

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



December 2014

Village Diary

Saturday 6 th December	Pub Night 6-10pm
Sunday 7 th December	Christmas Fair 2.30-4pm
Thursday 18 th December	Village Carol Singing 6.30pm
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Party for Kingston Children 4.30-6.30pm
Saturday 3 rd January	Pub Night 6-10pm
Saturday 24 th January	Quiz and Chips

Wheelie bin collection dates

Friday 5 th December	Blue bin only
Friday 12 th December	Black bin
Friday 19 th December	Blue and green bins
Wednesday 24 th December	Black bin
Friday 9 th January	Blue and green bins

Editorial

The Remembrance Day service was well attended this year and the refurbished memorial and photos of Kingston soldiers were rededicated. There is also information inside the church about those who died in the Second World War.

As you can tell from the brilliant photo, Kingston Bear had a fantastic time in Rome with the Stalhams and is looking forward to a visit to Northern Ireland this month but will be free to go away in January. Do contact him via the editor.

The January edition will be published in the first week of January so I have included information covering that period in this edition.

There are many activities in the village this month and details are contained within.

I wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Please send emails to me, Mandy Ray, by the **31st December**
mja630@yahoo.co.uk

Vicar's Letter -

Dear Friends

Many thanks indeed to those of you who kindly filled a shoebox with children's gifts last month. The boxes were safely sent off from Bourn and are on their way across the globe. 'Operation Christmas Child 2014', an appeal run by the charity Samaritan's Purse, sends shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts to children living in some of the most desperate situations in the world. Their mission is 'to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world.' You can visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk to find out more about how these gifts are distributed and the many other ways in which the charity works with people who are in dire need and poverty to rebuild their lives, through providing the basics for work, such as setting up small sewing projects in refugee camps.

We all know that the number of refugees around the globe is growing at an alarming rate, and this puts immense pressure on host countries; there are now more refugees living in Jordan than native Jordanians. Many refugees are children – nearly half of the Syrian refugees are under the age of 18 and most refugees are women fleeing with children, leaving fathers and older brothers behind, meaning that families are divided.

We tend to think of Christmas being a season of peace and goodwill when we are encouraged to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The Christmas story hits a little closer to the bone, though, when we think of refugees struggling for survival in a foreign land. St Matthew's Gospel tells us that after Mary had given birth to Jesus, far from her own family and in the squalor of an animal shelter, she and Joseph had to flee with Jesus, in the dead of night, because their lives were in danger. They ended up in Egypt where they sheltered from a terrible killing spree which King Herod was inflicting on his people. It's perhaps a story any one of the 2.5 million Syrian refugees could relate to, with a heart-rending version of their own. Jesus began his life on earth in truly desperate circumstances. Celebrating his birthday can be a truly meaningful event when we share some of the good things of our life with those who share some of the traumas of his.

Wishing you every blessing

Alexandra

Church Services for November

Sunday 30th November Holy Communion (Advent 1) 8.30am

Sunday 14th December CAROL SERVICE 6.00pm

Sunday 21st December Family Service 10.30am

Thursday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY All Age Holy Communion 10.30am

Sunday 28th December Evening Prayer 6.00pm [to be confirmed]

Christmas 2014

Everyone – parishioners, visitors, families and friends – is warmly invited to come to our Carol Service on the 14th and to our All-age Communion service on Christmas Day. Once again we are indebted to Jean McGinn for supplying our advent and Christmas candles.

Carol Service

Peter and Suzy Stokes invite all those attending the Carol Service to come back to The Old Post Office afterwards for refreshments.

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

7th December Janet Clear

14th December Miki Ellar

21st December Mandy Ray

28th December Joan Reynolds

ROLL OF HONOUR

Last month a list of those men of Kingston who died on active service during the First World War was published. It was incomplete. Here is the full Roll of Honour for Kingston, including those who fell in the Second World War.

Lance Corporal Charles Custance, of the 11th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. Killed in action, 9th of June 1918. Buried at Robecq, France.

Lance Corporal William Custance, of the 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. Died of wounds, 15th of November 1916. Buried at Buissy, France.

Private Frank 'Mott' Algood of the 11th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. Killed in action on the 1st of July 1916. Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme battlefields.

Police Constable Gordon Farrant of the Police War Reserve. Died the 11th of May 1941, aged 29, on fire watch at the House of Lords. Buried here in Kingston.

Leading Stoker Reginald Pratt, Royal Navy. Died the 21st May of 1941, aged 23, when HMS Juno was sunk in the battle for Crete.

Peter Reynolds

Village Carol Singing in aid of the Church Restoration Fund

The Village Carol Singing will take place on Thursday 18th December, starting from South Sea House at 6.30pm. Unfortunately we can't get to all homes but if you would like us to sing to you or if you would like to join us, please ring

Janet and James Clear

Teenage Cancer Ward Fundraiser

Many thanks to all who supported the recent tea party in aid of the Teenage Cancer Ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Your generosity helped us raise £200 for this worthy cause.

Suzy and Miki

University of Cambridge Festival of Ideas 2014: Finding conspicuous display in the C13 landscape

On Friday 24th October, Dr Susan Oosthuizen, of Cambridge University's Department of Archaeology, led a guided walk in Kingston to demonstrate her thesis that Kingston was in origin a designed village, laid out by the Lord of the Manor in the C13 in a way that demonstrated the social hierarchy of that time, still visible in hedge and ditch boundaries today. The church and principal manor house (now The Old Rectory) were built on the high ground on the northern edge of a rectangular village green much larger than what remains today. The subservient villeins and tenants held strips of land appropriate to their status on the eastern and western sides of the green. More than 30 people attended the event and also had the opportunity to look at the church and its wall paintings.

Peter Reynolds



The Big Knit

Students at Comberton Village College are taking up their knitting needles and crochet hooks for nationwide Big Knit challenge for the first time although their lunchtime knitting club has only been running for a few weeks. They hope to contribute 50 hats to the Innocent Smoothie and Age UK project from within the school but are also happy to accept donations from the community until December 9th. There is a box in the school reception for completed hats and/or unwanted wool.

In the spring donated hats are put on bottles of Innocent Smoothie drinks and for each one sold, the company donate 25 pence to Age UK's Spread the Warmth campaign, helping older people during the cold winter months.

A sample of some of the hats made in previous years, plus the pattern is available at <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/get-involved/events-and-challenges/the-big-knit/knitting-patterns/>

QUIZ AND CHIPS

24 JANUARY 2015

Mark and Helen Underwood have kindly offered to hold another Quiz and Chips on Saturday 24 January at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

As usual there will be nine tables of six people. The cost, to include fish and chips (or requested alternative) is £10 per head (£60 per table). The bar will be open for wine, beer and soft drinks.

This is a very popular event and preference will be given to those who book a whole table. However, we will try to fit individuals into spare seats closer to the event.

Places can be booked through Sarah Wright at:

kingstonvillagehall@gmail.com

Date	Title	T.E.W	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
Dec 7	Advent 2		10.30am HC(1)		3.00pm Christingle	
Dec 14	Advent 3		10.30am Worship for All	6.00pm Carols	10.30am Carols	8.30am HC(2)
Dec 21	Advent 4		8.30am HC(1) 6pm Carols	10.30am FS		10.30am Carols
Dec 24	Christmas Eve		3pm Crib Service 11.30pm HC(1)			
Dec 25	Christmas Day		10.30am FS	10.30am All-age HC	10.30am All-age HC	9.30am HC
Dec 28	Christmas 1		10.30am All-age HC at Papworth		6.00pm EP at Kingston	
Jan 4	Epiphany		10.30 am HC(1)	8.30am HC(2)	8.30am HC(2)	
Jan 11	Baptism of Christ		10/30am Worship for All 6.00pm EP		10.30am HC	8.30am HC(2)
Jan 18	Epiphany 2	6.00pm Caxton	8.30am HC(1)	10.30am FS	10.30am FS	
Jan 25	Epiphany 3		10.30am Joint Songs of Praise with Longstowe	6.00pm EP		

A short, prayerful service of **Holy Communion**

is celebrated

Wednesday

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What's On at Comberton Sports & Arts, West Street, Comberton CB23 7DU

Date	Event	
4 Dec	Comedy – Stand-up for Social Workers	8.00pm £12.50 & £15
6 Dec	Xmas Bazaar	11.00am
7 Dec	Jill Bridger School of Dance	
9 Dec	CVC Xmas Music Show	
11 Dec	CVC Dance Showcasc	
14 Nov	Custard Comedy -	7:45pm £10 adv /£12 Door

KINGSTON CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 7th December
2:30 – 4:00pm.
Village Hall



- *Plants, preserves, baked goods, decorations*
- *Chocolate Tombola !*
- *Raffle*
- *Tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies*
- *Make your own Christmas decorations ! Fun for ALL the family*

This is a great chance to meet and mingle during the festive season over refreshments. Please bring any donations of gifts or produce (no jumble or books please) chocolate items for the Tombola (from a Mars bar to a box of chocs!) and raffle prizes any time up to **Saturday 6th December** to Suzy Stokes

or Miki Ellar

Items such as cakes not before **Friday 5th December** please.

Suzy

and Miki

All proceeds to the Village Hall

**A service of Readings
and Carols for Advent**



Sunday 30th November, 10.30 am
at St Peter's, Papworth

ALL WELCOME

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Parish Council News

Flooding: As I write this the promised clearing of Kingston's drains did not happen due to 'slippage' of the programme. I will keep chasing to ensure it is done.

Superfast Broadband: Following her meeting with the director of the project, our District Councillor, Tumi Hawkins, reported back that she raised the concerns of people who were not benefitting from it. The problem is one of available funding. It was expected from the start that realistically not every single household in the county could benefit, so the target was set at '99% of households to achieve at least 2 Mb/s by 2015'. The contractors have not unsurprisingly concentrated on using the funding to maximum benefit. A new fibre optic system installed in a village of 1,000 people is a more cost-effective way of spending the money than doing the same thing for a village of 200 people. So villages like Kingston are the ones being left out.

This is clearly an unsatisfactory answer, and your parish council has determined it will fight for more funding to be made available so that the fibre optic system in Toft can be extended to Kingston. Ideally we would aim for fibre to be brought to a new distribution cabinet in Kingston.

Could I please trouble you for some further information – the questions may seem obvious but please respond – the more consultation we have done, and the more data on real user responses we can supply, the more our chance of success:

1. What is your current broadband speed in Mb/s (if you have not already told me)?
2. Are you satisfied with this or would you like to see it increased?
3. If you work from home are you able to manage business files etc with your current speed
4. Are you satisfied with the reliability of your broadband service, or do you suffer regular loss of service requiring a re-boot of your router, a wait for service to return, or a visit by an engineer?

In the meantime, it seems that the houses nearest to Toft – basically, those north of the crossroads – may be able to enjoy faster broadband. At least two houses in this part of the village now

have 'fibre broadband' (although the connection between the fibre cabinet in Toft and their house is of course by the old telephone wires) and have achieved speeds of 7 – 8 Mb/s. The two service providers are Zen and BT. It is worth badgering your service provider to give you a fibre connection. Alternatively some households have achieved around 3.5 Mb/s with BT Infinity, a 'faster broadband' non-fibre service offered by BT, so if you are with BT and cannot get fibre it is worth pursuing this option. If you live in Crane's Lane and points south, I'm afraid you may not be able to get any improvement – this seems to be the worst part of the village for broadband.

Workday in Kingston 31 January 10.00am: a workday is planned for various jobs that need doing in the orchard, and along roads to reduce the risk of future flooding. Please come along and help. More details next month.

Speeding through village: the parish council has re-submitted a bid for funding for traffic humps in Tinker's Lane and Church Lane to slow traffic entering the village, and a warning sign for the Crane's Lane turning for traffic approaching from Eversden. We expect to hear the result in January.

Salt Bin: a reminder that the salt bin in Crane's is intended for use in the lane itself. Please buy your own salt for your drive. Please let me know if the level in the bin gets low and I will arrange for it to be refilled.

Parking in Crane's Lane: could Crane's Lane residents who park in the road please ensure you are tucked in as far as possible to give room for emergency vehicles in case of need.

Planning

- **S/1723/14/FL The Old Rectory:** permission has been granted for a single storey extension to the kitchen.
- **S/2077/14/FL New Farm, Old Wimpole Road:** an application has been made to upgrade an existing telecommunications installation.
- **C/11/40/056/44/14 Barn House, Rectory Lane:** an application has been made for tree work.

Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk

International Evening

The International Evening on 22nd November was, as usual, a sell-out and we managed to squeeze in a record number of villagers this year. The annual event is always very popular, but for those of you who have never come along..... picture, if you can, the main hall looking really pretty with the lights dimmed, candles flickering and one long table set with flowers and ornamental squashes to complete the decoration.

Add to that, along the side of the hall, a wonderful selection of food from all around the world, representing Spain, China, Canada, Morocco, France, the Caribbean, India, Italy and South Africa. There were almost too many tempting dishes to choose from and they were all delicious!

The company was splendid and everyone had a chance to mix with old friends and new. Altogether, a most enjoyable evening and one which I hope will be repeated for many years to come.

Pat Draper

Macaroons

Ingredients

8oz ground almonds, 4oz caster sugar, 4oz icing sugar, 1 egg, 1tsp lemon juice, 1tsp sherry, 1-2 drops vanilla essence

Method

Grease a large flat baking tray. Set the oven at 350F or moderate Aga.

Put ground almonds and sugar into the mixing bowl, sieve in the icing sugar and add lemon juice, sherry and essence. Add the beaten egg. Mix together to form an almond paste (marzipan).

Form into balls, about half a dessertspoon of mixture. Roll between the hands.

Place on the baking tray. Press down to flatten a bit and press a glacé cherry into the centre. Place in the oven and bake until pale golden, about 15 minutes. They need to be cooked through but not crisp. Take out and leave on the tray for a few minutes. Using a fish slice, carefully remove on to a wire rack. Leave to cool. Store in an airtight tin. Will keep well if you put them out of sight!

PS Some very nice non-sticky glacé cherries can be bought at Burwash Delicatessen, Barton.

Joan Reynolds

Christmas Services



7th December	3.00 pm Christingle at Caxton
14th December	10.30 am Carol Service at Caxton 6.00 pm Carol Service at Kingston
21st December	10.30 am Carol Service at Longstowe 6.00 pm Carol Service at Bourn
24th December	3.00 pm Crib Service at Bourn 11.30 pm Holy Communion at Bourn
Christmas Day	9.30 am Holy Communion at Longstowe 10.30 am Family Service at Bourn 10.30 am All Age Communion at Caxton 10.30 am All Age Communion at Kingston

ALL WELCOME

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If you are able to leave your house but are having difficulty getting to church, and a lift would make that possible please contact either your churchwardens or member of the Ministry Team (numbers can be found on the back of the pew sheet) and we will try to help.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit please let the Ministry Team know.



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From The District Councillor

Here's a summary of SCDC related news for this month.

SCDC Local Development Plan Update

The examination by the Planning Inspector of the SCDC Draft Local Development Plan and that of Cambridge City started on 4th November 2014. The sessions to date have considered Legal Issues surrounding the plan, the spatial strategy adopted, and the housing need numbers being planned for. Whilst the Councils are maintaining that their numbers are right, developer agents are saying that there needs to be more housing, as the lack of supply is driving prices even higher.

There was also broad agreement that the strategy of building first in Cambridge, then on the edge, followed by new settlements and then better served villages is the right approach. The big debate on that will be whether or not the right settlements have been chosen.

These block of hearings will finish by the end of November, after which the examiner will adjourn to consider the information, resuming hearings in 2015.

Strategic Partnership Working

SCDC is to share services with neighbouring councils. Building Control, Legal and ICT services will be shared with Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridge City Council, allegedly saving up to £1.25 million. Waste collection will be shared with City Council only, allegedly saving around £700,000. The shared services are expected to be in place by April 2015

Monthly Green Bin Collections in Winter

In the next three months, December, January and February, SCDC is reducing the green bins to monthly collections only. Normal fortnightly service will resume from March to November, and then the cycle of monthly collections for the next winter. This, together with the new bin collection routes introduced in September will allegedly save around the council around £400,000 a year.

Learning the Lessons of August Flooding

Following the flash floods that we experienced in August, which was a 1 in 300 years event, SCDC has had a number of meetings to try and establish the real extent and learn lessons so that the right processes are put in place should such a situation occur in the future. Please can those households who were flooded contact me and let me know, either by email or phone, so that we can update the records and get a sense of the specific locations that were affected. Thank you.

Superfast Broadband

I had a meeting with the director of Connecting Cambridgeshire Project, Noelle Godfrey (NG) in October to discuss the concerns of Kingston residents regarding the lack of service to the village and find out what is being done to rectify the situation..

Not the best news - apparently by end of 2015, Kingston will have at least 2Mbps service which is the minimum that the CC Project aimed to get to 99% of premises. They are currently working on finding the right technology to bring this about. However, if there is the opportunity to get better service by 2016, then it is an option that they will consider.

The fight continues to get you connected, and I will aim to keep you updated.

Councillor Surgery

I hold drop-in surgeries at the Toft People's Hall, on first Mondays of the month, 6 – 7pm, and at Caldecote Village Hall on the first Thursdays of the month, 7 – 8pm. The next surgery in Toft will be on Monday 1st December and in Caldecote on Thursday 4th December 2014. In the meantime, if I can be of help in any way, please feel free to contact me in the usual ways

by telephone

on 01954 210840,

email tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk or my blog www.TumiHawkins.org.uk.

Wishing you all and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Best Wishes

Tumi Hawkins



Kingston Bear and the Stalhams join forces with the Roman gladiators at the Coliseum

Christmas Party



All Kingston children are invited to a Christmas party!



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