

*Kingston Parish & Church  
Magazine*



**March 2019**

## Village Diary

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Village Pub Night – Village Hall, 6pm-10pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am
Tuesdays 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Wellness Workout, 10.00am & 7.15pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Music Club Meeting – Village Hall, 8pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Beetle Drive - the Village Hall, 5pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Village Litterpick (am)

## Wheellie bin collection dates

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Black bin
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Black bin
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Blue and Green bins

## Editorial

Looks like we've got a busy month ahead of us. Added to the usual monthly events in the Village Hall (Pub Night, Coffee Morning and Wellness Workout) we have the next meeting of the Music Club, a Beetle Drive and the annual Village Litterpick. All these events, of course, are open to all those who would like to be involved in Kingston's community activities. Kingston is definitely a "community" – something from which we all reap the benefits. Hopefully this is appreciated by all villagers. We are all the stewards of our village and its properties, a concept that is explored in the Book of the Month article below,

The cover photo and one inside the magazine are provided by David Heath, adding to his lengthy list of village portraits. Both photos show Cranes Lane in its early spring splendour. David also provides another article in the continuing Kingston Remembered series which is being coordinated by Paul Wright. Thank you both for your continuing efforts.

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## Vicar's Letter

As I sat down to write this, up popped a 'breaking news' alert from the BBC: our MP, Heidi Allen, had left the Conservative Party to join a new grouping with a couple of former Conservative colleagues and several former Labour Party members.

Although I'm old enough to remember what became of the SDP after its launch in 1981, this feels different. The way in which UK politics has polarised over the last few years, with both main parties moving away from the centre, has left many people feeling politically homeless, and stretched the loyalties of their members to breaking point.

I was reminded of two parables which Jesus told.

In one, he said that sewing a patch of new fabric onto an old garment means the new patch will shrink and tear away, leaving a bigger hole. In the other he said that new wine put into an old wineskin will ferment so splitting and ruining the wineskin.

My great hope is that we are looking at something like that – something new which will help us turn away from the worn out politics of combat towards a politics of doing together what is best for everyone, especially for the vulnerable and poor.

Jesus, in his teaching and ministry, was particularly concerned for this last group: he began his ministry by proclaiming that he had come to "bring good news to the poor", and later taught "blessed are the poor", and many other examples besides. But when the people in power are spending all their energy fighting each other in order to hang on to that power, the poor get forgotten. The poor always bear the brunt of social and economic turmoil, and parliament needs to find ways through its own current problems in order to address our national problems.

It's always good to pray for our members of parliament – for wisdom, courage, compassion, and protection – and now they need that prayer more than ever.

The problem with writing about current events is that I've no idea what might happen by the time this letter appears. Maybe the new 'party' will have fizzled out. Or maybe, by God's grace, it will have launched changes in our national life which will take us a step closer to Jesus' vision of good news for the poor.

***Rev. Steve Day***

## Church Services for March

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Holy Communion 8.30am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening Prayer 6.00pm LENT 1
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Service 10.30am

## Church cleaning

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

## Church flowers and brasses

3rd March	Kay Forsythe
10th March	Linda Smith
17th March	Lee Steele
24th March	Christine Stone
31st March	Christine Allison

## Home Communion

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. If you are having difficulty getting to church, but a lift would make that possible please contact the team office on 01480 839933 and we will be able to help.

***It's Kingston Village Hall BBQ time again.***

***Please keep the date free!***

The Summer BBQ will be held on July 6 at South Sea Farm by kind permission of James and Janet Clear. Mark and Katherine Stalham have offered their services as cooks and the Village Hall committee and friends will provide back up and help. This is very much a village event so we will need your support. There are many things that you could do to help. Putting up marquees and moving tables and chairs on the night before, or providing a simple salad or pudding. The food has made the event famous and if you feel you can help with this side of things or with the setting up please contact the committee on [kingstonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonvillagehall@gmail.com) .

There will be reminders, tickets and timings nearer the event.

***Sarah Wright***

## Cambridge to Oxford Railway

As most of you will know there is an informal consultation process for the initial choices on the route for this railway. Full details can be found, together with a feedback form, at [www.eastwestrailway.co.uk](http://www.eastwestrailway.co.uk). We are asked to return the form, or complete it online, by 11.45 on 10 March.

**Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk**

## Lift-sharing

It has been pointed out to me that the 'Community Lift Scheme' that was launched in December may be compared by the authorities to much larger schemes elsewhere that serve several villages, and in which the driver and passenger are usually not known to each other. In such schemes, in the unlikely event of something going wrong there needs to be in place certain protection such as insurance, CRB checks etc.

Clearly we do not need or want such complications, so in future we will avoid the use of key words such as 'Scheme', 'Coordinator', 'Community', 'Volunteer' etc. This is just passing messages between neighbours. In future I will do this on a personal basis, and the Parish Council is not involved. As before, my only role is to put passengers in touch with possible drivers with no further responsibility implied or taken. Passenger and driver will arrange details between themselves.

So no change really, everything will work as before, but please use my personal email address ([pandsstokes@gmail.com](mailto:pandsstokes@gmail.com)) or phone me (262207) and I will be happy to try and link up passengers and drivers.

**Peter Stokes**

### Ash Wednesday Services

**Wednesday 6 March**

8.00am at Conington

12.00 noon at Bourn

7.30pm at Papworth



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## **Grand Kingston Progressive Beetle Drive**

**Saturday 16 March from 5.30pm**

The Beetle Drive will be held in the Village Hall. No particular skills are required to play Beetle, you just need to be able to roll a dice and hold a pencil – ages 4 to 104 welcome! Beetle is played in a table of 4 people who take it in turns to roll a dice and get the numbers required to build a beetle. There are multiple rounds, the winner on each table from each round moves on to the next table (the progressive and sociable bit). There will be prizes (old and young) for highest points and most artistic beetle drawing!

- 5.30 pm Arrival and bar opens for the evening
- 6.00 pm Sausages and Baked Potatoes served with trimmings
- 7.00 pm Rearrangement of tables and chairs
- 7.20 pm Rules and questions
- 7.30 pm Beetle Drive begins

Tickets from Jill Coleman, 3 Field Row – 01223 263919/07775 767433  
Available in advance until 11 March £8 per adult/£4 per child

## **Comberton : Ramblers Club**

The Comberton Ramblers Club walk on alternative Sundays.

All walks start at 10.15 a.m.

Walks are from 5 - 7 miles, usually ending near a public house.

To view our walk programme / photo's please go to our web-page.

<https://www.combertonramblers.org.uk>

We are a friendly / informative group and enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this area.

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For further details on how to join our sociable rambling group please contact Stella - The Secretary

Email : [stella.ramblers@hotmail.com](mailto:stella.ramblers@hotmail.com)

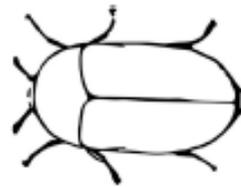
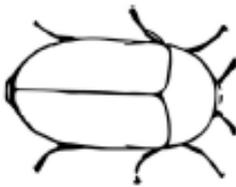
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## Update from Bourn Primary

### Introducing the new Headteacher

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Headteacher of Bourn Primary Academy and I have been made very welcome by the children, staff and parents. I am very keen to develop a strong working partnership with the wider community, many of whom will have attended Bourn Primary as children themselves and will have many fond memories.

I absolutely love working with primary age children where no day is the same and you learn to expect the unexpected! I have been teaching for nearly 15 years and have taught all year groups from Foundation Stage to Year 6. During this time, I have held a range of roles including English and Maths Leads and Special Needs Coordinator and I was previously Deputy Headteacher at Willingham Primary School for 5 years. Prior to my career in education, I had a brief spell as a childminder and before that, I worked in mental health services in London. I retain a keen interest in mental health, particularly relating to children and young people.

My approach to education is firstly underpinned by the belief that the children are at the heart of everything we do; my motto is 'children first'. The best decisions are taken when the needs of the children - educationally, socially and emotionally - are central to the decision making process. Secondly, the quality of hopefulness is essential in leading a school. Difficulties will inevitably face every individual and every organization at some time. If we are hopeful in the face of such difficulties, and we believe that we will prevail in the end, we release energy and we achieve more than we thought was possible.

This hopefulness also means we believe that any child can be taught anything. As a school, we must do all we can to make sure that this is achieved by teaching the most interesting curriculum possible, using the best teaching techniques and providing the right support when it is needed. The school's greatest resource is its staff and my job as Headteacher is to work hard to create the conditions and opportunities for the staff, and therefore the children, to flourish. We are all constantly learning and when we expect the best of each other, and support each other in doing so, there are no limits as to what we can achieve together.

Laura Latham  
Headteacher Bourn Primary Academy

## **East West Rail – new line from Oxford to Cambridge could pass through Kingston**

### **What is currently being proposed?**

You may know that that preliminary work is already underway to determine the route for the Bedford to Cambridge part of this new rail link. Five possible routes are being proposed which fall into one of two 'corridors'. Kingston village lies on the southern edge of one of these corridors, raising the possibility that the new railway line could pass through the north end of Kingston.

Some non-statutory consultation is now taking place on these options, with a view to choosing one route, on which further consultation will take place. The closing date for this consultation is 11 March 2019. To obtain full details and to respond to the consultation please go to [www.eastwestrail.co.uk](http://www.eastwestrail.co.uk) and click on the 'Have Your Say' link. You can either complete the form online, or print it and send by post.

### **Are there any other alternatives?**

We have also been contacted by a pressure group: CamBedRailRoad (CBRR) which is a community-based 'think tank' led by two transport infrastructure Civil Engineers. This group believes that none of the five proposed routes is suitable. They are proposing a route which passes further north, through new stations at St Neots, Cambourne and Northstowe. They claim it provides transport for considerably more residents than the other five routes, and have a number of other arguments to support their claims.

Full details of CBRR's proposals including maps showing the two 'corridors' and CBRR's proposed alternative route can be found at their website [www.cambedrailroad.org](http://www.cambedrailroad.org). They also offer guidance notes on completing the East West Rail consultation form – the guidance notes are available on this website.

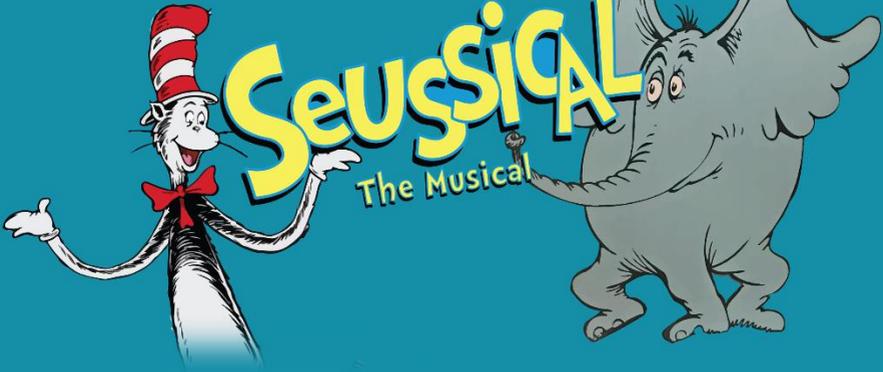
### **What should I do now?**

This is your last chance to have a say on the choice of route. Your Parish Councillors encourage you to respond to the consultation before the deadline of 11 March. Whether or not you support the CBRR initiative to press for their alternative route, you may find it helpful to look at their guidance notes. For assistance or further information please contact Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk, at 01223 262207 or [kingstonpc.cambridge@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonpc.cambridge@gmail.com). He can also email links to you to access these websites in case of difficulty.

*James Clear, Parish Council Chair*

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## Bank holiday bin collection changes

Here is advance notice from our waste team of the Easter and May Day 2019 bin collections and how they will be altered due to bank holidays.

Usual day	Revised day
Good Friday 19 April	Tue 23 April
Easter Monday 22 April	Wed 24 April
Tue 23 April	Thu 25 April
Wed 24 April	Fri 26 April
Thu 25 April	Sat 27 April
Fri 26 April	Mon 29 April
Mon 29 April	Tue 30 April
Tue 30 April	Wed 1 May
Wed 1 May	Thu 2 May
Thu 2 May	Fri 3 May
Fri 3 May	Sat 4 May
Mon 6 May	Tue 7 May
Tue 7 May	Wed 8 May
Wed 8 May	Thu 9 May
Thu 9 May	Fri 10 May
Fri 10 May	Sat 11 May
Mon 13 May	Back to normal

### Other bank holidays:

Collections following bank holiday Mondays (27 May and 26 August) will take place one day later than normal, with Friday's collections taking place on Saturdays.

Residents can view their personalised bin collection calendar by putting in their postcode at [www.scambs.gov.uk/bins/find-your-bin-collection-day/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/bins/find-your-bin-collection-day/)

Contact: [refuse@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:refuse@scambs.gov.uk) or 03450 450063

### Additional green bin charge

From April, we're introducing a charge for residents who want to have more than one green bin collected. This will be £35 per year for each additional standard-size bin and covers collections for the entire year. The first green bin will remain free. Residents will be able to sign-up and pay from Monday 4 February. Currently, around 2,300 households in South Cambridgeshire have more than one green bin, out of around 66,000 households in total. Please see here for more information:

[www.scambs.gov.uk/bins/faqs-additional-green-bin-collections/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/bins/faqs-additional-green-bin-collections/)

Contact: [refuse@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:refuse@scambs.gov.uk) or 03450 450063

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
Mar 3	Sun before Lent	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am FS	
Mar 10	Lent 1	10.30am P&P	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
Mar 17	Lent 2	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
Mar 24	Lent 3	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
Mar 31	Mothering Sunday	10.30am W4A	10.30am FS	10.30am FS	
Apr 7	Lent 5	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	8.30am HC	
Apr 14	Palm Sunday	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	10.30am MP
Apr 19	Good Friday	9.30am FS			
Apr 21	Easter	10.30am HC	10.30am HC	11.00am HC	9.30am HC
Apr 28	Easter 2	8.30am Team HC at Bourn (also 10.30 Team HC at Papworth, 10.30 Team Praise at Papworth, 6.00pm Team EP at Elsworth)			

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

W4A/FS = Family Service

P&P=Prayer & Praise

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)

FHC= Common Worship/All Age Holy Communion

FW = All Age Worship/Morning Prayer/Prayer & Praise/Morning Worship



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## **Kingston Remembered - Continued**

### **THE LINCOLNSHIRE FARMER**

Probably the name Jack Middleton is unfamiliar to many of today's Kingston residents even though he played a very large part in the way our village evolved, particularly the change in its character from 1958 when he arrived to 1975 when he died. Many other worthy folk were, of course, involved in the following years but, in my view, he kick started the transformation.

Jack farmed in Lincolnshire until he transferred to this area to a farm in West Hatley near Gamlingay and then took on the Library Farm Estate at Kingston. The latter was then owned by Mr. Rayner. The name derived from the fact that it was once owned by Queen's College Library. The splendid old farmhouse, a Listed Building, had its name changed to the more suitable 'Moat House' and part of the moat still exists. My cottage, The Dovecot, is situated only 100 metres away.

I felt Jack's influence even before he moved in to the farmhouse with his housekeeper, Mary Rains, and two adopted children. At the back of my cottage is land called Walker's Field on which there was a barn used for recreation purposes. This land was part of the estate now owned by Jack and he asked me to look after 100 or so chickens he proposed to house there temporarily. ME! An ignorant townie! Ann, my wife, and I managed somehow and indeed we quite enjoyed the experience!

Apart from his farming activities, which must have been helped greatly by Les Potter as farm foreman, Jack initiated changes close to the farmhouse almost immediately. Les Potter, by the way, was an amiable character, well known and liked in the village for many years and he transferred with Jack from the latter's previous farm. Walker's Field was to be sold for the erection of a flat roofed house of Scandinavian style, designed by an architect named Hollister. However I was grateful that Jack offered to sell me, for a very nominal price, a strip of the land behind the chapel close by to extend my garden and to act as a buffer zone between the Dovecot and the new house. A short period later Hollister sold the house to Professor Brian and his wife, Meg. He was, I believe, engaged in biological research at Cambridge University and eventually awarded the MBE.

Next Jack turned his attention to the cottage at the junction between Church Lane and the private road to the farmhouse which was tenanted by one of the Jacklin family, long-time residents of the village. Another member, Louis Jacklin, wrote the booklet called Kingston Remembered recently republished in this magazine. Jack decided that the cottage was not restorable, although I personally am not convinced of this, and elected to pull it down and erect a large bungalow in its place. It was

sold to Charlie and Vi Peach who named it Axnfell. Charlie told me that this was the name of the Guesthouse on the Isle of Man where they spent their honeymoon. Charlie was a retired Master Grocer from Birmingham and they became popular residents who played a full part in village activities. Charlie served as Parish Clerk for a long period.

Jack was not yet finished with major changes on his doorstep for he later built a very small bungalow on the land between the Dovecot and the farmhouse for his adopted boy, Clive, who was rather developmentally challenged. He eventually left and the place was sold to an eccentric lady named Beth Harvey who kept a horse herself and was engaged in running a horse riding school. When she died suddenly a note she had left provided great amusement to those attending the inquest as it simply read "IF IN DOUBT SNUFF ME OUT".

Around the time of Jack's arrival the agricultural based village of Kingston was fading. There were few children and the older members of the population were barely being replaced. The last pub 'The Rose and Crown, was shortly to close as was the village shop and post office. Attendance at the church and chapel was small and reducing whilst the school would soon have insufficient pupils to maintain it. However Jack's next steps were to kick start changes which would have a profound effect on the way things would develop particularly in relation to the character of this small settlement. He radically altered Cranes Lane.

A row of council houses, built in the 1930s, I think, lined the north side of the lane whilst the south side was edged by open farmland now belonging to Jack's estate. He elected to sell off a section of his land for residential development. It was divided into wide plots big enough to accommodate large and well detached, four bedroomed houses likely to attract relatively affluent families. A builder living at Girton, named Donnex Claydon, who happened to be a cycling club friend of mine, got the contract to build the row of almost identical houses. In later years they were all extended or altered to the individual preferences of the various owners.

The newcomers were almost inevitably progressive and talented people and well up in their various careers and, over time, this nucleus surely attracted the interest of other go ahead individuals holding important positions in their chosen lines. The infilling only restriction which I believe is still in force has allowed the village to stay compact but the limited space has been filled only by even larger houses so only the well-funded can get in. We have been joined by University people, estate executives, bank managers, a car factory-owning millionaire, a garden design specialist, a titled lady and assorted computer experts. Add to these TV presenters and personalities plus, dare I mention it, members of the KINGSTON BLUES BAND!

Of Jack's original Cranes Lane people I can only remember David and Miki Ellar, Joan Reynolds and Peter Reynolds who are still there plus the Hopkins family who left many years ago. These notes are based on recollections only and some things could well be challenged. Whether the change in the character of the community is good or bad is arguable, but today the village itself still looks an attractive country place and the farms still prosper. The mix of population has jelled into a friendly group of helpful people so that it is still a pleasant place in which to live.

**David Heath**

## Lent 2019

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** ~ A special film opportunity associated with the Lent Course, *The Greatest Showman*.

7pm in **Caxton Church**, bring your own popcorn and a blanket

### Lent Course ~ From Now On

12<sup>th</sup> March - A Million Dreams

19<sup>th</sup> March - Come Alive

26<sup>th</sup> March - Rewrite the Stars

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Never Enough

9<sup>th</sup> April - From Now On

7.30pm to 9.30pm

#### in **Papworth Everard Village Hall**

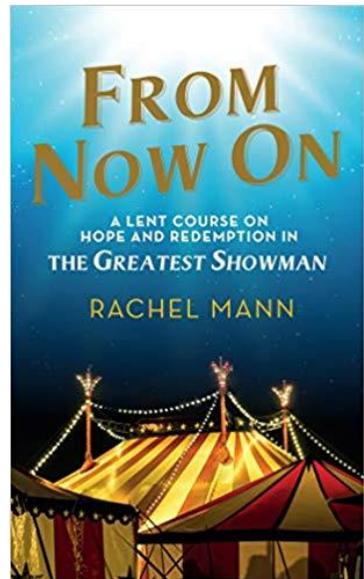
From the new book by Revd. Rachel Mann.

Participants are strongly encouraged to have their own copy of the book. (Full price is £6.99) Please ask if you would like the team to order a copy for you.

For more details, please contact Revd.

Stephen Day

01954 264226 or [revdsmday@cantab.net](mailto:revdsmday@cantab.net)



### Friday meditation and Compline at St Peter's Boxworth

**Every Friday in Lent**, St Peter's is open from 8pm for silent meditation by candlelight. (Starting **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**). Service closes with Compline at 9pm.

## Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter

*(Editor's Note: This is an excerpt from one of Heidi Allen's newsletters that missed publication over the Christmas break.)*

Regular readers will know I try to make my parish newsletters informative rather than political, but given that Parliament has been dominated by Brexit in recent months, it would be remiss of me not to mention it. I hope editors don't mind! Since the referendum in June 2016, I have encouraged constituents to contact me with their views and you have not let me down! I have received thousands of letters and emails, you have come to my surgeries and in response to the incredible volume of correspondence, I have held four major public meetings.

However you voted, I am sure we can all agree that Parliament has an important role to play in managing the process of leaving the EU. To reflect this, last December, I voted for Parliament to have a "meaningful vote" on the terms of withdrawal. You will have seen recently in the press that this vote has been delayed and will now be held in January 2019. In December *this* year, I voted again to ensure Parliament will have a role in determining next steps if the Prime Minister's "deal" is rejected by Parliament in January.

I hope you believe as I do, that Parliamentary sovereignty and the role of individual MPs really matters. You have my word, that every time I vote, I exercise my duties with the utmost seriousness, unequivocally putting my country and South Cambridgeshire before anything else. By listening to each other, we will successfully navigate these choppy waters together.

My website has a dedicated Brexit page -

<https://www.heidisouthcams.co.uk/brexit> and is updated regularly so please do check there for new information.

## Cambridge Science Festival : 11-24 March 9am-9pm

Explore this year's theme of discovery! 2019 marks 150 years since the publication of the modern Periodic Table and Cambridge Science Festival itself is 25! Discover more about the history of science in Cambridge, how current research is improving our understanding of the world and what the future might hold for us all. With free events from astronomy to zoology, we welcome everyone to explore and discuss science through talks, hands-on activities, performances, exhibitions and films.

Browse the event listings at [www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/)

There are drop in activities suitable for children on Saturdays and Sundays (Mar 16-17 and Mar 23-24). 01223 766766

## Book of the Month

**“The House by the Lake”** by Thomas Harding (Windmill)

Having purchased the excellent “East-West Street” by Philippe Sands (reviewed in last month’s magazine) from the folks at Amazon, they came back to me with great advice. “If you enjoyed...then read anything by Walter Kempowski and Thomas Harding” was their recommendation. And they were spot on. The former covers mid to late twentieth century Germany as an expert and painfully candid chronicler and the latter explores much the same place and time period in fascinating ways. I particularly enjoyed Harding’s “The House by the Lake” which is, quite literally, a biography of a house and not a grand one at that. A small house on a lake on the outskirts of Berlin is the subject of the book – plus all the owners and families who occupy the house (not much more than a lakefront shack really) after its construction in 1927. It’s a fascinating read, largely because of the vicissitudes experienced by the house and its owners which themselves mirror wider events in Germany itself in the 1930s and beyond. For instance, the original builders and occupiers – the Alexanders, a cosmopolitan, affluent Jewish family who flourished in 1920s Berlin – were dispossessed because of their membership of their race, as was the norm in the mid-1930s in Hitler’s Germany. Having lost possession, however, the house stayed in their blood.

And that’s what adds depth to this account. Besides being “a superb portrait of twentieth century Germany” (according to historian Tom Holland), it is a very personal story, as Thomas Harding is a descendant of the original owners – the house being built by his great grandfather. Harding’s grandmother was forced to leave the house when the Nazis came to power but always retained an affinity for the place and its environs. And now Harding takes up the baton on her behalf. In 2013, Harding returns to the house which by now stands empty and derelict, with a concrete path cutting through the garden, marking where the Berlin Wall once stood. In a bid to save the house from demolition, Harding begins to unearth the history of the five families who had lived there: a nobleman farmer (the original landowner), a prosperous Jewish family (the Alexanders), a renowned Nazi composer, a widow and her children, and a Stasi (East German) informer.

As Harding states in the Prologue to the book, “This is the story of a wooden house built on the shore of a lake near Berlin. A story of nine rooms, a small garage, a long lawn and a vegetable patch.” It’s as simple as that. But it’s so much more besides. Yes, on the macro level, it’s the story of Germany over a turbulent century. On the micro level, however, it’s about house ownership, family history, and the stewardship that comes with those things. Stewardship is an interesting concept. It

involves investment, care and maintenance, taking responsibility, and a desire to hand on the property for future generations, something with which many Kingstonians will have sympathy. A house, as this book proves, is more than a house: it is a family home and part of the local community to which we all belong. It's about roots, it's about belonging, and it's about making a contribution.

***Peter Holly***

Please Note: if you would like to further explore the concept of stewardship, the book "Stewardship" by management consultant, Peter Block, is an excellent place to start.



*Cranes Lane*

## Music Corner

### Back on the Dance Floor

I suspect that the various seasons help to determine our moods and our moods determine what kinds of music our ears are more open to receiving. This is why, in summer, we tend to like songs that are light and airy, flowery, carefree, and whimsical. In autumn, our song choice turns more mellow and reflective and in winter the mood is darker, rounder and warmer. In spring, however, our spirits lift and we need more upbeat, livelier music: we need dance music!

Springtime, when the sap is rising and nature is going beserk, is the time for music that makes your limbs want to move. "Move it" is the order of the day. And this year, these are the 12 various tracks that have currently got my attention and got me at least twitching my toes, mainly gleaned by playing the radio in the car.

#### Back on the Dance Floor

Since his days with Dire Straits, Mark Knopfler has continued to make great music – always with taste and flair – and this track from his latest album is a real winner. With an infectious danceable beat, it even gets geriatrics like me twiddling my toes.

#### I Heard It Through the Grapevine

This is a wonderful Motown record but not the recording you are expecting. Having paid homage to Marvin Gay's version try this one by Gladys Knight and the Pips instead. It's more upbeat, looser, sassy and dynamic, and undeniably funky.

#### Brimful of Asha

This single by Cornershop is a brilliant Anglo-Indian collaboration and is best played in the remix version by Norman Cook (Fat Boy Slim). I once sat back-to-back with Mr. Cook when he was attending a business lunch in "Brown's" restaurant in Brighton. He was presumably negotiating another recording contract (hopefully enough to pay the mortgage on his house by the sea in Hove) and I was trying not to mind my own business while tucking into my steak and frites.

#### There's a Guy Works Down the Chip Shop Swears He's Elvis

This record by Kirsty MacColl is almost as good as its title. Every time I hear it, it cheers me up and I have an inkling to cut a rug. Shame she died so young.

#### After Midnight

This track from J.J. Cale's first album ("Naturally") is luminous and makes you want to move – as Eric Clapton discovered.

### Fools Gold

I'd always dismissed the Stone Roses as part of the dreaded and dreary Manchester sound (definitely not springtime music) but this particular track is highly danceable with something of a Bo Diddley beat.

### Perfect Day

This perfect song was on Lou Reed's album "Transformer" and was on the flip-side of the wonderful "Walk on the Wild Side" single. While not a fast track, it is superbly uplifting and optimistic and full of springtime promise. As the words go,

Just a perfect day  
Drink sangria in the park  
And then later, when it gets dark  
We go home

Sounds like springtime to me.

### Mustt Mustt

This remix by Bristol's very own Massive Attack is based on Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's original recording and is probably the record with the most infectious beat on this list. With its drum intro establishing an astoundingly rich groove, the Punjabi musicians take it from there with great panache.

### Friday on my Mind

A great song from the mid-Sixties, this is what happened when the Beatles met the Who met the Kinks. Recorded by The Easybeats, a band of immigrants to Australia who prided themselves in being an Australian band, this is perfect for doing any Sixties-type dance.

### One of Us

Joan Osborne's recording of this Eric Brazilian song is another uplifting record that soars while it rocks. Anything by Osborne is worth seeking out, especially her contributions to the live compilation album "Standing in the Shadows of Motown" on which her version of "What Becomes of the Brokenhearted" is absolutely outstanding. Joan Osborne manages to marry her spiritual conscience with her rock and soul leanings - with great gusto.

### Do It Again

Ah, Steely Dan - the '70s band with the art-rock sensibilities. Founded by Donald Fagen and the late Walter Becker, the band married jazz with pop and r&b. Taken from their first album "Can't Buy a Thrill", "Do It Again" is straight down-the-line rock and the dancing record par excellence.

Somewhere Only We Know

This track originally recorded by the group Keane was later recorded by Lily Allen and, taken from her album "Sheezus", it became a huge hit. It is probably the perfect pop song and you can use it to dance your way – gently – into spring.

**Peter Holly**

Having Danced Your Way into Spring, now it's time to join the next meeting of Kingston's very own MUSIC CLUB.

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## Sifting the Dirt – or the Joys of Metal Detecting

*by Edward Zanders*

A slow methodical sweep of the metal detector, then finally a clear signal - my pulse races as I dig a lump of heavy soil out of the ground; whatever lurks there will be revealed using a small hand-held detector to check each fragment from the lump as it is broken up – will it be a Roman coin? “Oh no, not another \*\*\* shotgun cartridge (or ‘shottie’). Back to sweeping then.

I lived on the edge of Kingston parish for seventeen years with my wife and two sons, plus cat and the occasional hamster, and now live in Cambridge. Although I was brought up as a townie, I always loved walking in the countryside around Kingston, Arrington, Wimpole and Orwell. Just walking for the sake of it was fine, but this changed once I read about the discovery of the Staffordshire hoard of treasure by a lucky metal detecting enthusiast. So perhaps initially driven by mercenary instincts, I bought my first metal detector and walked the fields with the kind permission of some local farmers. Frustratingly, the Wimpole Estate was out of bounds, its fields silently taunting me whenever I passed them. As readers will know, there is plenty of history in the area, including Roman roads and medieval paths, so there was no shortage of opportunity to find interesting artefacts from the past. My first foray was into my large back garden that was formerly a field and part of a farmhouse. Within less than a minute a Victorian halfpenny appeared, and I was hooked. Finding treasure would be wonderful of course, but the excitement of just finding pieces of history set in and has continued ever since. I have experienced similar feelings during my working career in scientific research– the frustration of failure amply compensated for by the (less frequent) excitement of discovery.

However much one tries to rationalise it, there is no way of predicting what will turn up in the soil; it is a series of probabilities. Roman sites should have more Roman coins than elsewhere (a positive), fields used for shooting will have rows of spent shotgun cartridges (a negative); of course, these will only be found if the detector sweeps above them in the first place. One of the most common questions asked of detectorists (yes, the TV comedy of the same name is not far from reality) is how deep the detector can go. In theory a signal could be picked up from metal a couple feet underground, but in practice, with ploughed fields in particular, a few inches will suffice. I have located interesting finds, including Roman coins, just lying on the surface. It might be assumed that once an object such as an old coin has been found, there must be others nearby, however in my experience this has almost never been the case. It makes me think of how the object arrived at a particular spot in the first place; was it the only survivor out of a group that disappeared over the centuries, or was it carried by animals or birds from another location? Ultimately it comes down to Pasteur’s dictum ‘chance favours the prepared mind’, so it makes sense to look into the history of the search area and then allow luck to play its part.

The remainder of this article covers a few of the finds that I have made over the years reflecting different aspects of the long and rich history of this part of England.

### Buttons

It is rare to leave a detecting session without at least one button, usually pewter, and dating from the 18th or 19th century. I initially thought that the former owners must have been very careless about losing these things from their clothes because of the sheer numbers found in different fields; however, it appears that old clothes (shoddy) were once used as fertiliser, with only the non-degradable buttons remaining after the cloth was broken down in the soil. Sometimes a more interesting button turns up, perhaps hunting or livery-related, or with a military or civilian service connection. In the last case these include railway badges from the London Midland Scottish Railway Company (formed in 1923) and Great Eastern Railway (pre 1920s) not far from the location of the old 'Varsity Line' running from Cambridge to Oxford. The old military buttons reflect both local and distant regiments, for example the 48th Northamptonshire Regiment of Foot (1870s), the Kettering Troop of the Northampton Yeomanry (1860s) and the 82nd (The Prince of Wales's Volunteers) Regiment of Foot based in Warrington from the late 1700s onwards).

Part of the fun of detecting lies in identifying the finds online and uncovering various bits of historical background. For example, looking into the background of a military button from the Holmesdale Volunteers, I uncovered this little snippet from *Strange Tales of Ale*, by Martyn Cornell:

'Here's a report from the *Bury and Norwich Post* of Wednesday 2 January 1805:

'On Christmas day, Lord Whitworth entertained the Holmesdale Volunteers, consisting of 700 men, at Seven Oaks in Kent, with a very hospitable dinner consisting of roast and boiled beef, and plum-puddings, with a quart of ale to each man and a half a crown for liquor. His Lordship gave 50/- to be distributed among the families of those who are labouring men.'

The Holmesdale Volunteers were named for the Vale of Holmesdale at the foot of the North Downs. Lord Whitworth was a British diplomat whose wife, the former Duchess of Dorset brought into the marriage a good fortune and ownership of Knoke Park, Sevenoaks. Britain was back at war with France; even as the Volunteers dined, Napoleon was preparing an invasion

*Top - buttons and badges*

*Middle - buckles and possible clasp*

*Bottom - Crotal bells*



at Boulogne, within sight of the Kent coast. If his barges had sailed, the Volunteers would have been among the Britons attempting to stop him.'

For someone with little formal education in history, this practical approach has made the subject come to life, particularly when I hold artefacts that were perhaps last handled over a thousand years ago.

### **Buckles, harnesses and farming-related**

Buckles of various shapes and sizes would have been used for shoes, clothes and harnessing animals, so these are regularly detected. Less common are the crotal bells used from the Middle Ages onwards as audible warnings to drivers of horse-drawn vehicles.

Most of the above-mentioned artefacts are made from pewter, brass or bronze, but lead is also detected from several sources. It is quite common to find lumps of lead that must have been melted down for some purpose and the remainder set in the ground for centuries afterwards. Lead bale and cloth seals date back to the thirteenth century and are stamped with characteristic designs to indicate their place of origin. One of my finds, dated from the mid sixteenth to early seventeenth century, comes from Augsburg in Germany and used to mark bales of this city's mixed linen warp and cotton weft fabric.

### **Coins**

Out of all the different types of artefact revealed by the detector, in my case at least, coins provide the most excitement. Leaving aside the fact that coins may be part of a horde of treasure, they represent a distinct historical era and may have been preserved in the ground for over one thousand years.

My oldest coin is a gold stater dated 40-45BC from the Celtic Trinovantes tribe who were centred on modern day Colchester. Roman coins appear in various states of preservation but unfortunately, most are 'grots' having been corroded by time and agrochemicals over the years. However, some are well preserved, including a nice silver denarius inscribed with the face of Julia Domna, second wife of emperor Septimus Severus. She ruled from 194 to 217AD, but Roman coins appear from later eras, for example one from Licinius, emperor from 308 to 324AD.

Jumping hundreds of years forward, I have a series of hammered silver coins from the early medieval period onwards. These very thin coins were created by placing a sheet of metal between two dies and striking the uppermost one with a hammer. The earliest example I have is from the reign of Edward I (1272-1307) and the latest, Elizabeth I (reigned 1558-1603). One curiosity is a Venetian soldino marked with an image of Antonio Venier, Doge from 1382-1400. This foreign coinage was brought to England by Venetian galleys and used to fill the gap caused by a serious shortage of English-struck halfpennies in the early 15th and 16th centuries.

Sometimes what appears to be a hammered coin turns out to be a jeton or gaming token, many of which were made in the 16th century by Krauwinckel in Nuremberg. Jetons were used in early accounting systems based on a chequered board, (hence the term 'exchequer' in finance) but later became gaming tokens.

Modern-style milled coins replaced the hammered versions from the 16th century onwards and represent most of my metal detecting finds. Dates range from George II (reigned 1727-1750) to the modern day. The majority are low denomination halfpennies or pennies, presumably lost by an agricultural labourer as they worked the fields or stopped for a break.

### **Ammunition and World War II**

Hunting and shooting inevitably leave their mark on fields in the form of spent shotgun cartridges, .22 bullets and the much older lead shot. The involvement of East Anglia in the Second World War means that ammunition and other artefacts from the era turn up regularly including .303 rifle bullets and 0.5-inch Browning machine gun bullets. The latter were used in the Mustang fighter, some of which had crashed in the area leaving chunks of aluminium buried in the soil to be detected years later. This aspect of detecting took on a more human element when I once found part of an aviator's headphones from the 1940s alongside a halfpenny dated 1942.

### **Miscellaneous artefacts**

The possibilities here are endless of course. Some of my diverse finds include a large 14th century key, various lead weights and spindle whorls (weights used for spinning fibres into yarn) cutlery and brooches.

### **Concluding remarks**

While metal detecting is a fascinating hobby, it can also suffer from an image problem brought about by the criminal activity of 'nighthawks' and the tension between amateur detectorists and professional archaeologists. Membership of the Federation of Independent Detectorists helps to overcome this along with submission of finds to the Portable Antiquities Scheme run by the British Museum and National Museum of Wales; also, the Treasure Act of 1996 is very clear about what should be done in the case of finding precious artefacts.



*Top - Coins (L-R) Celtic Stater, Roman Denarius, Edward I hammered, Venetian Soldino, George III halfpenny, Nuremberg jeton*

*Middle - Augsburg bale seal, brooch of unknown origin*

*Bottom - WWII cartridge case, lead spindle whorl, lead musket shot, machine gun bullet from Mustang*

I have yet to be specifically asked to find a piece of lost jewellery using my detector, but I once accidentally unearthed a brooch (little monetary value) which was identified as possibly belonging to a Kingston resident's late grandmother from the Edwardian era. So, despite the attractions of Cambridge, I still love venturing out into the local countryside with my detector, thermos of coffee and sandwiches; I transmit a silent message asking for luck to those who have trodden the fields over the centuries before me. Sometimes they answer!

**Editor's Note:** This article was kindly passed on to the magazine by Peter Reynolds.

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