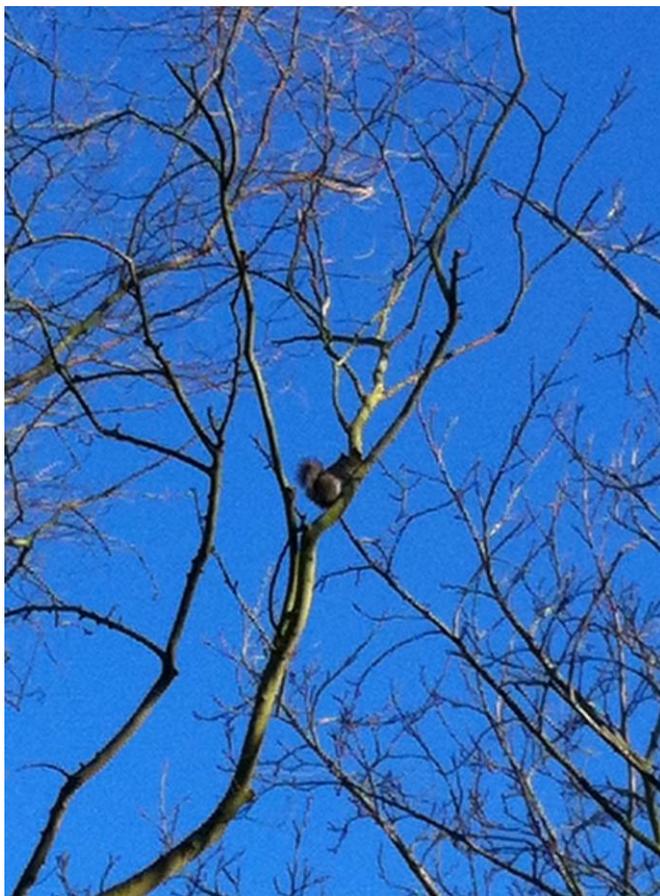


*Kingston Parish & Church
Magazine*



February 2015

Village Diary

Saturday 31st January Orchard Workday 10am onwards

Monday 2nd February Work due to start on the Village Hall

Saturday 18th July Teas in the Orchard and Church Gift Day

Wheelie bin collection dates

Friday 6th Blue and green bins

Friday 13th Black bin

Friday 20th Blue and green bins

Friday 27th Black bin

Editorial

February appears to be a quiet month in the village. Work will be starting on the Village Hall and there are the usual church services, details within. I have included events in the local area especially half term activities. I have not yet had a response to the Village Notice Board idea but perhaps spring cleaning will bring items to light which could be sold or offered locally. Kingston Bear would love to go away at half term, do contact him via the editor.

Please send emails to me, Mandy Ray, by the 20th of each month.
mja630@yahoo.co.uk

Vicar's Letter –

February is a short, dark, dull month, not much enjoyed by many people. Christmas is a distant memory and spring still seems remote. But, perhaps because I have a February birthday, I've always had a soft-spot for these dark winter months and I'm keen to defend their importance. They were once full of days of celebration marking the vital agricultural life cycle of the seasons. Religious festivals and agricultural landmarks were so closely intertwined that time and place had an integrity and coherence which is largely absent in our modern western world.

Christmas was traditionally celebrated for 12 days, until Epiphany (6th January) as a way of taming January. The Monday after the Twelfth Day of Christmas was Plough Monday, marking the day when agricultural labourers returned to work for four weeks of ploughing, and also known as St Distaff's Day, as women started spinning again with distaffs, which held the unspun wool. In some parts of the country, Plough Monday was followed by Straw Bear Tuesday – a tradition which still survives in parts of Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire. A 'Straw bear' – a man completely wrapped in straw sheaves – dances around the town in anticipation of the harvest to come. St Hilary's Day, 13th January, is traditionally the coldest day of the year.

February means 'cleansing', and the feast of Candlemas, which falls on 2nd February, celebrates the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 40 days after Christmas. On this occasion, Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem and they were met there by an elderly man who had waited all his life for this moment of meeting. He described Jesus as 'a light to lighten all people', and the image of light has remained in this festival, hence the name of 'Candlemas' which was first recorded in 1014, so 1001 years ago! Until the Enclosure Acts eradicated common land, Candlemas was also the day when Lammas meadows were fenced to keep them free of stock and bring on hay, which was mown at Lammastide (1 August). Snowdrops traditionally appear at Candlemas. 2 February is also St Blaise's Day, the patron saint of flocks and wool-carders. Formerly, when the economy was driven by wool production, this would have been a major festival to celebrate and give thanks for fleeces and mutton.

Medieval calendars record that birds started singing again on 12 or 13 February, and then choose their mates on 14 February. St Valentine's Day is now something of an over-priced marketing gimmick, but it used to be much more of

a communal celebration. Traditionally, one's Valentine was either chosen by lot the night before, or was the first person of the opposite sex met in the morning.

February is also, of course, usually the month of Shrovetide and Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. The period immediately preceding the fast of Lent was a time for eating up everything out of larders, hence we had Egg Feast Saturday and Collop Monday (the last day for eating meat, usually bacon and eggs), and we still have Shrove Tuesday, the final chance to cook with eggs, flour and milk – pancake day. Moreover, during Lent itself a wonderful array of alternative treats developed, such as simnel cakes – spiced fruit cakes with 11 balls of marzipan to represent the 11 (good) apostles.

St Matthias' Day, 24 February, was the original leap day and was consequently counted twice every fourth year, making it a day of second chances. And all through the month, the buds are quietly developing and the promise of a fruitful spring lurks hopefully for those who can see it.

February may not be your favourite month of the year but it is a vital time in the seasonal cycle, full of wonder and joy for those who notice. I wish you peace and happiness this month.

Alexandra

Papworth Team Ministry

Team Evening Service



Sunday 15th February 6.00 pm at Caxton

Speaker: The Venerable Alex Hughes, Archdeacon of Cambridge

Praise, Prayer, Teaching

Church Services for February

Sunday 1 st February (Candlemas)	Holy Communion 8.30am
Sunday 15 th February	Family Service 10.30am
Sunday 22 nd February (Lent 1)	Evening Prayer 6.00pm

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

1 st February	Christine Allison
8 th February	Janet Clear
15 th February	Miki Ellar
22 nd February	Mandy Ray

A short, prayerful service of
Holy Communion
for Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 18th February
at midday
in Bourn Church

Come and prepare for the season of Lent.

Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.



Comberton WI

This year the National Federation of Women's Institutes is celebrating its centenary. Comberton WI started in October 1940 in response to the war effort and the need for preserving food and providing socks for the troops. It also gave local women a chance to meet and support each other during the war. For the past 75 years women have been meeting in Comberton on the second Tuesday of each month. We still sing Jerusalem as a rousing start to our meetings and we generally have a speaker. We have about 35 members and would be delighted to welcome more.

Our programme for this year is planned and we have some excellent speakers booked. Details will be given each month. We meet at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, Green End, Comberton. For more details, please contact Comberton President, Mandy Ray (mja630@yahoo.co.uk or 262961)

February 10th- Charlotte Avery, Headmistress of St. Mary's School, Cambridge on "Education and Role Models for Girls"

March 10th- Arthur Brookes on "The American Cemetery at Madingley"

From The Ole Fellow

Another year has passed as we take down the calendar for 2014. As usual it gets me thinking about where it has gone. I was talking to a friend about Friends who died and what has happened in our life. I think, as he did, how everything seems to be leaving us behind if we are not careful. Take the computer, it has changed our lives completely. Without it I would not be writing this. Electricity and water. As I must have said before when I came to Toft in 1947 there was no electricity, water or telephones in people's houses. Only 3 or 4 people had them. Central heating was unheard of but we survived. With the flick of a switch now it is there running TVs, tablets and keeping the mobile telephones running which people don't seem to be able to live without. Another year gone. I wonder what this year will bring. Happy New Year to everybody in Kingston.

Terry Osborne

Half Term Activities

Saturday 14th February, Trinity College, Cambridge is hosting a Come and Play afternoon for orchestral musicians aged 8-14. The event is free.

Full details are available at www.tcms.org.uk/concerts/come-and-play

Tuesday 17th February, Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races at Comberton Village Hall. Races for all ages from 10.30am. Pans, pancakes and prizes provided. Refreshments available afterwards.

Wednesday 18th February, Twilight at the Museums 4.30 – 8.30pm

It's time to make the most of those long winter nights as museums and collections across the city open their doors for after dark fun. With thirteen venues offering an exciting range of drop-in and bookable events throughout the evening, there will be loads for families to see and explore. Why not take part in some torch-lit space exploration at the Whipple Museum; discover a world of deep sea darkness at The Polar Museum; or create some 'Creatures of Twilight' at the Museum of Cambridge? The evening is all about fun and discovery and remember, the more places you visit, the more you will be able to see and do. So wrap up warm, grab a torch and get ready for adventure!

www.cam.ac.uk/museums/twilight

Events at Wimpole

14th-22nd February - Pine cone bird feeders, activity at the Farm

Tuesday 17th February 5:30pm Star Gazing

Price: All Tickets £6

Join us for a night of star gazing with Cambridge's brightest astronomer Paul Fellows and the Cambridge Young Astronomers.

Booking Essential: 0844 2491895

Friday 20th February 10:30am Build a Den

Price: Adult £3, Child £3

Come along to our family event and have a go at building a den in our woodland belts.

Booking Essential: 0844 2491895

Pub Nights

Owing to building work on Phase 1 of the Village Hall due to commence on 2nd February, there will be no Saturday Pub Nights in February, March, April, May or June. The Management Committee will be discussing running events at alternative venues over this period and these will be publicised in subsequent Newsletters.

Village Hall Renovation Project

Building work on Phase 1 of the Village Hall Renovation will commence on 2nd February, with an expected completion of 26th June. The contractors will be using the car park for their vehicles and storage of materials, so could residents using the car park please find an alternative during this period? We have stressed to the contractors of the need to minimize mud and maintain clear access on what is a difficult crossroads, but there will obviously be some periodic disruption. If there are any serious complaints, please address them to myself or Peter Stokes and we will try to resolve them as quickly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation. We are looking forward to the new hall and its improved facilities.

Mark Stalham

A Celebration of Spring

The 47th Thriplow Daffodil Weekend takes place on the 21st & 22nd March 2015. All of the money raised goes to local charities and this year we are proud to be supporting the Beads of Courage Child Cancer programme at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge.

Each year 7,000 - 10,000 people visit Thriplow for our annual Daffodil Weekend. Visitors step back in time, walking the beautiful traffic-free lanes and connecting footpaths, visiting residents 'Open Gardens', Craft Barns, Marquees, Stalls and Demonstrations, and experiencing the warm and friendly atmosphere. 2015 Taste of Thriplow will not only showcase more local food producers than last year but will also feature live music throughout the weekend.

For more details go to thriplowdaffodils.org.uk

Date	Title	T.E.W	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
Feb 1	Candlemas		10.30am HC(1)	8.30am HC(2)	8.30am HC(2)	
Feb 8	Second Sunday before Lent		10.30am Worship for All 6.00pm EP		10.30am MP	8.30am HC(2)
Feb 15	Sunday before Lent		8.30am HC(1)	10.30am FS	10.30am FS	
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday		12.00 noon HC at Bourn			
Feb 22	Lent 1		10.30am MW	6.00pm EP		10.30am MP
Mar 1	Lent 2		10.30am HC(1)	8.30am HC(2)	8.30am HC(2)	
Mar 8	Lent 3		10.30am Worship for All 6.00pm EP		10.30am HC	8.30am HC(2)
Mar 15	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday		8.30am HC(1)	10.30am FS	10.30am FS	10.30am FS
Mar 22			10.30am MW	6.00pm EP		
Mar 29	Palm Sunday		10.30am Palm Sunday Service at Bourn			
Mar 30			9pm Compline at Kingston			
Mar 31			9pm Compline at Kingston			
Apr 1			9pm Compline at Kingston			
Apr 2	Maundy Thurs		7.30pm HC at Kingston			
Apr 3	Good Friday		9.30am FS at Bourn		3pm Reflection at Boxworth	
Apr 5	Easter Sunday		10.30am HC	10.30am HC	10.30am HC	9.30am HC

HC Holy Communion MP Morning Prayer MW Morning Worship FS Family Service EP Evening Prayer

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

Date	Event
7 & 8 Feb	Eden Dance
13 Feb	Custard Comedy
21 Feb	Dance Excess
5 & 6 Mar	Royal Opera House & Orcehstra de Picardi Present Noyes Fludde

Wave Café Church

**Wednesday 4th February
at the 'Abantu' coffee shop in Bourn,
7.45 for 8pm until 9pm**



For those who are interested in exploring Christianity in a relaxed and informal way.

Please come and bring a friend

For more information please contact Ruth Terrell on 01954 718575.

Home Visiting

As the weather worsens it may become difficult for you to attend worship but if you would still like to be able to share in the life of your Christian community the Ministry Team would be delighted to visit you in your home. If you would like a cup of tea and chat then we would be pleased to meet with you in your home and we are always happy to offer home communion to anyone who would like it.

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 a 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.



Mozart Requiem

Trinity Singers are performing the Mozart Requiem on 28th February at 8pm in Trinity College Chapel.

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Parish Council News

Playground: New goal nets have been purchased and will be fitted shortly.

Precept and budget for 2015/16: The parish council has set its budget for next year, and is pleased to say the parish precept remains unchanged from the previous year.

Speeding in village: We have won the funding through the Small Highways Improvements scheme to put speed bumps at either end of the village, and a warning sign in Tinker's Lane for the Crane's Lane junction.

Date for your diary: The parish council hopes to hold a tea-party on The Orchard for all villagers on 18 July, similar to that held last year. This will be combined with the Church's Gift Day – last year this resulted in a happy and well-supported occasion, including some exciting parachute jumps by teddy-bears from the church tower. Who knows what will happen this year? More details to follow nearer the time.

Planning

- **S/2971/14/FL Double garage and gates at Wychwood, Crane's Lane:** the parish council has approved this application.
- **C/11/40/056 removal of apple tree at The House on the Green:** The parish council has approved this application.
- **S/1723/14/FL refurbishment and conversion of stables at The Old Rectory:** This application has been granted by SCDC.
- **S/2077/14/FL upgrade to telecoms equipment at New Farm, Old Wimpole Rd:** This application has been granted by SCDC.

Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk

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New Walking Group in Comberton

Comberton Walkers came about after members of a local exercise group started to think about other ways to become active and enjoy a healthy lifestyle with like-minded people. They also wanted to encourage people to make the most of the local landscape.

Supported by Walking for Health, England's largest network of health walk schemes, the group aims to help all kinds of people to lead a more active lifestyle. Each walk will be led by friendly, knowledgeable volunteers, specially trained for the job who will provide all the advice and encouragement a new walker needs to build fitness at a pace that's right for them.

Walks will start at 9.45am at Comberton Baptist Church, Green End, and take place every Monday during term time.

Regular walking is one of the easiest ways to get more active and make new friendships.

For more information contact the walk leader Sylvia on 01223 263193.

Fun Wildlife Encounters

The local Wildlife Trusts have a series of great .pdf files on their website with 30 fun wildlife activities.

You don't have to travel far to find wildlife, it really is everywhere. As well as your [local nature reserve](#), you can explore the park, your school or at home - whether you've got a garden, yard or window box, you'll be surprised what you might find.

Explore anytime and whatever the weather, rain or shine, day or night, you are sure to discover something new. So find your friends, persuade your parents, grab your grandparents...and get out there!

<http://www.wildlifebcn.org/wildlifeencounters>

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Chippenham Park

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Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in February (1,6,7,8,13,14,15,20,21,22,27,28 February) 10am-4pm.

From the A14 take the A11 towards Norwich. Turn off at B1085 signed Chippenham and turn left at the end of the slip road. Chippenham Park is approximately 2 miles.

Anglesey Abbey Snowdrop festival

26 January - 1 March

Enjoy the spectacle as 320 varieties of Snowdrop carpet the gardens in white. There are over 60 varieties to choose from in the Plant Centre, from £2.75 per pot

e-Luminate Lighting up Cambridge

11-15 February

Now in its 3rd year, the Festival has light installations, performances and family activities across Cambridge with trails, concerts, local and international artists, a light lab at the Guildhall and a light hub on Parker's Piece.

The Festival is a major UK event in the 2015 United Nations International Year of Light. Activities are planned so that everyone, young and old, can appreciate the central role of light in science and culture.

See <http://www.e-luminatefestivals.co.uk/>

From The District Councillor

SCDC Draft Local Plan Examination Update

The Draft Local Plan is now undergoing public examination by the Planning Inspector. The first block of hearings took place in Nov/Dec 2014 and considered (i) Legal process & requirements (ii) Overall Spatial Vision and General Issues (iii) Housing need (iv) Employment & Retail (v) Infrastructure/Monitoring/Viability.

The second block of hearings will take place from 9th to 19th February 2015, to examine issues of Greenbelt and Transport Infrastructure, considering if the overall strategy is sound, whether all essential schemes and improvements have been identified, if the plans will encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport. After this, the Inspector is expected to give her initial views on the soundness of the plans and if/how/when the examination will move forward.

New Planning Application West Cambourne 2350 Houses

McA Developments (Bovis & Taylor Wimpey) have submitted a planning application to SCDC to build 2,350 houses. The council has launched a 6-week consultation as part of the process of assessing the planning application for people to have their say.

Exhibitions showing the plans will be held on Friday 30 January 5pm – 8pm, and Saturday 31 January 10am – 1pm at The Hub, High Street Cambourne. The consultation closes on 20 February 2015 and can be accessed online at <http://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/cambourne>.

This plan completely contradicts the proposals for this site in the draft Local Development Plan which proposes 1250 houses. It also shows the extent to which developers will test the boundaries of what they can push through because SCDC is currently judged not to have a 5-year housing land supply.

Protection for Public Houses

Public Houses in villages are under threat from redevelopments and SCDC is keen to help retain them. It aims to do this by using Article 4 directions to remove permitted development rights which currently allow pubs to be converted to shops, offices or even demolished without requiring planning permission. If Article 4 is applied, then any such development will have to get planning.

SCDC now has a consultation in place to find out public views on whether or not Article 4 should be used to safeguard village pubs. The consultation ends on

Monday 23 February 2015. The consultation can be accessed online at SCDC website at <http://bit.ly/Article4Consult> or download the form at <http://bit.ly/Article4Form>.

Free Business Workshops

SCDC is launching the fourth series of its fully-funded business workshops and seminars which Exemplas runs on its behalf. The seminars cover a range of topics including business planning, doing business online, using social media, how to gain new customers etc. etc. The seminars will start on 5th February and end on 22 April 2015. Attendees can also get free business support from experienced business advisers at no extra cost, to help them implement learnings from the seminars.

Anyone interested should email southcambsbusinesssupport@exemplas.com or call 0844 346 0755 to reserve a place.

These workshops have proved very popular in the past, so grab your place early.

Councillor Surgery

The drop-in surgery will resume on the first Thursday of the month, 7 – 8pm at Caldecote Village Hall. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of help on any issue – housing, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection etc. You can reach me in the usual ways by telephone on 01954 210840, email tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk or my blog www.TumiHawkins.org.uk.

Best Wishes

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