

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



February 2024

Village Diary

Saturday 3rd February from 6.30pm
Thursday 8th February 1 – 1.30pm
Thursday 22nd February, bar open 7.15pm

Pub Night in the Village Hall
Library Van at the crossroads
Music Night

Tuesdays at 10-11am
Wednesdays at 10.30am
Fridays at 10.00am

Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall
Village Hall Coffee Morning
Pilates at the Village Hall

Wheelie bin collection dates

Thursday 1st February
Thursday 8th February
Thursday 15th February
Thursday 22nd February
Thursday 29th February

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Blue and Green bins
Black bin
Blue bin only

Editorial

I'd like to draw readers' attention to a piece in this month's magazine from our District Councillor, Tumi Hawkins, of South Cambridgeshire Council relating to the cost of living and the measures which are in place to help anyone who is struggling with monthly bills and the rising cost of most services. This is a sensitive issue for people and it is difficult to come forward for help, especially if you have been formerly managing. However, we would like everyone to know there is help available and anyone who makes an approach will have matters dealt with in complete confidence. These schemes are in place simply because of changing times with new issues for some people.

Years ago when I was working for a charity I became aware of the issue of 'ring-fenced' money (your taxes!) that went unclaimed by people who weren't aware it was available. So if you, or anyone you know, is in need of some help, we would encourage you to get in touch with either your district councillor or your county councillor. Their names and contact numbers always appear on the inside back cover of this magazine. There is help out there.

And on a cheerier note, Happy Valentine's Day to all.

Miki Ellar miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

Cover photo courtesy of Heather Ginn

Vicar's Letter: Knowing who we are!

The question of identity is prominent and under scrutiny in many arenas. For individuals and people groups, it can include questions such as "Who am I ..." and, "What factors should prevail in conclusions we arrive at?"

For example, it is close to the heart of whether Northern Ireland should be known as 'the north of Ireland' or 'Ulster'; it affects how children may be treated at home and in school; it is generating a lot of (often heated) debate among sports participants.

In truth the complexity of some aspects and unacknowledged pain felt by some people caught up in these debates has often been ignored rather than faced up to. One of the spin-offs in the 21st century is discussing these things should encourage us all to be more careful in how we address one another; and, as a result, to think through some areas of behaviour that may have been unchecked for too long. If this produces a more caring and thoughtful culture, this has to be a good thing, in my view. If, on the other hand, it prevents us talking and exploring questions or crises of identity simply for fear of causing offence, this will be a bad outcome. It's good to talk!

We may think Christianity has nothing helpful to inject into such conversations. I disagree! I am not suggesting a quick reading or consultation with the Christian's Bible will give categorically clear answers to all questions and issues arising from discussions about identity in the 21st century. But I do think we need to make sure we are starting from the right place.

If we are ready and willing to open the Bible, we find ground zero for human identity starts with how we came into being. Christians believe God made us and, as a result of what is commonly known as The Fall, we were robbed of that capacity to relate well to God. The good news is this can change. Christians believe also that through Jesus and what his life and death achieved, we are offered the equivalent of a new passport and certification that alters our status: from creatures God made, to children God has joyfully embraced into his family.

My point is this: if and when we enter the fray on matters of identity and do not take account of our creator and his rescue plan for us, or refuse to give the topic the healthy air-time it deserves, we risk going off (or shooting our mouths off!) in ways that lead us into cul-de-sacs of confusion, disappointment and where more unnecessary hurt is caused.

When we can say 'Yes God made me, has unlocked a way to rescue me and unleash my full potential as a human being...' we can begin to allow other powerful feelings and opinions to find their place and be reconciled rather than being forces that, unchecked, dominate perspective and some behaviours in ways that divide us or cause harm.

Nigel di Castiglione, Team Rector

Church Services for February

Sunday 4th February **Holy Communion 8.30am**

Sunday 18th February **Family Service 10.30am**

The church is once again open every day.

Ash Wednesday 14th February

8.30am - service at Conington

12 noon - service at Bourn

Compline at Boxworth every Friday evening during Lent,
starting on 16 February at 8.30pm

Papworth Team Services

The website papworthteamchurches.org has up to date service information for all churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for the Morning Prayer.

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

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm

Church cleaning

1 st Sunday	vacant
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

4 th February	Janet Clear
11 th February	Linda Smith
18 th February	Miki Ellar
25 th February	Christine Allison

*God never tires of forgiving us;
we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.*

Pope Francis

KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL

AGM

In the Village Hall

THURSDAY 8 FEB

8.00 pm

All welcome

As well as planning for the coming year, we hope to recruit more committee members and “friends of the VH”. Please do come along if you are interested.

KINGSTON MUSIC CLUB

Jill Coleman will present a programme of songs from musicals on 22 February. The selection will cover many well-known favourites but also some lesser-known numbers. Come along and enjoy an eclectic mix of songs in the comfortable surroundings of the Village Hall lounge! The bar will be open from 7.15 pm – music at 7.30. Everyone is welcome!

Afternoon Tea

Longstowe Village Hall
everyone welcome

following Fridays: 2.00 to 4.00

23 Feb '24

22 Mar '24



Bourn School Bag Drop

28th February 2024

Please bring unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, hats, scarves, jewellery or perfumes in a tied dustbin bag to the front yard of 2 Short Street, Bourn, on the morning of Wednesday 28th February by 9am, or at drop off at the school gate by 9am if you have a child at Bourn School. Everything will be sent to Happy School Bag for re-use or recycling, avoiding landfill and raising much needed money for Bourn Primary School. Please note, we cannot accept dirty, damaged or wet items, or items not listed above.

Thank you for your support!
Bourn School Association



What a Waste!

A recent report by the British Fashion Council found 23 million returned garments were sent to landfill or incinerated in the UK last year – generating 750,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions.

This represents 75% of the approximately 3% of all returns that cannot be resold.

Quiz and Chips

Thank you to all who supported the Village Hall by coming to the Quiz and Chips. We had a full house and a very lively evening. Our thanks to the quiz masters, Katherine and Mark for all their hard work.

Kingston Village Hall Committee



C2C Busway Held Up by Homes Delay

The off-road Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) busway has been delayed because of the Environment Agency's objections to the thousands of new homes the route will support due to concerns over water supplies. Cambridgeshire County Council was due to seek permission from the government to start building the £200million busway last year but now an application to the Department for Transport is not expected until later this year, meaning scheduled completion of the busway is delayed by a year until the end of 2027. The C2C scheme has been developed over eight years, but has met with opposition due to the environmental impact and proposed felling of trees at Coton Orchard.

KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL

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- Tables and chairs for 50 people
- Fully equipped kitchen
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Hire charges per hour

Kingston residents: Before 7pm - £5. After 7pm - £7

Non residents: Before 7pm - £10. After 7pm - £13

Enquiries: Sarah Wright (secretary)

kingstonvillagehall@gmail.com

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Village maintenance – Rainwater Drainage Ditch Maintenance

At a recent Parish Council Meeting we discussed the role of the various rainwater drainage ditch and pipe systems within the Village and their ongoing maintenance, as it has been brought to our attention that standing surface water has been causing a few issues on roads and lanes at times following periods of heavy rain.

The County Council has been contacted to request work be undertaken for the clearing, and or repair, of certain underground rainwater drainpipes. These are the ones that they have a responsibility for, at locations within the Village.

As a parish council we are required to follow the Notices issued by Cambridgeshire County Council which are clear on the question of responsibilities for rainwater drainage ditches. In brief, amongst other wording they quote that, under Common Law in most cases, the responsibility for ditch maintenance rests with the adjacent landowner. This therefore means that we will not receive any assistance from Cambridgeshire County Council to support drainage ditch maintenance within the village.

We would therefore ask residents to look at the rainwater drainage ditches that run adjacent to their properties and clear any overgrown plants, weeds or soil build up that might have accumulated over the year, to ensure that water collecting in these ditches is able to drain easily. This will greatly help us to manage standing surface water in the Village.

LONGSTOWE HISTORY SOCIETY

One of Our Own..

The story of local 'Battle of Britain' pilot
Sqn Ldr Victor Ekins MBE DFC



The remarkable story of a young man who found himself at the very heart of WW2's 'Battle of Britain' and later of offensive operations over occupied Europe. Taken from his own meticulous diaries, this talk gives a unique insight into the mind and experiences of one of Churchill's 'Few'.

Illustrated talk by

David Duker

Tuesday 27th February 2024

7.30 for 8pm

LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

**Admission: £3 (Members free) - Refreshments included
Everyone welcome**

SCDC Help for Residents through the Cost-of-Living Crisis

Last month, I reported on the SCDC initiative to help with the cost-of-living crisis by offering a free electric blanket / electric throw, which cost a fraction to run than central heating. Four other areas of support are Benefits, Household Support Fund, Food support and Saving energy and money. Please go to the website at www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living to see what is on offer and how to claim. If you have questions or need help applying then email duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk.

Potential benefits entitlement

South Cambridgeshire District Council is making a big push to raise awareness of benefits entitlement. It's estimated that around 25% of benefits go unclaimed. Here's an easy-to-use on-line Benefits Calculator: <https://entitledto.co.uk>

Tumi Hawkins

*From South Cambridgeshire District Council –
Caldecote Ward Councillor's Monthly Report*

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Village Maintenance - Hedge Trimming

The parish council has been looking at various areas of vegetation within the village boundary over recent months and working to address the issue of overgrown branches and bushes on land that the parish council is responsible for. If anyone notices an area that is causing concern with overgrown hedges or branches please let us know.

We would also like to ask householders to check if there are any hedge or tree branches that are becoming overgrown on their properties that are causing an obstruction to the verges at the side of roads in the village. These verges are often used by pedestrians to avoid traffic as we do not have pavements.

Orwell Spring Fair at Orwell Village Hall,

36 High St, Orwell, SG8 5QN.

Sat 24 February 12.00-4.00pm

Money raised is going towards the
purchase of Easter eggs for all children
at Addenbrookes' hospital.

Special guest Rapunzel.

Raffle at 3.30pm.



Papworth Team Ministry (C of E)

The Papworth Team Ministry Team Office:

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Ermine Street North
Papworth Everard
CB23 3UY

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Web: www.papworthteamchurches.org

Our Team Administrator, Revd. 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.

For enquiries about weddings, baptisms, funerals and general parish matters, please contact Chris (as above), visit the website or speak to one of our clergy...

> The Revd Nigel di Castiglione, Team Rector – 07770 697240 - 01954 267241

Local Snowdrop Places to Visit

Did you know that soldiers were so enchanted by snowdrops that they brought them back from the Crimean War battlefields to plant in their own gardens?

Anglesey Abbey has one of the finest snowdrop collections in the country with 400 varieties, many rare and some discovered locally. The Winter Garden is in its prime at this time of year. The specialist collection is only accessible as part of a guided tour: Monday - Friday and every Sunday throughout February. Tours are free, but a £5 donation is welcome. Pre-booking essential at

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cambridgeshire/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill/events/214d8682-c58d-4365-a689-b4fbecf8bf66>

Normal admission to Anglesey Abbey applies: Adult from £16, child from £8: free entry for NT (National Trust) members, U5s, and members of the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society).

Chippenham Park, CB7 5PT has vast swathes of snowdrops and aconites followed by daffodils, hellebores, spring bulbs and blossoms. Open daily 10am-4pm, last entry 3pm. Adult £7, child 5-16yrs £3: RHS Members free entry Mon-Fri only.

Refreshments. Payment at the gate and in the cafe is cash only. Dogs on leads welcome. <https://www.chippenhamparkgardens.info/>

Wimpole Estate, SG8 0BW has a large collection of snowdrops in its grounds, along with aconites. Garden and park open daily 9.30am-5pm. Adult from £9, child from £4.50, pay on arrival. Free entry for NT members.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cambridgeshire/wimpole-estate>

Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE has several varieties of snowdrop in its woodlands. Open daily, dawn to dusk. Entry is free but car parking charges apply (card payment, tickets valid all day): Mon-Fri £3.15, Sat £3.50, Sun £3.90.

<https://www.cambridgeppf.org/wandlebury-visit>

Pop-up cafes Thurs – Sun 10am-3pm. Dogs on leads welcome.

Woodland Crafts at Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE

Sat 2 Mar & Sun 3 Mar 10.30am-4pm

Cambridge Bodgers will be building a traditional work shelter in the woods and making items using some of the wood that is a by-product from our Woodland Restoration Project.

Have-a-go activities for both adults & children. Free, donations welcome.



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Do you have breathing difficulties?

Did you know singing can help?

Cambridge Singing for Breathing group meets online, and is looking for new members!

Singing for Breathing is a friendly and fun way to get the best from your lung capacity, using guided relaxation, breath and voice exercises and singing.

Thursdays 2.30 - 4.00pm

Optional suggested weekly donation: £3.50

Contact Mary or Kay for more information and Zoom link:

Phone: 07972 645473

Email: singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com

Singing is a great way to improve the way you breathe.

Kay Barrett, founder of the group, says:

"You don't need any singing experience to take part - it's all about what it feels like, not what it sounds like. The camaraderie of the group, the guided relaxation, the breathing exercises and the singing are so much appreciated by everyone and the health benefits transfer over into daily life. Being online, singers can join from the comfort of home, even when they are feeling unwell. We sing with microphones turned off, which can actually be very liberating! You simply sing along with the leader, learning uplifting songs often in call and response style. We also use multi-track recordings so we can enjoy singing rounds and harmonies."

Do I have to pay?

Those who can afford it are invited to give a £3.50 donation each week, but this is not essential - we want everyone to be able to come.

Do I have to come along every week?

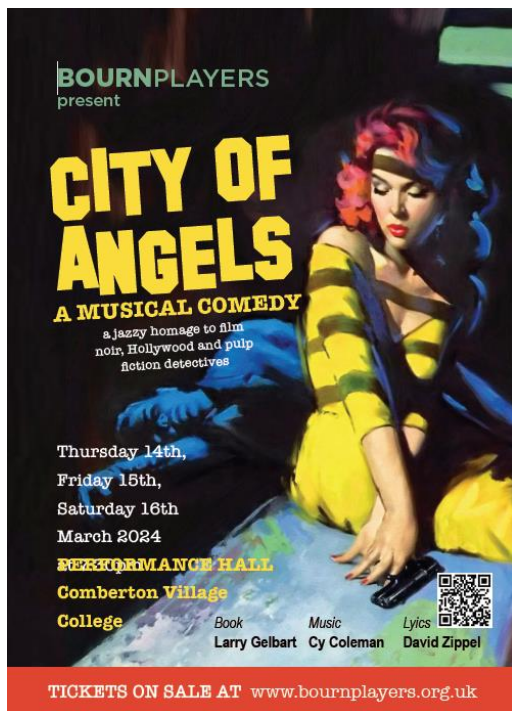
We know that appointments, sickness, family commitments and such can get in the way! Just come along when you can.

I have Long Covid, can I join?

The gentle pace, breathing exercises and relaxation can be very beneficial, but do check with your doctor or respiratory physio, especially if your symptoms are severe.

You can find out more at www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/singingforlunghealthcambridge

Mary Denn



Bourn Players 2024 City of Angels

is supporting The OHMI Trust. OHMI is a small charity that affords disabled musicians the opportunity to play the musical instruments they want to play, where they want to play them (at school or home, in a private music lesson or professional ensemble). Any deficiency to an upper limb, thwarts playing a musical instrument to a reasonable standard. It means that thousands of people – whether through a condition of birth or later life (e.g. stroke, arthritis) – are excluded from music-making.

Eliza is an example of the musicians that OHMI help. Eliza's grandmother contacted the charity after treatment for a brain tumour caused a one-sided weakness. This meant that Eliza couldn't play along with her peers at school. OHMI were able to provide a one-handed clarinet, made by

Peter Worrell in Norfolk, through the OHMI Hire Scheme. Eliza's mum wrote a thank you letter to the charity saying.

'Eliza is loving playing her clarinet. She is getting on so well and was chosen to play in assembly this week and has also been asked to join the school orchestra. The sound quality of the clarinet is amazing. OHMI has opened up a whole world of possibilities that we thought had been closed off to Eliza. She is able to play an instrument just as well as her peers and gets so much enjoyment out of it. We are so so so grateful! I can wholeheartedly say that OHMI is the most fantastic charity to support and is one which makes such a direct and immediate positive impact on people's lives. Music brings so much joy and to be able to make this gift accessible to people to whom it would not otherwise be accessible is just so so wonderful.'

Bourn Players are delighted to support this wonderful charity. City of Angels is being performed at Comberton Village College Performance Hall on 14, 15 and 16 March. Don't forget to buy your tickets to the show by going to our website www.bournplayers.org.uk



Music-Making for People with Physical Disabilities

Have Your Say on the Future of Local Housing

Residents, businesses and local organisations are being asked to help shape the future of housing across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire in a consultation which runs for six weeks from Monday 22 January until 4 March 2024, and gives an opportunity to influence the strategy before it is finalised in the summer.

The Housing Strategy for Greater Cambridge has recently been reviewed and sets out a vision for the next five years which promotes healthy, safe, affordable and sustainable homes where people of all walks of life want to live.

The proposed housing strategy will help guide housing affordability, the planning of new homes, improvements to the quality, safety and condition of existing homes, and helping people who need additional support to remain at home. It focuses on four key themes:

Building the right homes in the right places that people need and can afford to live in

Providing high quality, low carbon, energy and water efficient homes

Enabling people to live settled lives

Building strong partnerships

South Cambs Council is pledging to deliver at least 375 new council homes during the next five years, undertake a stock condition survey of all existing council homes to produce a 15-year plan for their improved energy efficiency, and continue to deliver a cost-of-living support programme, including increased money advice support.

Find out more at

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/have-your-say-on-the-future-of-local-housing/>

Council Review of the Treatment of Weeds on Highways

Following concerns raised last summer by residents and local councils, Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways and Transport Committee is being asked to adopt new standards that could see weeds being treated twice a year. If agreed, a further engagement exercise will be carried out to seek views on the new policy.

Cllr Alex Beckett, chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, said: "I know we didn't get this change right, which is why I asked for a review of the policy. While some communities really appreciated the reduction in chemical weed killing, a large number did not. Local decision making is important, we have listened to that feedback and hope these new changes, if approved, will allow those communities who wish to continue without chemical weed killing to do so whilst allowing those who preferred the previous regime to go back to that."

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Volunteers are urgently needed to join our friendly team for the planned open afternoons at the newly restored Bourn Windmill, a popular and interesting destination for so many residents and which is just a short distance away from Kingston. There is parking at the mill for volunteers. Volunteers of all abilities and age are most welcome.

We need help with:

- helping serve refreshments,
- helping taking the money and giving out leaflets,
- and helping to guide groups of visitors around the mill.

Training will be given for the guiding role and there will be an opportunity to shadow experienced guides initially.

If you can only help on a few of the dates, we would still be very interested to hear from you.

Saturday 11th May 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 12th May 11am - 1p.m. and/or 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 23rd June 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 28th July 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 18th August 2-4.30 p.m.

Sunday 15th September 2-4.30 p.m.

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