concerts, barbeques and other events organised by the churches and other groups. Tremendous planning and hard work goes into all these occasions and the result is not simply a pleasant experience, but a strengthening of the bonds which hold us all together as a body of people, neighbours and friends.

Let the partying begin!

Rev Alexandra Clarke

Home Communion

If you are a regular worshipper and become housebound we still want you to share in the life of your Christian community. If you are having difficulty getting to church, but a lift would make that possible, please contact the team office on 01954 719718 and we will be able to help. If you cannot get out and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let the office know and we will arrange for the sacrament to be brought to you on a regular basis. This also applies to those who are seriously ill and bed bound.

Church Services for June

Sunday 2nd June Holy Communion 8.30am
 Sunday 15th June Family Service 10.30am
 Sunday 23rd June Evening Prayer 6.00pm
 Sunday 30th June Holy Communion 10.30am

Church cleaning

1st Sunday Peter and Suzy Stokes
 2nd Sunday Donal and Monica O'Donnell
 3rd Sunday Linda Rimmer
 4th Sunday Janet Clear
 5th Sunday Peter Reynolds

Church flowers and brasses

2nd June Lee Steele
 9th June Christine Stone
 16th June tba
 23rd June Christine Allison
 30th June Janet Clear

From the Registers

Memorial service and interment of ashes 8th May - Albinia Susan Roope Gell
 Holy Matrimony 18th May - Carolyn Roanagh Grinton Smith and Thomas Simon Barnet Deeley
 Baptism 19th May – Elizabeth Hersey Violet Diggle

Church Gift Day 13th July

This year's biennial Gift Day will take place on Saturday 13th July, the same day as the Village Summer Party in the Parish Orchard. It will be Kingston PCC's main fund raising event of the year. The church will be open from 10am to 5pm with members of the clergy present to receive gifts towards church expenses. Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Papworth Team Ministry

Team Evening Service

“Called to Pastoral Care”

Sunday 16th June 2013

6.00 pm at St Andrew's, Caxton

Speaker: Revd Canon Fiona Windsor

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A short, prayerful service of

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is celebrated every

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Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.

If you have particular prayer requests, please contact
Revd Dr Alexandra Clarke (01954 710426)

alexandra.clarke@ely.anglican.org

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H. M the Queen's Coronation 1953

H.M. Queen Elizabeth was crowned on 2nd June 1953, 60 years ago. An oak tree was planted on our village green, which flourishes today. The programme for Kingston's celebration on this day was as follows:

- 9.45am UNITED SERVICE IN THE PARISH CHURCH
- 10.15am TELEVISION IN THE SCHOOL
- 2.00pm SPORTS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
- 4.00pm CRICKET MATCH – LADIES v GENTLEMEN
- 5.00pm TEA IN MR HAGGER'S BARN
- 7.00pm ENTERTAINMENT IN MR HAGGER'S BARN
- INTERVAL broadcasts by the Prime Minister and the QUEEN
- 9.15pm DANCE IN THE BARN

This year on Friday 31st May the Union Flag will be raised at 7.30pm on the village green for the anniversary weekend



Albinia Susan Roope Gell 1918 – 2013

Susan Gell was of Scots ancestry: on her mother's side were the lowland Grahams and, on her father's, the highland Gordons. (She was also the great-great-granddaughter of Sir John Herschel, the astronomer Royal).

Susan's mother was Frances Gertrude Graham, and her father Cosmo Alexander Gordon of Ellon Castle in Aberdeenshire, descended from the third Earl of Aberdeen. Both parents were exceptional: clever, versatile, practical and unconventional. Both went to Cambridge – Frances to Newnham and Cosmo to Trinity – and here they formed close friendships among the so-called Neo-Pagans (Rupert Brooke and Geoffrey Keynes were at Rugby with Cosmo) and with several of Charles Darwin's granddaughters: Frances (later Cornford), Gwen (Raverat), Margaret (Keynes), Ruth (Rees-Thomas) and Nora (Barlow). They were married in London four days before the outbreak of the First World War. Susan was born on the 25th September, 1918, at Skipness, her widowed maternal grandmother's remote estate on the Kintyre peninsula. She was named after Cosmo's aunt, Albinia Sheiring of Salzburg; her middle names commemorate Susan Roope Schuyler, her Anglo-Dutch great-grandmother. She had an older brother, Hugh.

Cosmo served as an officer during the 1914-18 war: he was awarded the Military Cross and the Belgian Croix de Guerre. Towards the end of hostilities he was wounded and then contracted pneumonic influenza. Partly as a means of convalescence, in 1919 he became a chicken farmer at Churchill near Bristol. Here Susan's sister Joanna – later a frequent visitor to Kingston – was born. The family then moved to London where Cosmo became Librarian to the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Susan wasn't happy at school in London and so she was sent to stay with Gwen Raverat, the artist and writer, at The Old Rectory in Harlton, attending the Perse School in Cambridge with Gwen's daughter Sophie (the two schoolgirls became life-long best friends).

Susan often recounted her first visit to Kingston at the age of 13 in 1931. She was driven over from Harlton by Gwen Raverat with Sophie and the artist Stanley Spencer to see the newly restored wall paintings in the church. She was struck by Kingston's relative poverty, with its derelict cottages and unmade-up roads. Gwen left them to walk home. The two girls had found Spencer rather dour and so in high spirits they linked arms with him and ran as fast as they could down Tinker's Lane to the bottom of the hill.

Susan had a facility for drawing and a great interest in history. Her grandfather, Robert Chellas Graham, and her uncle, Angus Graham, both published on archaeology: the latter became Secretary of the Royal Commission on the Ancient Monuments of Scotland. Whilst still a teenager she became an archaeological artist

and went on digs in France, at Maiden Castle in Dorset, Sabratha in Libya, and Jericho. The Arab world made a deep impression. Susan's burgeoning career was cut short by the outbreak of the Second World War and she returned to Harlton to work at the Cambridge Instrument Company (founded by Gwen Raverat's uncle, Horace Darwin) as part of the war effort.

It was Gwen who introduced Susan to Philip Gell, a brilliant medical student at Trinity College, and they married in 1941. They had two children: Teresa (Tessa) and Alfred.

During the war Philip worked for the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service and for the National Institute for Medical Research. In 1948 he joined the new Department of Experimental Pathology at Birmingham University where he made important discoveries in virology and immunology, becoming Professor in 1967, and elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1969. The Gells lived at Chadwich Manor, a National Trust property near Bromsgrove, and here they began serious gardening.

Retirement in 1978 brought the Gells to Wychwood in Kingston. Shortly afterwards, by happy coincidence, Philip's Cambridge contemporary, the surgeon David Wade, with his wife Agnes, arrived at Thockenholt, next door in Cranes's Lane. In its heyday the garden that Susan and Philip created at Wychwood was remarkable, full of flowering plants of all kinds from all over the world. Philip was a plant collector and a notable hybridiser of irises. Susan was more interested in the colour and form of plants and she also grew the vegetables. The Gells travelled extensively: in Greece, North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia and China, plant hunting and visiting the archaeological sites. They were Francophiles and restored a 400-year old barn in the Dordogne as a holiday home.

Susan was modest and self-effacing to a fault but, like her mother, she was highly accomplished: she was a good pianist; she drew and painted; she was an excellent cook; she knitted; and she was a first-class needle worker, running up Philip's trade-mark purple shirts on her sewing machine, for example. Surrounded by academics, Susan regretted that she had not been able to study for a degree herself, but she was a voracious reader, with three or four books on the go at any one time. She kept up with archaeology, read history and poetry. In the evenings she and Philip were in the habit of reading classic English novels aloud to each other, and in this way they worked through Jane Austen, Dickens, Trollope and many others.

Susan appreciated Kingston for its peace and tranquillity; its countryside ('sober, fruitful, unemphatic' in Frances Cornford's phrase); and its palpable antiquity. She became a member of Kingston church soon after arriving in the village. She was briefly a PCC member but was too shy to thrive on committees. The Gells hosted several memorable coffee mornings for All Saints and St Andrew and they started the plant sales that became big annual occasions in Kingston. Susan knew her bible and loved the poetry of the Old Testament in the Authorised Version, especially the

Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Last year, and the year before, she insisted on reading a lesson at our Carol Service. She believed in the beauty of holiness and the holiness of beauty: a favourite poem, which she read at her sister Joanna's funeral in 2009, was Wordsworth's Ecclesiastical Sonnet, *Inside of King's College Chapel*:

With ill-matched aims the Architect who planned –
 Albeit for a scanty band
 Of white robed Scholars only – this immense
 And glorious Work of fine intelligence!
 Give all thou canst; high Heaven rejects the lore
 Of nicely-calculated less or more;
 So deemed the man who fashioned for the sense
 These lofty pillars, spread that branching roof
 Self-poised, and, scooped into ten thousand cells,
 Where light and shade repose, where music dwells
 Lingering – and wandering on as loth to die;
 Like thoughts whose very sweetness yieldeth proof
 That they were born for immortality.

The Gells were committed to social justice. Philip was an undergraduate communist like his school friend, John Cornford, who was killed in the Spanish Civil War at the age of 21. Susan was also of the Left and she remained a faithful, if not uncritical, supporter of the Labour Party. The Gells were generous subscribers to several charities involved in promoting self-help projects in the developing world.

Susan did not allow the infirmities of old age to inhibit her curiosity or her independence: she continued to make new plantings in the garden, to read new books, to drive and to cook to the very end of her life. Her 90th birthday was celebrated with a light aircraft trip, flying around her beloved Ely Cathedral and low over Kingston. Susan prepared a full Christmas dinner for her family only last year while conceding that next year it might have to be at La Pergola.

Susan was, as has been said, the last of her generation. She was the daughter of Victorians and grew up in a circle of free-thinking and exceptionally creative families. High standards and achievements were taken for granted. Something of her strength of character must have derived from this background. Reticent and reserved, Susan believed that private feelings should not be aired in public. She was high-minded, but not without a sense of humour; frugal and abstemious but hospitable and always a kind and considerate neighbour. She was a Stoic, accepting the early deaths of Alfred in 1997 and Tessa in 2009 (Philip died in 2001). She was devoted to her five grandchildren and delighted in her eleven great-grandchildren

Susan Gell died in Addenbroke's Hospital on 14th of April, aged 94, and was cremated on the 7th of May. A memorial service took place on the 8th of May with the Revds Alexandra Clarke and Paul Gildersleve officiating. Tributes were given by Simeran Gell (daughter-in-law), Nick Allen (nephew), John Hopkins (son-in-law), and Paul Hopkins (grandson). Susan's ashes were interred in Philip's grave.

Peter Reynolds

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The proposed dates are 19th June, 29th June, 30th June, 4th July, 10th July, 14th July, 18th July and 4th August. Work sessions generally start around 10.00 – 10.30am and finish between 2.00 and 4.00pm. They are looking for volunteers. Waders and direction supplied by the organisers. Bring your own lunch.

Depending on which date interests you, please contact the organisers as follows, who will advise the location:

25th May - Vince Lea, Countryside Restoration Trust vincelea@btinternet.com, 07716 826972

19th June - Iain Webb iain.webb@wildlifebcn.org, 01954 713531

29th June - Vince Lea, Countryside Restoration Trust, see above

30th June - Vince Lea, see above

4th July - Ruth Hawksley, Ruth.Hawksley@wildlifebcn.org, 01954 713533

10th July - Iain Webb, iain.webb@wildlifebcn.org, 01954 713531

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