

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



February 2022

Village Diary

Saturday 5th Feb

Pub Night with Pizza Facile. Orders by Thursday lunchtime, if possible. We will start serving at 6pm

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 2nd February

Black bin

Wednesday 9th February

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday 16th February

Black bin

Wednesday 23rd February

Blue bin only

Editorial

New year, new editor: I am pleased to be taking over as editor and my first job is to thank Peter Stokes for his work in this role for the past several months. And to thank him for his help in introducing me to my new challenge. Disclaimer: all mistakes are mine alone however.

Parish Clerk: I repeat here the note that was in the December edition as, sadly, no-one has come forward:

“Sadly, Mimi Wheeler has found, despite her best efforts, that the duties of Parish Clerk are incompatible with the pressures of raising a young family, and the fact of not living in the village has been a particular obstacle. The Parish Council is therefore again looking for a suitable person to take on the role. If you think this might be you, please contact Mimi or James Clear.”

Please consider if you, or anyone you can think of, would take on this job. I can add here that this is a paid post for 4 hours/week.

New Column: I hope to re-start a monthly column called Exchange and Mart. I think this has been tried before and thought we might give it another go. With the current emphasis on repair and re-use, I'd like to encourage villagers to list items they no longer need or want here first, before taking them to the tip! We will keep it in the village and use phone numbers only, for direct contact. People can make their own payment arrangements or offer things for free. I'll start the ball rolling with an unwanted wine rack free for collection.

And finally: Look out in future issues for a monthly children's drawing competition.

So, please keep your articles, recipes, photos, puzzles etc. coming in. We welcome all contributions and I look forward to hearing from you. It's your magazine.

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Vicar's Letter

What do tomatoes, potatoes, and cocoa beans have in common? The answer is that they all originated in South America, and were unknown in Britain until the late sixteenth or early seventeenth century.

Think of all the historical figures that excludes: Henry VIII would never have seen a potato, Elizabeth I never have eaten a tomato, William Shakespeare never tasted chocolate or drunk coffee.

We scarcely ever think about the things we grew up with, they are just 'normal', and once something has been around for a generation or two, society adjusts itself around it. This is true for our technology as well: fast personal transport, immediate communication, antibiotics, and so on are so integrated into the way we live that losing them would be catastrophic.

It's good to be reminded of just how different life used to be because it also reminds us how different life will be in the future, and it helps us to be less afraid of change happening now. I've seen a video recently of a small child 'pinching' a picture in a magazine to try to change its size as if it were on a tablet, and another of a child giving lateral flow tests to toys! What is 'change' for us will be normal for a new generation.

A lot of the time change is good, but it's always challenging – for several decades in early seventeenth century Britain, tomatoes were regarded as poisonous!

The Bible often speaks of God doing "a new thing" and often encourages us to "sing a new song", and the key players in God's story are all people whom God has called to great change. It is only as they are prepared to take the risk that they receive God's blessing and fulfil God's purposes.

Jesus of Nazareth wouldn't have known potatoes, tomatoes, or chocolate, though I'm sure he would have included them in his parables if he had. What he did know, though, was suffering, which he endured on our behalf. He did it to give us the possibility of change – not in what we eat or how we travel but in how we relate to God. It's a change which can turn our lives upside down, but it's only as we take that risk that we can receive God's blessing. What's holding you back from making that change?

Rev. Steve Day

Church Services for February

Sunday 6th February **Holy Communion 8.30am**

Sunday 20th February **Family Service 10.30am**

ZOOM Chapel: **10.00am** 6th February

Morning Prayer (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)

Team Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm

For further information and the Zoom link see www.papworthteamchurches.org

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

6 th February	Annabel Diggle
13 th February	Christine Stone
20 th February	Christine Allison
27 th February	Kay Forsythe

From the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

On behalf of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust I have pleasure in advising that a bank transfer has been made direct to your parish bank account for £292.00 as a donation to your church funds. This represents half the proceeds raised by the people who nominated your church on our annual sponsored Ride and Stride event 2021.

The Trustees and the Executive Committee wish to thank all the organisers, helpers, sponsors, walkers and riders for making such a success of this year's Ride and Stride. Please convey these thanks to all concerned.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely
Tim Thompson

Holy Matrimony

Many congratulations to Simon Gardner and Sarah Denley, of The Old Rectory, who were married on the 16th January in Kingston church.

New Arrivals

Cesar and Rebekah Chamunorwa and their children, Harvey (7), Gilly (4), Ronica (3) and Aaron (1), moved into 8 Cranes Lane from Toft during December.

William and Caitlin Magee and their sons Felix (3) and Thomas (1) have recently moved into 2 Chantry Close on Church Lane from London.

We hope that they will all settle in well and look forward to seeing them around the village and at social events when life gradually becomes more normal.

Kingston Village Quiz

The Kingston Village Quiz will take place on Saturday 26 February 2022, 7.30 pm start. It will once again be an online quiz, and will comply with all government advice at the time. This could also include a hybrid form, where all members of a team either meet at a house and take part virtually from one house, or meet in a mixture of online & in-person. This will depend on the rules at the time and individual risk tolerance levels.

As this is a fundraising event, there will be a charge of £5 per person to enter the quiz. Team captains will be asked to put together teams of six and manage all payments. As the event is not in the village hall, there are no restrictions to the number of groups attending the event.

The online quiz will include a mixture of questions, spoken then presented in written format. There will be breakout rooms during the quiz, where the groups can go to discuss their answers, then return to the main event.

Please let Katherine Stalham know if you would like to book a team for the event. If you don't have a team of six, but would still like to take part, then do send me a message and I will introduce you to others to make up a team of six. It will also be great to see some of the newbies in the village taking part, so do let me know if you would like me to help you making up a team of six, which will be a great way to meet others in the village.

Contact: kstalham@hotmail.com or 01223 263510.

JUBILEE JOLLITIES

As you will no doubt all be aware by now, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend is 2 - 5 June when we will be celebrating her Majesty's 70 year reign. So it is time to start our planning and consider what we would like to do here in Kingston. The first step will be the formation of a committee to discuss events which is the reason for this notice. We need to hear from anyone (the more the merrier) who would like to help plan our festivities. Two people have already come forward so please let any of the parish councillors know if you are willing to help make our plans a success. This particular Jubilee will be especially significant for all the children in the village who will be talking about it for many years to come.

Self-led Trails at Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Free with general Garden admission, tickets (Adult: £6.80/£7.50, U16s free) from the Ticket Office or at <https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/purchase-tickets/>

Crazy Cone Caper Self-Led Trail

Mon 28 Feb 10.00am-4.00pm

Snowdrop Trail until – Sat 27 Feb 10.00am-4.00pm

Cactus Print Making

Sat 5 Feb 10.00am-1.00pm

Home Activities From Cambridge Museums

Looking for fun learning activities to try at home? From wildlife wanders to stories inspired by paintings, take your pick from a growing selection inspired by the University collections. <https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/activities>

Bourn School Bag Drop! Friday 11th March 2022

Please bring unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, hats, scarves, fashion accessories, jewellery, or perfumes in a tied dustbin bag to the front yard of 2 Short Street, Bourn, on the morning of Friday 11th March by 9am, or at drop off at the school gate by 9am if you have a child at Bourn School.

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Please note, we cannot accept dirty, damaged or wet items, or items not listed above.

Thank you for your support! The BSA



Charity exhibition celebrates the Great Outdoors

Local charity Rowan is getting ready to launch its annual art exhibition, on 26 and 27 February in Cambridge.

The exhibition, which will be held at Long Road Sixth Form College, will be open to the public and attendees will have the opportunity to purchase artworks. All the money raised from art sales will go to the charity, which supports adults with learning disabilities.

Entitled The Great Outdoors, the exhibition showcases the work of local artists who have produced artworks inspired by nature. Every piece, whether by amateur or professional, will sell for £45. Perhaps you could find a masterpiece by tomorrow's Banksy?

"After so much time stuck indoors, it feels fitting to celebrate the outdoors with this exhibition," said Fundraising Events Manager Ellie Breeze. "I love how inclusive this event is – everyone is invited to take part and each artwork is sold for the same price. We're always blown away by the talent on display at our exhibitions and seeing the work submitted so far, this year will be no different."

The event, which is free to attend, will also feature a silent auction of work donated by established artists from all over the UK. There will also be musical interludes from local musicians.

"The Great Outdoors is raising money for such a good cause, I'm happy to be a part of it," said silent auction artist Lesley Birch. "I create lyrical paintings inspired by Nature, so my work was a great fit for this exhibition."

The Great Outdoors is open 11am – 4pm, 26 – 27 February 2022, at Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge, CB2 8PX. Entry is free. For more information visit www.rowanhumberstone.co.uk or call 01223 566027.

Rowan

Rowan is a vibrant, independent registered charity providing an arts centre and forest school for more than 80 adults with learning disabilities in Cambridgeshire and the adjoining counties. Since 1984 we have provided a safe, creative, and enriching environment where the arts are used as a tool to bring people together and tackle social exclusion. We develop the skills and potential of our students whilst improving their happiness, health and wellbeing. We also deliver much needed respite to families and carers.

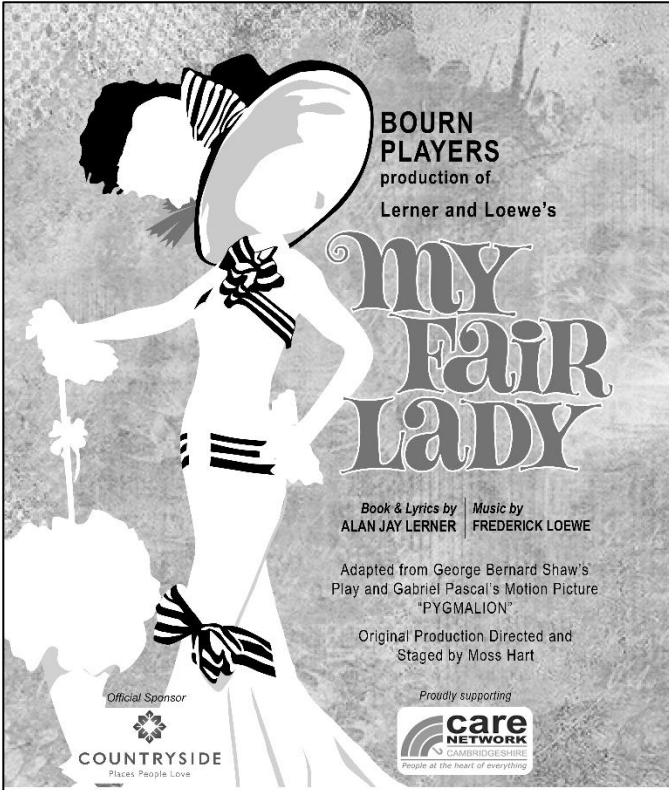
Rowan provides a range of creative workshops in woodwork, ceramics, textiles, print, mixed media, drama and music. We are open Monday to Friday, 9am–3pm, 50 weeks a year. We arrange regular trips out to theatres, museums and exhibitions to

explore art and culture further, and in 2020 we launched Rowan Rangers, our forest school which enables students to be creative and connect with nature.

We have a strong social enterprise ethos and accept both large and small-scale commissions from individuals and organisations. We also produce artworks and items such as our popular finger labyrinths to sell online and at exhibitions and events.

Rowan also runs a range of community art classes during the evenings and weekends and our venue is available to hire outside creative workshop hours.

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My flight in a Nimrod

In the mid-1960s I was an undergraduate apprentice at Hawker Siddeley Aviation (HSA), first at Coventry, then later at Woodford, near Manchester, as part of my 'sandwich course' degree in Aeronautical Engineering. At Woodford they were building 748s, (a small regional airliner), 780s (the military version) and more excitingly, retro-fitting Avro Vulcans for a new low-level role in the



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RAF. They had new engines and avionics installed, and were painted in their new camouflage livery. Every so often one would be completed, and taken up for a test flight, before collection by an RAF aircrew. The Vulcan is such a noisy and exciting spectacle when it takes off (well, it is to me, anyway) that as soon as I heard one thundering down the runway, I would run to the nearest viewpoint to watch.



Avro Vulcan

HSA was also building Nimrods at Woodford, the RAF Coastal Command's replacement for the Shackleton. Based on the Lancaster bomber, the Shackleton was brought into service in 1951 as the RAF's maritime reconnaissance aircraft, able to stay airborne for 24 hours or more, in its lonely job of patrolling the seas looking for enemy

shipping. The Nimrod, its replacement, was also developed from another, rather different aircraft: the de Havilland Comet, the world's first commercial jet airliner. With an unpressurized bomb bay, Rolls Royce Spey turbofan engines and advanced submarine-hunting technology, the Nimrod was very different from both the Comet and the Shackleton. It also could loiter aloft for long periods by shutting down its two outboard engines, although it could not match the 24-hour endurance of the Shackleton without in-flight refuelling.

I found Aeronautical Engineering boring. You rarely got your hands on the hardware, and I was (still am) one of those practical engineers that, not content with just designing things, likes to get his hands dirty. I want to touch and play with the hardware. I was stuck in an office, working on some tiny part of one of the Nimrod's four hydraulic systems and I was bored. I can't remember how I managed this but I contrived to wangle a flight in one of the Nimrod prototypes, on one of its routine test flights. I was given one of the crew stations to sit at, and told to sit down and shut up. I was given a job to do – I had to take readings from a screen and some instruments in front of me, and plot a graph of them during the flight. Looking back, I doubt if the graph was for any useful purpose - I was probably given the task to keep me busy and out of trouble.

I was able to see obliquely out of one of the windows - after take-off we flew across Northern England and out over the North Sea. During the two- or three-hour flight

we flew down low over the water several times and blasted a number of fishing boats to matchwood. Well, we didn't actually do that, but we pretended to, no doubt to the considerable consternation of the fishermen. By the time I graduated, I had acquired a new girlfriend, a trainee teacher at Warwick University



Hawker Siddeley (later British Aerospace) Nimrod

called Suzy, who I met during one of my frequent visits back to Coventry. I felt at home in Coventry, all my friends lived there, it didn't rain so much as in Manchester, and now I was in love. I looked for a job in Coventry - all my engineer friends worked in the car industry there which was then in its heyday. I moved back to Coventry in 1969 to work for Triumph Motors as a Development Engineer, where I could really play with the hardware (think TR6, Stag, Dolomite Sprint), and marry the girl of my dreams.

Peter Stokes



H. M. The Queen Elizabeth II ascended the throne on the 6th February, 1952, 70 years ago, following the death of her father, King George VI. She is the longest reigning of the United Kingdom's monarchs, having surpassed the reign of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, which was 63 years and 7 months. She also remains the Queen of 14 Commonwealth realms and is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. **There will be a church service in Kingston**

on the 6th February at 8.30am, and the Union Flag will be raised on the village green at 10.30 on that morning. The main festivities for the Platinum Jubilee will follow over a four-day bank holiday weekend from June 2nd to June 5th.

Healthy You

We are a free service for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough residents who are looking to make changes to their lifestyle. So, whether you want help to stop smoking, lead a more active lifestyle, lose some weight, or simply take advantage of the NHS Health Checks we offer, Healthy You – funded by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council – can help you. <https://healthyyou.org.uk>



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Our Team Administrator, Chris Westgarth, works in the office normally on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings; serving the parishes of Bourn, Boxworth, Caxton, Conington, Croxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Graveley with Papworth St Agnes, Kingston, Knapwell, Lolworth, Longstowe, Papworth Everard, Toseland and Yelling.

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Old photographs of Kingston 6: Winter view from Town Farmhouse.



This photograph was sent to me by David Wilkinson, John Wilkinson's nephew, who lived with his grandmother, Marian 'May' Wilkinson, at what we now call The House on the Green, in the early 1960s. It is difficult to date, but is probably pre-1940. In the foreground is the pond in the garden of Town Farm (now The Old Farmhouse) and immediately beyond, on the left, a small single-storey cottage (which survived to around 1960) on the site of what is now Green Ley; behind this, Crossways Cottage with a barn to its right, where Barn House was subsequently built. In the middle distance are, from left to right, The Dovecot above the cottage where

Southacre now stands, then the Chapel, Thatches and The Old Post Office, with the Rose and Crown and the church faintly visible on the horizon. An interesting feature, on the right-hand side, is what appears to be a series of conical thatched ricks at Payne's Farm. Hay, straw and stooks of harvested corn were stored over the winter months in this way.

How many churches are visible from Kingston?

My total is fourteen to date, including two Cambridge college chapels. Has anyone else seen more?

Peter Reynolds

Household Support Fund for those most in need

Cambridgeshire County Council is offering a payment of £20 to all 39,000 people in the county on Universal Credit to help them manage rising costs of living this winter. Anyone receiving Universal Credit can apply for this payment by filling in a simple form at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

The County Council has allocated Government funding of £3.5million to support both households with children and others in need of support this winter. Some has already been allocated to provide school meal vouchers over the Christmas and February half term holidays. The remaining £2.4m is being used for more general household support, open for any household in need to claim. The new plan aims to reach some of those struggling most with increased costs of heating or other essential bills, but who may not yet have heard about the fund, or think it is not aimed at them.

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Have Your Say On Protecting Local Heritage

Cambridgeshire residents are being asked for their views on which local buildings, structures, archaeological sites and landscapes they value, and feel are important to the character of their local areas, as part of a new Local Heritage Listing project.

For many years the national listing system has recognised buildings of national importance, by designating buildings as grade 1, 2* and 2. Local Heritage Lists aim to identify buildings and heritage assets which, whilst not meeting the national criteria, are important at a local level.

The project received funding from the Government which invited councils in England to create pilot projects for Local Heritage Lists in their areas. Cambridgeshire's joint bid was one of the 22 successful projects to secure funding.

Cambridgeshire County Council and the five District Councils are collaborating to create local lists of heritage assets that are important to the people living in their communities. Cambridgeshire has many locally important heritage assets, which are valued by residents and contribute positively to the county's character and identity, have local historic associations, are local landmarks or are important to the local community. These buildings, archaeological remains, parks, gardens, or public works of art, sometimes have little or no protection, and over time these special places can be lost. By adding these heritage assets to Local Heritage Lists their local importance will be officially recognised in the planning process.

If a planning application is made that affects one of the buildings or structures included on the Local Heritage List, the local planning authority will have to take this into account when considering the application. While this does not provide the same degree of protection that is given to nationally listed buildings or structures, it should help to preserve the character and heritage of our local area.

A new website has been launched - <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/cambridgeshire> - with guidance on how you can get involved in the initiative and nominate buildings and archaeological sites to be considered for the Local List, which will recognise their importance and help preserve them. There are also a number of volunteer roles for anyone with a particular interest in heritage.

The nominations will be considered by an assessment panel comprised of local project volunteers, and heritage professionals to check that they satisfy the criteria for selection. These selected candidates will be taken forward by the individual District Councils for adoption on to a Local List. Once adopted these Lists will be published on the project website and each of the District Council's websites. For more information see <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/cambridgeshire> or email Project Officer jessica.johnston@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

'Self-generated' child sexual abuse prevention campaign

Girls are increasingly being groomed by online predators to create sexually explicit images and videos. 300,000 adults in the UK have a sexual interest in children. In 2020, the Internet Watch Foundation, based in Histon, confirmed 68,000 cases of self-generated imagery, a rise of 77% on 2019 and self-generated imagery accounts for nearly half (44%) of the imagery they took action on that year. In 80% of these cases, the victims were 11 to 13-year-old girls.

Any child, no matter what their background, with unrestricted access to internet-connected devices, is at risk.

The campaign, backed by the UK Home Office, Microsoft, TikTok and supported by Snapchat and Twitter aims to empower girls, and warn their parents and carers about the risks posed by online predators targeting children. Our aim is to build resilience to the threat of self-generated sexual abuse of children, thereby reducing the number of incidences.

We want girls to have an increased awareness of how to safely respond to requests online for self-generated child sexual abuse material; and for parents/carers to have an increased awareness of self-generated child sexual abuse online and feel motivated and equipped to protect their children.

As part of the campaign, parents are encouraged to T.A.L.K to their children about the dangers.

- Talk to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.
- Agree ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.
- Learn about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.
- Know how to use tools, apps and settings that help to keep your child safe online.

Help us spread the word and close the door to online child sexual abusers. More info and resources available at [talk.iwf.org.uk](https://www.iwf.org.uk/talk).

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/about-us/our-campaigns/self-gen/>

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We want to help girls recognise the actions that constitute self-generated sexual abuse as abuse and to be empowered to take control by rejecting these requests.

We've created a community for girls to feel supported and empowered and to share this with their friends.

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