

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



June 2020

Village Diary

At the time of going to print,

All scheduled village activities are cancelled.

Kingston Village hall is closed until further notice.

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 3rd June

Blue & green bins

Thursday 10th June

Black bin

Wednesday 17th June

Blue and Green (hopefully) bins

Thursday 24th June

Black bin

Editorial

As the front cover photo attests, it's lambing season in Kingston and Lee and Mark Steele have been rewarded with a brace of nine healthy, inquisitive youngsters. Hopefully, this is a sign of good times to come. To see such lovely newcomers fills us with hope for the future (see more photos inside). Meanwhile, the village still enjoys a largely virtual existence, symbolized by the weekly online coffee mornings and keep fit classes. With the initial easing of some restrictions, we can look forward to unlimited exercise outside our houses in our wonderful local countryside (keeping to the footpaths of course) and the beginnings of one-on-one social interaction. Coming out of the lockdown is going to be a slow process but that's as it should be. Maybe when you're reading this some pupils will be returning to school and life will be returning to something resembling normality. On behalf of the whole community, many thanks to all those who have kept the village together and found time to celebrate the NHS, VE Day, and the Solidarity Message contained in last month's issue. Here's to our future together!

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Vicar's Letter

Memory is a wonderful thing. If you're like me, an image, a few words, a snatch of music, a smell or a taste can often be enough to bring a flood of remembrance. It's amazing to be able to connect so much with such a small trigger – though often frustrating when I can remember a scene with friends from decades ago, but not where I left my glasses from moments ago!

Recently I was sent a 'challenge' on Facebook: to put up the covers of ten vinyl-era albums which greatly influenced my taste in music. I looked through my music collection and discovered I couldn't possibly limit myself to ten, so I posted sixteen!

As I looked through my list, the tunes and the words started running through my head, and I realised how much part of my mental makeup some of these albums had become. Remembering the songs brought back to mind friends, places, and events which I hadn't even realised I'd forgotten. With the memories came a range of emotions – some positive, some not so much.

Often without us realising, the memories which come when we hear, see or taste certain things will affect how we feel about, and how we react to, what's going on around us – even if the people and situations we're in bear no relationship to those which made the memories in the first place.

We can only draw out from our memories the things we put in, and much of it is beyond our control, but, importantly, some of it is up to us. We can choose what music to listen to, what books to read. We can choose to seek the tastes and smells, and (usually) to visit the places and people who bring us pleasure.

When St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Philippi, he said "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." In other words, we should fill our minds and our memories with good things, because those are the things which will consciously, or even unconsciously, affect our behaviour and our emotions, and shape our lives.

In this difficult and uncertain time let's choose to remember the good things: the support of friends and neighbours, the courage and compassion of health-service staff - and above all the words and actions of Jesus, which are the best possible words to base our lives upon.

Rev. Steve Day

Church services for June

The church will remain closed. Worship continues online using the application Zoom. Go to www.papworthteamchurches.org for details and sign up for the weekly newsletter.

Daily Morning Prayer at 8.15am

For further information contact the Revd Stephen Day revdsmday@cantab.net

11.15am Sunday service by telephone

A short service of the word using your telephone rather than the internet: further details from Nigel Pearson at njfarm@gmail.com or 01954 719637.

DAVID ELLAR

Just before going to print we received the very sad news of the passing of the long-term and much-loved member of the Kingston community, David Ellar. Our thoughts and prayers are with Miki Ellar and her family. A full obituary will be included in the next issue of this magazine.

TIM BURGESS

We regret to record the death of Tim Burgess on April the 8th. He was well known to many in Kingston and throughout the Papworth Team, where he played many roles, not least as Team Treasurer and as a Lay Minister. Tim was a wonderful man: devout and devoted to the church, but also someone with a great gift for friendship and a delightful sense of humour. He was the life and soul of the Papworth Team and will be greatly missed. The following, by David Potter, was first published in the *Papworth News and Views* magazine.

TIMOTHY FOSTER BURGESS MBE JP

Tim Burgess, a well loved and widely respected member of the local community, sadly died at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital on the 8th April, 2020.

Tim grew up in Yorkshire and, after leaving school in 1964, he went into the hotel industry, firstly at the Goodwood Park Hotel in Singapore, before becoming a Deputy Manager for the Trust House Forte Group. He then progressed onto the Savoy, the Dorchester, and the Churchill Hotels in London.

It was at the Trust House Forte in Tunbridge Wells that Tim met his future wife, Jenny, who was then working in the hotel. They were married on 22nd April 1972 at St Oswald's Church in Collingham, Yorkshire. In the mid-seventies, the family moved to Stockholm for three years, where Tim worked for the Sheraton Group, before returning home to work for the family company based in Leeds, and then to form his own software business. This company was granted a Royal Warrant in 1994, as supplier of software to Her Majesty the Queen and her Armed Forces.

Tim was an enthusiastic member of the Methodist Church and, later on, of the Church of England. Despite a busy business career, he always found time for charitable works. He also served as a Justice of the Peace. In 2004, Tim and Jenny moved to Cambridgeshire when Tim became CEO of the Foundation of Edward Storey charity in Cambridge. He played a full part in the life of St Peter's Church in Papworth, having been a resident here for 16 years, as well as in the Papworth Team and the wider Ely Diocese. He sat on the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance and, for the last few years, was a Licensed Lay Minister.

In 2017 Tim was invested with the MBE for his services to the charitable sector and the Church of England. Then, two years later, he was honoured by receiving Maundy Money from Her Majesty the Queen.

Tim was one of life's adventurers. A keen and qualified Yacht Master, he instilled a joy of being on the water with those lucky enough to crew with him, who were also rewarded with cordon bleu dishes rustled up from the tiny galley kitchen below.

Despite having Parkinson's, he never let his slowly deteriorating health affect his positivity, care for others and his love and devotion for his family. He is survived by his wife Jenny, and his two sons, Chris and Richard, and his four grandchildren. Jenny would like to thank all those who have sent their condolences and shared their many memories of all that Tim did and meant in their lives.

David Potter

Free weekly HIIT and Pilates online classes with the NHS.

This new offering is through a partnership with Instructor Live, with an Introduction to HIIT course as well as an Introduction to Pilates.

Introduction to HIIT: <https://t.co/0C30GfuJc1>

Introduction to Pilates: <https://t.co/AtOv7ya2zm>

The NHS also offers yoga, pilates for back pain and even belly dancing, all of which can be found at: nhs.uk/nhs-fitness-studio

Kwiry Korner

Given the national lockdown in the UK and other countries, these have been kwiry times extraordinaire. Drivers traveling many more than the proscribed distances came up with wonderfully inventive excuses for being far from home (going to buy milk, collecting an Ebay purchase, getting out of the confines of home, etc). One group drove over 100 miles to the Dorset coast and had to be rescued by the lifeboat when cut off by the incoming tide. How do you explain that one? Lots of VE Day celebration gatherings lasted long into the night with social distancing long since abandoned. In Spain, where pet owners were allowed to walk their pets once a day, one intrepid resident was found dragging a goldfish in its bowl along the street. In Devon, on the M5, a white van driver was being chased by the police suspecting nefarious goings-on. In his haste he tried to jettison £25,000 of cocaine but forgot to open his window. He was arrested covered in the white powder.

When restrictions were partially lifted, family members sitting on the beach at Durdle Door in Lulworth Cove had driven for ninety minutes and complained to a BBC interviewer about all the other people doing the same, saying that "it's a bit like being in Tesco". While their comments were probably taken out of context, many viewers were irritated with their lack of awareness. You'll also be pleased to know that researchers have discovered that the number of people visiting shops plummeted in April – perhaps because shops were closed! Glad to see that researchers are earning their money.

In Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jose Nunez Romaniz, 19, found a bag of cash amounting to \$135,000 on the ground next to an ATM and handed it in to the police. According to Jose, "In the back of my head, I was just thinking about my parents, especially my mom...what she would do if I came home with the money and what she would do with her chancia (sandal)... I did the right thing and I know my parents are proud and my family is proud as well". Thankfully, Jose has been well rewarded for his honesty. Given \$500 towards college tuition and a \$500 cash reward, he was also given season tickets to go and see the University of New Mexico Lobos play football next season. And the police pitched in with an offer of a job as a public safety officer to help pay his way through college.

In Toronto, Canada, Raylan, a nine-year-old Shepherd mix, isn't just a lovely pet to owner Laura Tindal, he's been a foster dad to a continuous flow of 60 foster cats and kittens for the last six years. Each time a new cat arrives Raylan is there to offer his support, cuddling up to the newcomer, basically treating it as though it was his own puppy. Taking responsibility for his new friends, says his owner, has brought out such gentleness and compassion that she didn't know he had. And in Tunbridge

Wells, Kent, Tracey Smith visited a farm as part of her work and was shown a puppy that was scheduled to be put down. Because of his strange look, Frankie, a Jack Russell and Papillon cross, who had tufts of hair growing out of his eyes, was deemed blind and therefore unlikely to be fostered. Taking pity on the pup, Tracey took him home and found that he could see partially out of each eye. Seven years later Frankie is thriving and, according to Tracey, repaying her kindness every day of his life.

A German Wife's Memories of May 1945

As many of you know, my daughter Joanna Wright lives with her family in the village of Langenbach in the High Taunus Natural Park, to the north of Frankfurt. The village has many similarities to Kingston with late medieval half-timbered houses surrounded by large open fields and ancient woodlands.



Langenbach has a village website containing historical notes and memories. Here, we have just marked VE day and I was interested to read an account by one, Minna Eichhorn, of that time in the village. She had three children and her husband was still a prisoner of war, having been severely wounded.

The village before the war was about the same size as Bourn, plus a few surrounding farms. There are over 40 names on the WW2 memorial, many of whom are listed as "Vermisst im Osten" (missing in the east).

This is part of her account that begins with an extraordinary tale of a moment in the closing stages of the fighting.

On one night before Easter 1945 there was an uninterrupted humming and these were the first American tanks to enter our area, they had not yet touched our village. One evening, my child was so restless. I carried it back and forth in the kitchen, the other children were sleeping, we were no longer allowed to lock the front door, and suddenly there were two black people in the kitchen. I was scared to death, I had never seen a black person before. They talked. With signs and gestures they made me understand that they wanted to hug my child. Declining might not have been a good thing, but they made a peaceful impression. I put my child in one their arms and he sat on a chair humming softly, maybe he had a little baby at home. How many times I silently begged our Lord for help, I don't know. He gently gave my child back to me and they left the house. These soldiers had shoes with rubber soles and you could not hear them coming. After a few days, white soldiers came.

And now refugees came, no, they were displaced people with a bundle of belongings under their arms. I found a young woman with three children across the street. I spoke to her and took her home and we lived happily under one roof for several years.

"For leaders and fatherland". What fate, what unspeakable suffering was hidden in these words. An entire generation, they had been the parents' hope, they never returned home, and the few who returned were marked by the wounds and illnesses they had suffered in the war. Where had they gone, all the dear companions of my childhood, my youth. It is all far back now and I still cannot find the right words for what this war had left us today. Debris, grief and tears, that was the end result, and for so many it had meant displacement from home.

Minna Eichhorn 1914 - 2006

Paul Wright



Ely Cathedral Services

are available on Zoom or through Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ElyCathedral>

See the website <https://www.elycathedral.org/> for further details

KINGSTON'S SECOND AIRFIELD

Like many residents, Sarah and I have used this period of lockdown to re-explore the parish's network of footpaths.

On Crane's Lane, on the right hand side as you walk past the poplars towards Wimpole, there is a low concrete pillar from which protrudes the broken end of a metal pole. I asked James Clear if he knew what it was and he tells me years ago Kingston Wood Estate had a small private airstrip there. He thinks, and this seems very likely, that it is the base of a windsock.

Kingston still has an airstrip just inside the parish boundary at Armshold Farm and now it seems there were once two in the parish. You live and learn!

I had previously wondered whether it was from the war as, years ago, I was glancing through an old prayer book in the church and found this message written in pencil on the fly leaf – "Are you doing the dummy fire on Cranes Lane tonight?" The home guard must have lit fires there to lure bombers away from Bourn Airfield.



Paul Wright

Record Corner

The Beat Goes On

Well, I'm still surviving and so is my "Greats" playlist – now over 600 tracks strong. When will Spotify step in and say "that's enough". I clearly lack the self-discipline to call a halt and, anyway, it's become my crutch in times of pestilence.

What interests me now is how the playlist has changed over time. Long gone are the top 40 hits and also gone are soul and r&b tracks, largely replaced by country and rootsy Americana music often with a Latino bent. The music is still on the reflective, mellow and melancholic side (to match my mood) but is slightly more upbeat – no dancing yet though but a lot of foot twitching. Another emphasis is the female side of music-making: there is a preponderance of tracks by women. Joni Mitchell, Rosanne Cash, Patty Loveless, Lucinda Williams, Madeleine Peyroux, Alison Krauss, Bonnie Raitt, Nanci Griffith, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Eva Cassidy, Linda Ronstadt, Carly Simon, and Shelby Lynne have all come to the fore. I'm obviously a complete sucker for modern female singers who rework the country songbook. I have

ransacked some of their albums, particularly Alison Krauss's "Windy City", Rosanne Cash's "The List" (containing tracks from a list of country songs considered irreplaceable by her famous father when he thought she was too much into the Beatles and the West Coast sound in her teens), "Sleepless Nights" by Patty Loveless, Shelby Lynne's "Just a Little Lovin'" (a selection of tracks paying homage to Dusty Springfield) and Madeleine Peyroux's "The Blue Room". Not that male singers have disappeared. Jeff Buckley, Paul Simon, John Hiatt, Taj Mahal, Ry Cooder, Warren Zevon (a wonderful discovery), Raul Malo (the Mavericks' lead singer gone solo), John Prine, Jesse Winchester, Tom Waits, Neil Young, Willie Nelson, Rodney Crowell, JJ Cale and Tony Joe White (who proves to be so much more than a one hit wonder with "Pork Salad Annie") all hog the lime-light. And then, of course, there's Bob Dylan who has been strangely neglected in the earlier part of the playlist. Now he comes into his own. But it's Tony Joe White's song "Ain't Going Down This Time" that supremely provides the beat and the words to grace the lockdown mentality: it's my song for the times.

As with last time I thought a representative sequence of tracks would help to illustrate the larger picture. The tracks in order are: "Rainy Night in Georgia" (Tony Joe White), "Lilac Wine" (Jeff Buckley), "Hallelujah" (Jeff Buckley), "Lipstick Sunset" (John Hiatt), "Crazy Love" (Van Morrison), "Make You Feel My Love" (Joan Osborne), "Can't Help Falling in Love" (Ingrid Michaelson), "Moon River" (Madeleine Peyroux), "Walking After Midnight" (Madeleine Peyroux), "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter" (Madeleine Peyroux), "Ain't Going Down This Time" (Tony Joe White), "Play a Train Song" (Todd Snider), "Storms Never Last" (Waylon Jennings and Jessi Colter), "Corinna" (Taj Mahal), "Farther on Down the Road" (Taj Mahal), "All the Best" (My Morning Jacket), "Son of a Preacher Man" (Dusty Springfield), "Just One Smile" (Dusty Springfield), "The Windmills of My Mind" (Dusty Springfield), "I Think It's Gonna Rain Today" (Dusty Springfield), "Honky Tonk Women" (Taj Mahal), "Leaving Trunk" (Taj Mahal), "One More Cup of Coffee" (Bob Dylan), "Shelter from the Storm" (Bob Dylan), "Most of the Time" (Bob Dylan), "One Too Many Mornings" (Bob Dylan) and "Someone to Lay Down Beside Me" (Karla Bonoff). Looking down this list again, there's some nostalgia at work. Several of the tracks are re-workings of old hits by the likes of Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan, Patsy Cline, Fats Waller, Elvis Presley, Gene Pitney, Noel Harrison and the Rolling Stones, all adding lustre and depth to the original recordings. I'm not surprised though that my current mellow mood is tinged with nostalgia. The one thing the mighty virus has done is to remind us of our mortality -- so on with the music!

Another bonus of creating this playlist has been the discovery of new artists (new to me anyway) worth following up. In this category I place My Morning Jacket, The

Jayhawks, Wilco, Jimmy LaFave, Ryan Bingham, Mary Gauthier, Margo Price, Ane Brun (Scandinavia's answer to Eva Cassidy), Calexico and Raul Malo. As with the latter, I'm really enjoying anything with a Latino/Mexican flavour. Towards the end of the playlist there's a great version of Sam the Sham's 1960s Tex-Mex hit "Woolly Bully", this time by the irrepressible Ry Cooder from his *Corridos Famosos* LP. It's a live recording and is loose, raucous and ridiculously danceable. In fact, the end of the playlist (and, yes, end it must) turns into a Mexican street party. What with Ry Cooder (aided and abetted by Flaco Jimenez), Raul Malo, Los Lobos, Los Lonely Boys, and Los Straitjackets all contributing, tracks like "Shakin' Shakin' Shakes" (Los Lobos), "Hey Lupe" (Los Straitjackets' version of "Hang on Sloopy"), "Guantanamo" (Raul Malo) and Richie Valens's "Come On, Let's Go" (Los Lobos) certainly add to my party mood. I particularly like the live versions of many of these tracks. Recorded live music is certainly rough and ready, less (over-) produced, more authentic, more alive. As one reviewer of Ry Cooder's album *Live in Santa Cruz* explains, "In heaven it's five minutes to midnight on New Year's Eve. I'm sitting in my favourite bar being served free beer by a bevy of supermodels and the house band in the corner is The Moula Banda Rhythm Aces. Sheer bliss...What could be better than a group of brilliant musicians revelling in the fun of making music together. I smile every time I listen to this. Life is good". Absolutely. And that's the power of music. It might be mood-matching and mood-bolstering but it's also mood-lifting. Maybe my mental and musical lockdown is ending.

This selection of tracks might be old fogey music for an old fogey like me. But it's got me through the lockdown and, with the Mexican street party in full swing, if you watch carefully you may well see this old fogey in full Mexican regalia with sombrero and maracas doing something resembling the Macarena in the middle of the Kingston crossroads. And if you listen carefully you might hear me singing a pastiche of the sadly missed Little Richard sounding something like this:

"I'm coming out of lockdown, a-wham lammy bammy boo
I'm coming out of lockdown, I'm a Kingstonian that's who
Had the self-isolating, social distancing blues, that's true
But now I'm out of lockdown, a-wham lammy bammy boo."

Enough said.

Peter Holly

Lambing Time in Kingston





Parish Council News

Playground: Following representations by some parents, the Parish Council has re-considered its decision to close the playground, and has purchased and installed temporary fencing to separate the play equipment area from the rest of the recreation ground, enabling them to be described as 'playground' and 'park/sports ground' respectively. The signage has been altered. The grass area is now open for use, but the 'playground' area will remain closed.

Please ensure your children respect the instructions on the signs, and accompany your children to the playground if there is any risk that they might otherwise disregard the instructions. If you see other children disregarding the instructions, please strongly request them to comply.

Local Shopping Reminders

Toft Shop Daily Delivery Scheme

1. **Anybody** can use the scheme – the more the better. It's not just for self-isolating people. A volunteer collects all delivery orders from the shop every day except Sundays and Bank Holidays.
2. Phone (01223 262204) or email (info@toftshop.co.uk) your order to Toft Shop before 10.00am if you want same day delivery. Later orders will be delivered the following day. **Note no deliveries on Sunday** – you can phone or email your order but it will not be delivered until Monday afternoon.
3. Shop opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	7.00am – 6.00pm
Wed	7.00am – 1.00pm
Sat	7.30am – 2.00 pm
Sun	7.30am – 1.00pm
Bank Holidays	Closed
4. Be sure to say you want your shopping delivered, and give name and address.
5. Shop will advise cost of shopping, usually by a later phone call. Pay by card over the phone or (less preferred) by BACS. If paying by cash (less preferred still) phone Peter Stokes (07740 053247) first to arrange for delivery person that day to collect cash from you.
6. Order may be delivered at any time after approx 2.00pm (or 1.00pm on Wednesdays). Ensure you are at home to receive order, or give instructions (e.g. leave outside back door).
7. Deliverer will not enter your house and will observe distancing guidelines.

Knibbs the butcher in Bourn offers free home delivery on orders over £25.00. Call them on 01954 713978 or message on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/knibbsmeatsafe/>. Alternatively you can order and pay over the phone, then drive to the shop and they will bring out your order and put it in the boot of your car.

Self-isolating? Covid-19 in the house? Struggling with anything?

Kingston has shown itself to be a supportive community – many people have volunteered. If you are in difficulties with the lockdown, please contact me. I am sure I will have no difficulty finding someone who can help.

***Peter Stokes**, Parish Clerk, kingstonpc.cambridge@gmail.com, 01223 262207*

News From Wimpole Hall: Opening the Multi-Use Trail

We're passionate about getting people outdoors and closer to nature. Our aim is to make access to the parkland as easy as possible and make people feel comfortable about heading off into the countryside.

What's multi-use?

The trail will be multi-use, intended for walkers, runners, cyclists and adapted wheelchair users. They're all aimed at people who aren't regularly taking part in activity, great for families looking for an easy, safe route that can get them active and enjoying time outside together.

Construction commences

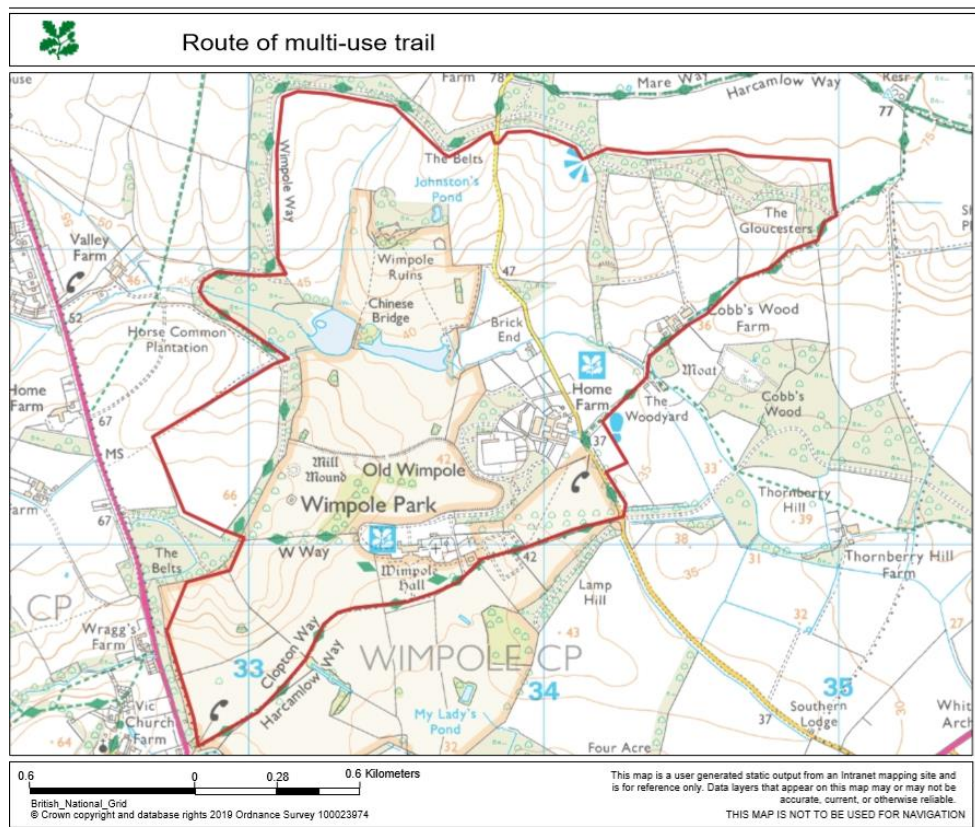
In October 2019 construction began on our multi-user trail. Supported by Sport England, this accessible route will be open to everyone, including people who use adapted wheelchairs and pushchairs, all year round. Whatever the weather, this trail can take you out into the countryside.

Opening in 2020

Wimpole's new multi-user trail will provide an off-road circular route around the estate, providing even more opportunities to explore the woodland, parkland and farmland.

The construction will take around six months with the official opening in June 2020. Please stay safe and follow any diversions signs until then. The trail will need a few months to bed in and may look finished even when it's not quite ready to be used. We look forward to seeing you on the trail in the summer - we'll let you know when it's open!

Wimpole is one of ten national trust properties chosen to build new multi-user trails to encourage visitors to enjoy different activities. The all-weather surface also means more people can explore the estate whatever the season.



Cambridge Summer Music Festival Goes Virtual!

The Virtual Festival offers opportunities to hear performances by many of the musicians due to take part in the 2020 Cambridge Summer Music Festival from the comfort of your home and listening is free.

Listen via the links on the Virtual Festival page

<http://cambridgesummermusic.co.uk/cambridge-summer-music-festival-2020/>

where new tracks will be added on a regular basis over the weeks to come.

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Book of the Month

Three Books for the Lockdown

Crime thrillers have been a good read during the pandemic lockdown. Nothing too deep is required, nothing too intellectual although lots of gratuitous violence seems to help. They are all the kind of books that once you get into them they are impossible to put down. No put downs during lockdowns: perfect. And, although all three books are the same genre, they are very different in terms of style and plot. The one constant is murder.

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

My daughter said I had to read this and she was right. Set in Mexico, it has been described as “A Grapes of Wrath for our times”. It begins in crime-ridden, cartel-infested Acapulco with a mass murder, with the mother and son barely escaping with their lives and the rest of the extended family being gunned down around the back-yard barbecue. Realizing that their lives are at stake the rest of the heart-stopping book describes their efforts to escape to “El Norte” and comparative safety in the USA. During their precarious travels Lydia (the mother) and Luca (the son) team up with two sisters from Honduras (Soledad and Rebecca) and join the migrant ranks headed north, spending much of their time jumping on and off and clinging to the top of “La Bestia”, Mexican goods trains. Needless to say, there are plenty of violent diversions along the way, culminating with the harrowing and suspenseful crossing of the border and traversing of the southern Arizona desert. With lots of surprise twists in the plot along the way, this is a fascinating but never comfortable read.

Black Water Lilies by Michel Bussi

Another recommendation from my daughter, this is a very different book but no less suspenseful. Again it begins with a murder and the rest of the book examines the labyrinthine ins and outs of the crime. Set in Giverny and Monet’s gardens, the plot contains, besides more than one murder, the world of art dealers, art theft and artistic endeavour. The central characters are three women: an octogenarian, a beautiful school-teacher and a thirteen-year-old art prodigy. The plot twists and turns like the best of crime thrillers and the ending is truly surprising and unexpected.

A Long Night in Paris by Dov Alfon

As the title suggests, this crime thriller is set in Paris over a twenty-four hour period, culminating in a suspenseful night-time murder spree. The book reads like a cross between James Bond and John Le Carré and involves international intrigue,

espionage and the inevitable violence. The central character, Colonel Zeev Abadi, a member of a special section of Israeli intelligence aided and abetted by his deputy, the indefatigable Oriana Talmor, and Commissaire Leger of the Paris police force have to unravel a tortuous case involving a rogue Israeli agent, a Chinese commando team running amok in the streets of Paris, international politics, shady businessmen, and Israeli internecine politics at the highest level. In a mysterious world of hacking, deceit, fake news, bribery and blackmail, no one emerges from this saga with much credit, especially at the highest level of international and national politics where everyone is concerned with bending the truth to make themselves and their employers look good in the circumstances. From this seedy world of international intrigue, global interconnectedness, and an economic pandemic, it's a short step to our current experience of a health pandemic and its attendant political, social and economic issues.

Peter Holly

Library News: Community and Local History

Ancestry Library edition is usually only available within Cambridgeshire's library and archive buildings, but for the duration of the lockdown, Ancestry have kindly agreed to make the resource available from home.

Just log in to your library account, go to the Library Catalogue page and you will find a link to Ancestry under 'Quick Links' on the right hand side.

Everything on British History Online has also been made freely available until 31st July 2020.

You can find a link to join the Library at

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries>
(Please note your library card number will be emailed to you whilst libraries are closed.)

The Library Presents ... in your house

The planned spring programme had to be suspended but a programme of beautiful and interesting arts that can be enjoyed from home is being offered. The programme will be updated weekly at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/arts and on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/thelibrarypresents?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



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