

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



October 2013

Village Diary

Friday 4 Oct	Black bins
Saturday 5 Oct	Pub night
Friday 11 Oct	Blue and green bins
Friday 18 Oct	Black bins
Friday 25 Oct	Blue and green bins
Friday 1 Nov	Black bins

Church Services for October

Sunday 6th October Holy Communion 8.30 am

Sunday 20th October Family Service 10.30am

Sunday 27th October Evening Prayer 6.00pm

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

6th October Linda Rimmer

13th October Linda Smith

20th October Lee Steele

27th October Christine Stone

Harvest letter 2013

And so we come to the end of another harvest.

The year started with the worst Autumn conditions we have known for at least 20 years: prolonged rain, sodden soils, flooding in many parts of the country - all resulting in very late sowing (or drilling as farmers call it), and not surprisingly some farmers missed the winter wheat sowing period altogether. For many the conditions caused seed to rot in the sodden conditions, leaving patchy fields which were never going to yield well; so after another cold winter, many farmers had to sow spring crops, some 'drilling' fields for the second time.

Then the best June and early July for some years: cool, sunny periods interspersed with showers, resulting in many of the crops catching up. After such conditions, harvest was 2-3 weeks late, our usual oil seed rape starting date of July 21st turning out to be 10th August.

And *then*, in place of the often wet August, spirits rose: the sun came out and gave us our driest harvest for many years, happily leaving most of the drying fans silent. It is always a stressful time of year: one combine broke down, one trailer ran too close and ended up in the ditch next to the Little Venice restaurant half full of corn, one trailer gate was inadvertently left open leaving a trail of wheat across the field, and a large fire set the barley straw alight on the next door farm requiring 10 fire engines and their excellent crew to put it out. But with the help of two youngsters who had just left school – enthusiastic, competent and a pleasure to have working with us, the wonderful combination of full time and part time staff, family, combine drivers, engineers, trailer drivers – a real community in itself - all came together for another year to bring in a harvest we were simply not expecting.

Sadly before the last trailer came through the gate, a great friend within the Papworth Team fell from a ladder and died that evening in Addenbrookes, and the sudden loss of such an active wife, mother, grandmother and friend was an enormous shock to so many.

But looking back over this harvest year, so many of us have so much to be thankful for: the extraordinary productivity of the earth – one seed multiplying itself as much as a hundred fold – and for life itself, however precarious that might be. The fact is it is so easy to sail through taking it all for granted – and assume it is all just a lucky accident of fate.

Well – I don't think it is, so each year I make my own small pilgrimage, and thank the one who made it.

Rev Nigel Pearson



Home Communion

If you are a regular worshipper and become housebound we still want 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.

Papworth Team Ministry

Team Evening Service

“Called to Lay Ministry”

Sunday 17th November 2013
6.00 pm at St Andrew’s, Caxton

Speaker: Alyson Buxton

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Papworth Team Ministry

A Service of Farewell For Revd Emma Rothwell

Friday 18th October 2013
6.00 pm at Eltisley Parish Church
followed by refreshments in the Cade

ALL WELCOME

Harvest Festival

We are very grateful to all those who so beautifully decorated the church with flowers and produce for this year's Harvest Festival on 15th September.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Drive, Ride & Stride

Due to unforeseen circumstances Peter Tibbits and David Bowes were unable to take part on the 14th September, and so it was up to Rowan Khan to fly the flag for Kingston: he cycled to six local churches. Sponsors are invited to make contributions per church visited or to give a donation. Cash or cheques welcome (Cheques payable to Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust). Rowan will be coming round the village over the next week or so to collect sponsorship. Alternatively you may put your donation in an envelope (marked with your name and address) and drop it into Pincote, Crane's Lane. Many thanks. More news next month.

Joan Reynolds, CHCT organizer

Rowan sets forth



Wave Café Church

Wednesday 2nd October
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A short, prayerful service of
Holy Communion

Wednesday's
 at **midday**
 in **Bourn Church**

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Arrivals

A warm welcome to the new arrivals in Kingston:

Maciej and Asia (pronounced Asha) Dunajski and their boys Adam and Nico who moved into 5 Field Row in early September.

Departures

Farewell and best wishes to the Bedfords (Willow Cottage, Cranes Lane) and the Whiteheads (5 Field Row) who moved on recently.

International Evening

Please make a note in your diaries for the **International Evening** in Kingston Village Hall on Saturday 16th November at 7.00p.m.

This is a sit-down supper party for friends and neighbours. Everyone is invited to contribute a dish with an international theme, so there will be a good range of main courses and desserts from different countries. (But if you prefer not to cook, you can just purchase a full-price ticket instead).

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SEVENTY YEARS AGO – A NIGHTMARE IN NORFOLK

It was in 1943 that I was posted to the rather remote Norfolk R.A.F. airbase at Foulsham village. No less than fifty years later whilst on a short holiday break with my wife, Ann, at the coastal village of Blakeney, we thought it might be of interest to look for what remained of the long abandoned airfield as I had not been back there since my war time stay.

We had some difficulty initially in locating the mouldering , grass-covered, station platform at Guestwick on the branch railway line that had, long since, become a victim of the “Beeching Axe”. Here R.A.F. personnel would alight to be transported by truck to the airfield nearby. All we could find of the latter were odd bits of perimeter track and runway, partially broken up dispersal points for aircraft, and one or two derelict-looking service buildings, half hidden in a sea of yellow rapeseed.

Although I tried, without much success, to relate to what I could see across the fields with my dim memory of how the place had looked half a century earlier, I could hardly fail to recall my farcical introduction to the job I was sent there to do. It was my first posting, on attachment to No. 514 Lancaster Bomber Squadron, following completion of my basic training as a medic. Within a week I was on night ambulance duty. In the small hours of my first shift the phone galvanized Tony, the ambulance driver, and myself into action with instructions to get out to a Lancaster which had crash landed whilst returning from a bombing raid. We were given a grid reference and told that a fire tender was already on its way.

We scrambled into our ancient ambulance and headed out into the murky dampness of the night. I quickly learned that grid references were a bit of a mystery to Tony and it was up to me to navigate. Having been a keen club cycle tourist prior to my service days, I fancied myself as a map reader and was soon giving confident directions with the optimism of youth! Imagine a rookie medic on his first assignment and a driver without the haziest notion of his location or direction, ploughing through a maze of tortuous, back of beyond, lanes. Add a wartime blackout, masked headlights, all signposts removed to confuse invaders plus a misty night and you have some idea of our chances of a swift and successful operation!!

When, after countless miles, Tony insisted we had passed the same white house twice previously, doubts about my navigation surfaced. Doggedly we continued until a closed level crossing gate loomed up before us. Knocking up the gatekeeper by throwing stones at his bedroom window was great fun but he was not amused!

Press on again until, more by luck than judgement, we spotted in the dawn light a lonely policeman at the entrance to a field which looked as though a herd of elephants had trampled over it. On the far side we could make out the outline of a slightly bent aircraft.

“You are too late mate, they are all gone!” Said the constable, with the hint of relish which often creeps into the voice of the conveyor of apparently unpalatable news. For one dreadful moment I visualized a dead crew we had arrived too late to save but our informant went on to say that two casualties were heading for Norwich Hospital in a civilian ambulance while the uninjured crew members were on their way by truck to R.A.F. Coltishall.

I must admit to a sense of relief, combined with regret that I had not been called upon to put my, newly acquired medical skills to the test. All we could do was return to base. Halfway back we came across the fire tender and crew totally lost and we took malicious pleasure in advising them to abort. The almost frozen crew-members, who were obliged to ride outside the tender cab, used colourful language to describe their perished condition. Tony allowed them to creep into the relative warmth of the ambulance and I felt cheered by the fact that we, at least, had found the crash site and

were bringing home casualties of a sort – if not the right ones!!

On reporting back we were told not to worry as we were only a back up to the Coltishall people to whom the aircraft belonged.

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From The District Councillor
Proposed Bourn Airfield Development

The consultation period for the Bourn Airfield Development (BAD) proposal finishes at 5pm on Monday 14th October 2013. I hope that by the time this gets delivered, you would have either sent in your response form to South Cambs, or submitted it at one of the StopBAD collection points at Toft shop, Caldecote Shop or Bourn shop.

There is no doubt that the proposal to build up to 3500 houses, if it goes ahead, will affect the village in a number of ways. Firstly, in terms of traffic – it is expected that there will be about 8000 extra car journeys from the new development. A lot of those will most likely be using our local roads to get into Cambridge or to the business parks in the southern area of the district as they avoid the notorious Madingley Hill congestion. Imagine hundreds more cars driving through the village in the mornings and evenings!

Secondly, I am reliably informed that Bourn Brook now floods more often and severely than it did before Cambourne was built, this being the result of surface water runoff having nowhere else to go but into the brook. This leads to road closures on the B1046 between Kingston and Toft, and several mile detours to avoid it. The flooding problem will only get worse if the airfield is developed.

Thirdly, as I discovered recently, the Transport Strategy for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire that the County Council put together does not carry equal statutory weight as the SCDC Local plan. This means that the County council can ditch the strategy after SCDC has approved the local plan, and come up with something else that takes its fancy. Where will that leave the SCDC local plan that was based and potentially accepted on the basis of the content of the strategy?

Lastly, the transport strategy, if one can call it that, is full of holes and unrealistic expectations. It reads more like a wish list than a real strategy, expecting that most people will travel by bus to most places therefore there are no plans to increase road capacity for car drivers. It says where it would like to go, without saying how it intends to get there or to deal with the problems that will be encountered along the way. There is also currently no funding for the ideas being proposed!!

This proposal is just not sustainable in any sense of the word, and goes against the principle of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.

There is still time to respond. The proposal is not a done deal yet no matter what impression is being given by the official statements coming out of SCDC officers and cabinet members who have been going on radio and television in the past few weeks in a bid to spin their plans in a good light.

If you have already sent in or submitted your response form to SCDC, thank you. If you have not done so yet, then please, take the time to complete your response form today. If you can't find your form, please contact me tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk or call 01954 210840, or contact your StopBAD village rep at kingston-rep@stopbad.org.uk and we will get a form to you. We will also be happy to help you complete the form if you require assistance.

The consultation on the County council Transport Strategy finishes on Monday 30th September, so not much time left to respond to that. Please endeavour to send in your comments to the County.

Superfast Broadband

Further to my note last month, Connecting Cambridgeshire has now launched the 'My Area' roll-over map and A-Z places its website at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk. This information on there will enable people to find out how their particular area fits in to the broadband roll-out plan. There are some factual mistakes on the site, and I have notified the team in the hope that the corrections will have been made by the time you read this.

Help from your Councillor

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of help on any issue – housing, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection etc. You can reach me in the usual ways by telephone on 01954 210840, email tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk or my blog www.TumiHawkins.org.uk.

Best Wishes
Tumi Hawkins

Following last year's very successful event there is to be another

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Marion Leslie

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