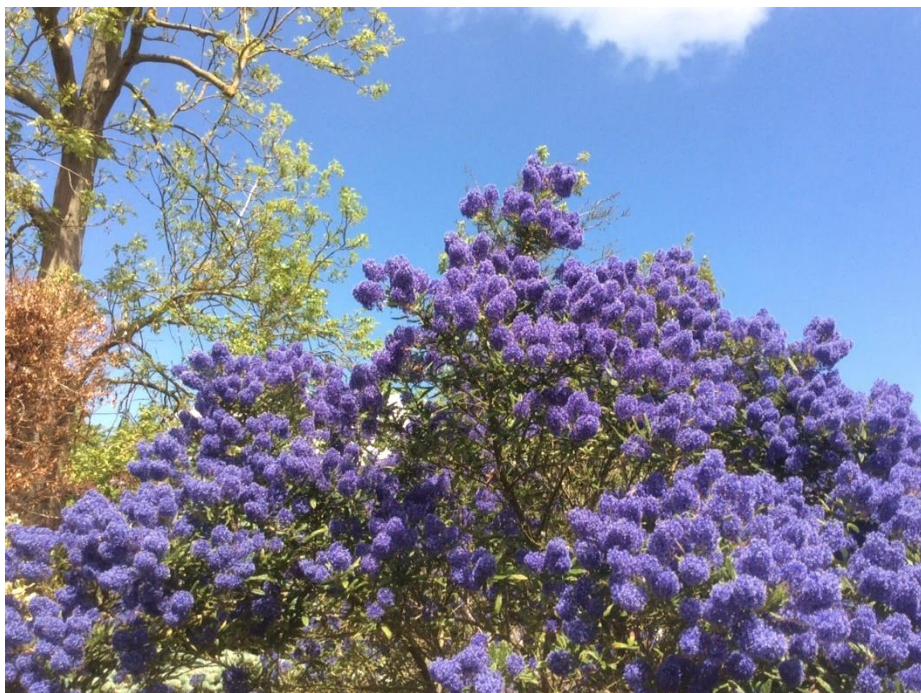


# *Kingston Parish & Church Magazine*



**July 2019**

## **Village Diary**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingston Barbecue (incorporating Pub Night)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July/Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Opening of A World To Come Art Project
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Village Cream Tea and Church Gift Day
Tuesdays 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , & 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Wellness Workouts, 10.00am & 7.15pm

## **Wheelie bin collection dates**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Black bin
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Black bin
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Blue and Green bins

## **Editorial**

A blaze of colour greets us this month on the magazine's cover – another photo from David Heath's collection of local scenes.

Looking at the calendar dates above, July is going to be a busy month in Kingston with the bi-annual Village Barbecue (which incorporates the Pub Night this month) being quickly followed by the Village Cream Tea and Church Gift Day and the opening of A World To Come art project in the church. Lots of good things to look forward to. Please see the posters inside this issue for further information about these events and hope to see you there!

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## Vicar's Letter

A few weeks ago, you may have seen a photo of a black hole. Of course, it was no such thing. By very definition a black hole can't be photographed – its gravity is too strong for even light to escape.

As material falls into it, though, that material gets heated up, and shines. But it isn't light as we can see it – it's radio waves with a wavelength of 1.3mm.

And it wasn't collected by a sensor like in an ordinary camera. Instead eight radio telescopes, spaced all round the earth, recorded the minute variations in those radio waves as they scanned the tiny distance across the distant galaxy where the black hole lies.

Then the vast amounts of data those telescopes generate were combined using a specially developed computer system to generate the final image.

So it's what we would see if our eyes were as big as a planet, and sensitive to very high frequency radio waves. It's a triumph of human ingenuity – a 'photograph' of something which it is literally impossible to see.

But that's perhaps easy compared with the idea of seeing God. Mostly the Bible tells us that we can't see God, though some people caught a glimpse. Usually they were completely overwhelmed by the experience, but now there's a better way.

The New Testament describes Jesus as "the visible image of the invisible God" and Jesus himself told his disciples "anyone who has seen me has seen the Father". If we want to know what God looks like, we just need to pay attention to Jesus. It's a picture our broken, hurting world desperately needs to see.

John – one of Jesus' original twelve followers – went even further. He wrote "no one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us." In other words, there's no need for an array of radio telescopes or massive computer resources: if we live with love for our neighbour - and for our enemy – then even we can show the invisible God to the world around us.

***Rev. Steve Day***

## Church Services for July

**Sunday July 7th    Holy Communion 8.30am**

**Sunday July 14th    Evening Prayer 6.00pm**

**Sunday July 21st    Family Service 10.30am**

## Church cleaning

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

## Church flowers and brasses

7th July	Kay Forsythe
14th July	Linda Smith
21st July	Lee Steele
28th July	Christine Stone

## Home Communion

If you cannot get out and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let the office know and we will arrange for the sacrament to be brought to you on a regular basis. If you are having difficulty getting to church, but a lift would make that possible please contact the team office on 01480 839933 and we will be able to help.

## Christopher Edward Osborne 27th March 1964 - 11th May 2019

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Chris Osborne was held on the 13th June, taken by Barbara Preece, the Lay Reader from Toft, who also gave the eulogy - see below.

## Arrivals

A warm welcome to:

Richard and Maria Jones who have moved into Kipling Cottage, Town Farm. They have two daughters, Louise (27) who works in London and Nicola (22) who is at university;  
and to

Raymond Jack at Cromwell Cottage, Town Farm who has come from Caxton. He was previously a social worker and continues as a member of Caxton Parish Council.

## Eulogy for Christopher Edward Osborne

Christopher Edward Osborne was born on 27th March 1964. He was the eldest of Terry and Valerie's two children. His sister Nicola appeared a couple of years later. He grew up in the heart of the country with both sides of the family being part of the farming communities of the villages of Kingston and Toft. Valerie was a farmer's daughter but Terry had begun life in London. It was the advent of WW2 and the tragic death in battle of Terry's father Edward that led to Terry and his mother Nell coming to Toft. Nell went on to marry Ralph Collett, a farm worker in Toft and Terry gained two brothers and two sisters. Terry grew up and began to work for Valerie's father Cyril Miller on his farm here in Kingston. They married and then Chris arrived in the world.

Chris's childhood was happy. He was very fond of his grandparents, particularly his Grannies. His Kingston Granny Joyce played the organ in the Baptist Chapel in the village where Christopher was baptised. Perhaps it was with her that he gained his sense of respect for church and religion.

His Granny Nell in Toft with her large brood would provide legendary Sunday teas. Legendary not for their culinary delights, Terry bluntly described his mother as 'a rotten cook'. She was particularly renowned for her heavy-handed production of a weekly batch of jam turnovers. Chris's Grandad Ralph had one each day for his "dockey" (packed lunch) and he had to resort to feeding the leaden pastry to the dogs. But Nell was generous and would load the table with anything and everything that she could lay her hands on. In those days tins of peaches and salmon were luxurious and exotic foodstuffs.

Chris went to Bourn Primary School and then on to Comberton Village College. He was bright and showed academic promise but it was during his time at CVC around the age of 13 that he began to manifest the symptoms of the serious mental health problems that were to be with him for the rest of his life.

Chris spent periods in Fulbourn Hospital and in the care of the mental health team in Cambridge. His illness affected not only himself but also his close family and all those who knew and loved him. Terry spoke movingly of how it felt to leave his son in the hospital and drive away. Accepting and adapting to this new reality was very difficult for everyone. Chris was fortunate to have a loving and stable family and parents who were willing and able to support him in whatever way they could. Finally Chris settled in his flat in Cambridge in East Street close by the Grafton Centre, as Valerie put it, very convenient for the shops and many takeaways that Chris so enjoyed. He loved living in the City and built up a life within his local

community forming long term close friendships. He had supportive neighbours and was well known and liked at his local corner shop.

In his childhood Chris had played rugby and cricket for CVC and cricket at the Eversden Cricket Club. He would fetch his cousins Andrew and Susie from next door in Kingston to play cricket and football on the back lawn of his house. They would all wear Arsenal football club shirts as it was Granny Joyce's favourite football team. On one occasion Chris managed to break the toilet window at the back of the house with a cricket ball. Thankfully this was met with great hilarity, not always the case in the aftermath of such events. Terry remembered taking Chris to Wembley once. At one time the family had a season ticket to Cambridge United and Chris would go with his sister Nicola and his cousins.

Sport remained the great joy of Chris's life. His football team was Manchester City which had a phenomenal season this year winning the Treble: the League Cup and Premier League before Chris died and the FA Cup after he was gone. He supported Lancashire Cricket Team. Being a traditionalist Chris liked Test Cricket best and would keep the score as the matches progressed.

Among the many beautiful cards Valerie and Terry received following Chris's death was one from a very long term friend Phil. In it Phil expresses with great affection the qualities of the man who was his lifelong friend. It is addressed to Chris's Mum and Dad, sister and the Osborne family and I would like to read it to you.

*'Just to say:*

*I was pleased to be one of Chris's friends of which I was one of many. Chris was a kind, generous and very giving man. He opened his door to lots of people, some of whom took advantage of his good nature, but Chris was never vindictive, was very forgiving, I think his own struggles with mental health gave him that empathy he showed to others. I got to know Chris in the early days when we were in a band, I was the singer and Chris was the drummer and we remained friends ever since. He will be sorely missed.*

*R.I.P Chris*

*From Phil'*

Like all of us Chris's life was shaped by his family and the environment into which he was born. Like each one of us he had to play the game of life as best he could until the final whistle blew. It would seem that he had a peaceful death in his own home in his own bed which gave his parents some consolation. He had a group of friends and neighbours who kept him company, shared his interests and gave him support. He lived in a place he loved. As Phil said in his lovely card he will be sorely missed.

Whatever Chris or we may believe about what lies beyond this world we can confidently say he is now at peace joining his beloved grandparents and all those who have gone before. Earlier this summer on a hot, sunny day with clouds scudding across the sky I found myself in a lovely London park with my niece and her 3 year old daughter. The little girl was lying on the grass looking upwards through the leaves of a tree at the clouds racing by. She pointed upwards and cried out she could see a dragon in the clouds. Not long after this event I read a luminous description of how death looks and I quote:

‘The meeting and parting of living things is as when clouds having come together drift apart again, or as when leaves are parted from trees.’

In this beautiful description lies the inevitable truth that we all must part and go into what Tolstoy described as ‘the solemn and simple mystery of death’. The Christian faith talks of a cycle of living, dying and rising again. It is into this cycle of hope that we let Chris go as we say farewell to him today.

I would like to end this appreciation of Chris’s life with some words written about 170 years ago by the poet John Clare. Like Chris, Clare was born into a family living in a small rural village in Northamptonshire. He was the son of a farm labourer and like Chris he lived his life with severe mental health problems. He spent time in what were then called asylums. This poem was written in such a place, the first 2 verses contain the sense of anguish Clare felt but the last verse has in it a sense of longing for the peace that lies beyond this troubled world, a place we might call heaven.

From the poem ‘I am’ by John Clare

*I long for scenes where man hath never trod.  
A place where woman never smiled or wept.  
There to abide with my creator God,  
And sleep as I in childhood sweetly slept,  
Untroubling and untroubled where I lie  
The grass below - above the vaulted sky*

## **The Big Weekend : 5-7 July at Parkers Piece, Cambridge CB1 1NA**

The city centre’s historic open space is transformed with music, fireworks (Fri 5 at 10pm), food, dance, Kettles Yard free studio workshops (Sat 6 from 12-4pm), science fun, games and sports, make and create, Cambridge mela (Sun 7).

Free, drop in. See <https://www.cambridgelive.org.uk>

**DIARY DATE - FRIDAY 12TH JULY****CONTEMPORARY ARTS PROJECT LAUNCH IN KINGSTON CHURCH  
FROM 6.30PM TO 8.30 PM WITH ARTISTS TALK AT 7.15PM**

We are delighted to announce that on Friday 12th July a contemporary arts project will be launched in our church and will remain on display for the remainder of the summer.

Do come and learn about this exciting project at the official launch event when the artist, Bettina Furnée, will introduce the project and talk about the concepts and thinking behind her art.

The PCC were approached some 18 months ago by Art+Christianity, a charity which works closely with the Church Buildings Council, to broaden the understanding of the enormous range of art in churches and to develop links between contemporary art and the historical art in churches.

The project with Kingston has been conceived as one of two pilot projects in England, the other being in Newcastle, to explore effective ways to link contemporary art and artists to historical art in churches and to display contemporary art in churches. In this instance to link contemporary art to the church, its history, its fabric and its historic medieval wall paintings which span the period from the 13th to the 17th centuries.

After a careful, competitive, selection process the decision was taken to work with one of the resident studio artists at Wysing Arts, Bettina Furnée. We were delighted with Bettina's conceptual response to the Artists' Brief, which sought to commission new art which responded directly to Kingston church's wall paintings. A factor, although not the deciding factor, in choosing Bettina to undertake the commission was that she has previous experience of producing exciting work with Peterborough Cathedral.

The launch evening will provide an opportunity to not only learn about the thinking and background to the project and also to meet with representatives of Art+Christianity and The Church Buildings Council. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm.

You can find out more about Bettina and her work at [www.bettinafurnee.co.uk](http://www.bettinafurnee.co.uk) and further information about Art and Christianity at [www.artandchristianity.org](http://www.artandchristianity.org)

In addition to the Launch Evening on 12th July a number of events revolving around the art display are being planned over the summer for families and children – watch out for further announcements.

***Torrie Smith***

***Peter Reynolds***



All are welcome to the opening event  
Friday 12 July 18:30-20:30

A site-specific art installation by  
Bettina Furnée  
for All Saints and St Andrew's Church, Kingston



Bettina Furnée's newly commissioned installation imagines the Wheel of the Seven Acts of Corporal Mercy, one of a number of scenes of judgement and moral conflict depicted in the church's medieval wall paintings, being 'turned again' for a contemporary audience. Presenting a cast of seven symbolic creatures sewn into church vestments, the work playfully considers morality beyond good and evil, and the capacity of art to hold together contradictory positions.

A programme of free events has been organised in connection with the A World to Come Installation. These events will take place at All Saints and St Andrew's Church.

- Medieval storytelling, Saturday 31st August. No booking required.

- Mask-making for children and families. 27 July 10.00-12.00

Please book a place by emailing [projects@artandchristianity.org](mailto:projects@artandchristianity.org)

In connection with Wysing Arts Centre's Open Studios Day, Project Curator Laura Purseglove will lead a Q&A session with the artist Bettina Furnée on 17 August at 14.00. No booking required.

## District Councillor News

Please note that I provide a full report to the Parish Council at its monthly meeting, so please check out the meeting minutes or my blog at [www.tumihawkins.org.uk](http://www.tumihawkins.org.uk) for more details on the items discussed below.



### Bourn Airfield New village – Draft SPD

The draft SPD is now completed. It's the document that sets out the proposed vision and masterplan for the new village. The Scrutiny Committee scrutinised it on 21st May and I attended to make the case for what turned out to be the main issues - the two accesses, potential for direct link to A428, transport provision, separation between the new village and Highfields, location of village centre and schools with respect to air quality. Read the minutes of the meeting at <http://bit.ly/BADScrutiny> for full details. The committee made recommendations for improvement. Cabinet subsequently discussed the revised draft SPD and have given approval for it to go to public consultation.

The draft SPD should be available for public consultation from 17 June to 29 July 2019. Check the council website at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/bournairfieldspd/> for updates. There will be drop-in exhibitions/events that usually accompany this type of consultation. This is the stage where you can influence what gets built in the new settlement. Please make time to participate and share your views, comments etc.

### Zero Carbon Grant

This is a new grant that the council is making available to community groups in the summer. Grants will be from £1,000 to £15,000, to spend on community projects that could help reduce carbon emissions, such as but not limited to solar panels, battery storage, electric vehicle charging points, tree planting, cycle paths & stands, recycling or helps to spread awareness and promote change in behaviour toward low carbon living. Watch out for more on this later when it is ready to receive bids/applications.

### Help for small businesses and individuals

Are you a small business and wish to know about the help available through the council including workshops and events? Check the website at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/latest-business-news-and-events/>. You can also sign up for the business newsletter.

There is a new retail discount scheme that will run for two years from April 2019. Find out if your business is eligible at at [www.scambs.gov.uk/business-rates/business-rates-reliefs-and-exemptions](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/business-rates/business-rates-reliefs-and-exemptions).

Individuals are not left out – if you want to find out about council tax reductions and discounts, visit the council website at <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-tax/reductions-and-discounts>

### **Cambridge Area Bus Users (CABU)**

CABU is an affiliate of Bus Users UK. It represents and campaigns on behalf of bus passengers in and around Cambridge and is independent of any political party. If you would like to have a voice in the debate about public transport you can join this new users group. It is determined to force the Mayor and the bus operators to improve services from and to our villages. Email: [secretary.cabu@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.cabu@gmail.com)

### **A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements**

The public consultation on the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements has started and will run from 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 28 July 2019. You can read all the relevant information on the Highways England project page at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet-home/>. I strongly recommend you watch the “fly through” video showing the new route and the junctions and how traffic is expected to flow through them.

There will be a consultation event at Doubletree by Hilton, Cambourne Cambridge Belfry CB23 6BW on Monday 15 July, 1200-2000 hrs. Check it out.

### **Annual Report**

As usual, I prepared an annual report of important events and news that happened in the last municipal year, which I presented to the annual parish meeting. It is particularly special this time. You can read it for yourself at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/annual-parish-report-2018-to-2019/>. Feel free to ask questions or comment.

### **Here to Help You**

Please feel free to contact me in the usual ways if you need help with South Cambs council services (planning, housing, housing repairs, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health, noise nuisance, etc).

You can also contact me by phone 01954 210840, email [tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk](mailto:tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk), @CouncillorTumi on Twitter, Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/>, and on my Contact Me page on my website [www.tumihawkins.org.uk](http://www.tumihawkins.org.uk). I also post up articles on my blog from time to time, so check it out for details of some of the items I have touched on here.

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
July 7	Trinity 3	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am MP	
July 14	Trinity 4	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am W4A+baptism	8.30am HC
July 21	Trinity 5	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
July 28	Trinity 6	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
Aug 4	Trinity 7	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC		
Aug 11	Trinity 8			10.30am MP	8.30am HC
Aug 18	Trinity 9	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
Aug 25	Trinity 10	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

FHC= Common Worship/All Age Holy Communion

W4A/FS = Family Service

FW = All Age Worship/Morning Prayer/Prayer & Praise/Morning Worship

P&P=Prayer & Praise



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For further information contact

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# Village Cream Tea and

# Church Gift Day

**Saturday 13 July on The  
Village Orchard, and at  
the Church,  
Rectory Lane**



- ✿ Cream teas at The Orchard 3.30pm—5.30 pm
- ✿ Tug-o-war
- ✿ Tea and scones are free! — please donate generously to the church
- ✿ Bar offering real ales, cider, wine and G&T

## Book of the Month

**“When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit”** by Judith Kerr.

It was sad to hear about the recent death of Judith Kerr, childrens’ author extraordinaire. I feel that my family has lost an old friend. I read her book “Mog the Forgetful Cat” with my pre-school daughter and she, in turn, read Kerr’s books with my grandson – “The Tiger Who Came to Tea” was an early favourite. The author had the unique knack of making naughtiness and upset OK parts of daily life – within bounds of course. She also never shied away from telling about the hard truths of life. In “Goodbye Mog”, Mog the cat passes away and in one of her later books the central family is bombed out of their home during the blitz on London.

Judith Kerr was a German-born writer and illustrator. Born in 1923, in 1933 her family was forced to flee Hitler’s Germany, first going to Switzerland and France but, in 1936, finally finding refuge in England. During the war she worked for the Red Cross before being awarded a scholarship to study at the Central School of Arts and Crafts at which point she became an artist. Having married Nigel Kneale (who wrote the cult TV science-fiction series “Quatermass” for the BBC) and starting a family, she decided to write books first and foremost for her own children. Having seen the film “The Sound of Music” with them, she decided to write the semi-autobiographical “When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit” to let them know what it was really like in Nazi Germany. Eventually, she added two more books to form a trilogy describing life from the 1930s through to the 1950s. Pink Rabbit is a novel for older children (published in 1971) and is the unforgettable story of a Jewish family fleeing from Germany before the Second World War and has been called by Michael Morpurgo “the most life-enhancing book you could wish to read”. The book starts when “Anna” (Judith’s alter ego) is told that her beloved Papa has fled from Nazi Germany when he heard that his passport was about to be confiscated. Several days after that the rest of the family, Anna, her brother and her mother follow the father to Stuttgart and then on to Switzerland – and so their adventurous journey begins. As an aside, on the train to Zurich, they encounter a woman who is carrying a cat in her basket; the woman refers to the cat as her “mogger” – a nice nod to Kerr’s books for younger children. Kerr has been described by friends as “sweet but steely”; kind, gentle, generous, funny, modest and diffident, she clearly had a harder side to her that resulted from her early life experiences as a survivor on the road to a new life outside Germany, so well described in Pink Rabbit.

Coincidentally, while rereading “When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit”, I am also reading “Appeasing Hitler: Chamberlain, Churchill and the Road to War” by Tim Bouverie –

the story of how the policy of appeasement was implemented in the 1930s and how the well-meaning but slightly priggish, self-righteous and ultimately naïve Neville Chamberlain sold out Czechoslovakia and its western democratic allies in his earnest but misguided quest to keep the peace by any means - by giving in to Hitler's demands to annex the Sudetenland. This is a fascinating read and illuminates how the governing Tory party was rent apart by the issues surrounding Europe and appeasement. Surely this could never be repeated. Chamberlain always believed that public opinion supported appeasing Hitler and that it was the popular desire to keep the peace at any cost and not have a disastrous repeat of the Great War. In addition, as is explained in the book, large numbers of the British aristocracy were in sympathy with Hitler's regime and were more than prepared to ignore what was happening to the Jews in Germany – that is the very people like Judith Kerr and her family and their travails amidst what transpired to be Hitler's lunacy.

***Peter Holly***

## **Kingston Music Club**

On Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, Celia Whitworth, ably assisted by her husband Colin, gave a fascinating presentation which she called "A Music Journey through Portugal and its Former Colonies". This was a world tour visiting such places as Portugal itself (where we were introduced to the sweet sorrow of "fado" music), Madeira, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, the Sao Tome and Principe islands, Angola, Mozambique, Goa, Macau, East Timor and, finally, Brazil. What was illuminating about this tour was how Portuguese music took on local flavours wherever it went. African, Indian, Chinese and Caribbean influences were all in evidence as the music travelled the world. The club members listened raptly to the likes of Alexandra (Portugal), Cesaria Evora (Cape Verde), Robin Vaz (Goa), Biboki Singers (Indonesia) and Chico Buarque (Brazil). At the end of the session all those present thanked Celia for her most interesting and informative talk and for providing us with her musical odyssey.

### **Upcoming Session**

Please put this date in your calendars:

Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm: Presenter - Miki Ellar

## News Update from Bourn Primary



As we come to the end of another academic year, our thoughts turn to what we have achieved and how we have changed since September. Since I became Headteacher of Bourn Primary Academy, I have very much enjoyed getting to know the school. The staff, teachers, teaching assistants and support staff have been welcoming and supportive. We are all lucky to have such a talented and dedicated team of staff working to make the school as good as it can be for our children. I have enjoyed getting to know the parents as I have stood at the school gate every morning with my cup of tea (and often my umbrella!) in hand. Putting names to faces and matching parents to children is an ongoing process and I would like to thank everyone for being so helpful as I continue with this! Getting to know the children has, of course, been the highlight of my time at Bourn so far. As individuals, they are unique, with their own take on life and what they see around them. I enjoy my conversations with them hugely. From the cheery 'hello' in the morning to a child's explanation about what they are learning in class, every interaction is valuable and special and shows what wonderful children we have.

Bourn is a very busy school, with lots and lots of exciting and enriching activities taking place over the year. Learning in the classroom is supplemented by educational visits, which this year, have included Bletchley Park, the Tower of London, Hunstanton Sea Life Centre, the Chiltern Open Air Museum and the residential trips to Grafham Water and Rock UK. We have also been very lucky in school to have had a number of visitors that have been in to talk to the children about many exciting subjects from swimming the channel to healthy living. We are so grateful that people are willing to give up their time to widen the children's knowledge and experiences. Within school, the children are given a wide range of opportunities, designed to stretch their imaginations and increase their interests. These include a variety of after school clubs run by teachers, a choir and orchestra, many sporting activities and the chance to represent the school in competitions such as the Public Speaking Challenge, Spelling Bee and Mega Maths Challenge.

Bourn Primary is not immune to the financial pressures being suffered by schools across the country. Each year we receive less funding from the government per pupil and our costs; such as salaries, pension costs, utility bills etc. continue to rise. We work very hard to manage these pressures whilst continuing to provide the best quality education to our pupils but this becomes more challenging year on year.



We are lucky to be supported by the Bourn School Association, a dedicated group of parents who raise money for the school through a range of activities including a Bingo night, a Gin Tasting evening, the Summer BBQ and of course, Bourn to Run. We are immensely grateful to everyone who has organised or supported these events because the money raised has meant that we have been able to buy essential equipment for the children. This year, the BSA have provided us with the funds to buy ten laptops, two interactive whiteboards, a new phonics scheme and subscription to a cross-curricular website which enables the children to access a wide range of educational tools and games. We have also been able to replenish our stock of reading books – although we will always need more!

We are very grateful for all those involved in organising the wide range of activities that the children benefit from.

As we come to the end of the academic year, we are preparing to welcome our new 'little Acorns', some of whom are so ready for school they want to start now! We are also getting ready to say farewell to our Year 6 children. This is an emotional time and I am sure I speak for all members of the school staff when I say it has been an honour and a privilege to have been involved in educating and supporting them to achieve their best and to be ready to take on the exciting next stage of their education.

Happy holidays – let's hope the sun shines!

**Laura Latham**, Headteacher

## **Babysitting / Pet feeding / Plant watering**

I am back from Uni for the summer and would be happy to help out Kingston village residents with any of the above between mid-July and mid-September. I am only available evenings on weekdays and then all day weekends. Rates negotiable. Please email me at [jessicaemurphy@outlook.com](mailto:jessicaemurphy@outlook.com)

Jessica Murphy  
Walkers Field  
Kingston

## Heidi Allen's Newsletter

Before I launch into my usual monthly constituency update, I thought it important to explain what has happened recently in terms of my own party allegiance. As you will know, I left the Conservative Party in February to sit as an Independent MP because I was concerned the Party had drifted to the right and it was more concerned with its own survival than the national interest. Early polling results gave us, as Independents, the confidence to formalise into a party structure, named "Change UK" to fight the European elections at the end of May. However it soon became clear that the Brexit Party was storming ahead. Believing passionately that the National interest must always come first, and that Nigel Farage did not have the right answers for the country's future, I felt our support should shift to other Remain parties who were faring better than us in the polls.

I was unable to convince a majority of Change UK MPs of this strategy and they remained steadfastly of the opinion that the party should seek to achieve votes for itself rather than collaborate with other parties

Now the European elections are over, I remain unwavering in my strong belief that the country must always come first. As such, I have stepped down from Change UK and returned to sit once again as an Independent with four other colleagues – Sarah Wollaston, Luciana Berger, Angela Smith and Gavin Shuker.

There are two principal reasons as to why I have done this.

I do not believe I can serve my constituents and country well if I put party interests ahead of theirs.

Secondly, the political landscape remains very volatile. In the coming weeks and months I can easily envisage MPs leaving the Conservative Party because they cannot tolerate a new Prime Minister who advocates a hard Brexit or no deal Brexit. Equally, there are Labour colleagues who will no longer tolerate Jeremy Corbyn's inability to fight as an opposition leader should.

Recognising that it is very difficult for MPs to leave their parties and immediately join other ones, I believe my role will be to help convene a safe neutral space in the centre ground of Parliament and offer a home for those MPs. It will allow us to work alongside the Liberal Democrats, Greens, SNP, Change UK and Plaid Cymru in the national interest, ensuring we do not crash out of the EU with no deal.

As an Independent MP with a reputation for cross party working and prioritising the national interest over party allegiance, I feel strongly that I will be able to help act as a convener.

It is my strong belief that this is what the country needs right now.

A more detailed statement, including a video setting out my views, can be seen on my website: <https://heidiallen.co.uk/explaining-the-decision-to-sit-as-an-independent-member-of-parliament/>

Back onto local issues!

Highways England have launched the latest stage of their consultation, seeking your views on the proposed route for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements.

The consultation webpage has “fly-through” videos which show what the roads and the junctions will look like. They are an excellent way of not only getting a clearer understanding of the route but also looking at specific “pinch points” along the route including Black Cat roundabout, the Eltisley junction and the roundabout at Caxton Gibbet.

There are also a number of local consultation events taking place including:

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 10am to 4pm at Newton Primary School, Eltisley
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon to 8pm at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Cambourne
- A mobile visitor centre on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July between 8.30am to 2.30pm at Pendrill Court, Ermine Street North, Papworth Everard.

The consultation is available here and is open until 28<sup>th</sup> July -

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet-improvements/>

Last month, I was delighted to formally open the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership and extend my thanks to its Chair, Councillor Van de Ven for her kind invitation to its anniversary celebrations.

This initiative is designed to connect users with their rail network, Great Northern, giving a voice to the passenger and local community.

We celebrated the anniversary in style with a fabulous train themed cake and refreshments at the Plough in Shepreth! If you are a rail user and would like to connect with this group please visit <http://meldrethsheprethfoxtonrail.org.uk/>.

Finally, I was pleased to read the National Lottery Community Fund had awarded £136,666.40 to six community projects in South Cambridgeshire, including Fen Drayton Primary School, Cambridge Branch of the National Childbirth Trust, Cambridgeshire Hearing Help, Kingston Village Hall, Guilden Morden Community Pub Limited and Headway Cambridgeshire. The National Lottery Community Fund makes awards to groups who are improving their communities. If you are involved with a local community group and looking for funding, why not take a look at their website at <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>? Well done to everybody involved in these community projects!

As ever, my newsletter can only provide a snapshot of my work on your behalf but if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next surgery is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. This is an “appointment only” surgery between 2.30 and 4.30pm at The Melbourn Hub, 30 High St, Melbourn, SG8 6DZ. If you would like an appointment, please call my office on 01223 830037. Further surgery dates will be added to my website soon - <https://heidiallen.co.uk/constituency-surgeries/>

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk) or call my office. See you next month!

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## Music Corner

### My Generation

While eating dinner in a restaurant recently, Kay and I were serenaded by a tape of George Michael singing extended versions of some of his major hits like “Father Figure” and “Don’t Let The Sun Go Down on Me” with Elton John. Good stuff. That got me thinking about all the rock stars, like George Michael, who have died recently. There was a time when we didn’t expect our rock idols to keep their star status into their ‘70s. Rock stars, we thought, have to be young by definition. Then, to our surprise, they did make it and continued to make great music – and, like Mick Jagger, are having to undergo surgery to keep them going! Some, of course, the latest being the Night Tripper himself, Dr. John, are reaching old age and beyond. Some like Prince and David Bowie didn’t make it that far. So, presumably, we can expect more A-list septuagenarians to hit the headlines as their bodies fail to resist the ravages of time.

One band that never shied from excess and the resulting high mortality rate is The Who. Now down to two of the original members, there is a wonderful video of the remaining duo playing live on “The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon” on a recent edition on NBC television in the USA. This time around, however, along with Jimmy Fallon himself and the members of his house band (The Roots), Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend are all playing toy instruments like tiny tambourines, xylophones, maracas, etc. Pete Townshend is playing a tiny toy guitar which, in time-honoured style, he smashes to pieces at the end of the piece. The song is “Won’t Get Fooled Again” and, perhaps surprisingly given the instruments being used, the number really rocks! I highly recommend finding the video on YouTube. The music is fun, joyful, outrageous – and extremely out there. Yet compulsive viewing.

Yet, like Van Morrison before them, I’d given up on The Who. After reading Pete Townshend’s dire, self-serving and self-righteous autobiography (which, I must admit, I couldn’t finish), I’d jettisoned them from my play list. The problem with rock music and rock stars is just because we like a lot of their music we want to like them as people - they often don’t deserve to be liked. Putting that issue to one side, however, I have overcome my misgivings and prompted by the freshness and sheer bravura of the recent video, I’ve gone back to their original music and paid due homage to its greatness. After all, they are very much my generation. Rising from the r&b music and mod scene of the mid to late ‘60s, The Who (previously the Detours and the High Numbers) produced a staggering string of hits starting with “I Can’t Explain”, the glorious “My Generation”, and the equally stupendous

"Substitute" and then continuing with "Happy Jack", "I'm a Boy", and "Pictures of Lily", and climaxing with "I Can See for Miles" and the superb "Tommy" LP. This is an unprecedented string of great hit music. Strangely, my favourite track of the lot is their uncharacteristic song from Tommy, "See Me Feel Me", a huge hit in the states but not in the UK, which starts slowly, gradually builds in intensity, and only explodes in typical Who-style at the very end. If they had stopped recording there and then, they could be said to have produced some of the finest rock music of all time. Yet they continued to produce fine songs – including the aforementioned "Won't get Fooled Again". Much of their music is quirky, odd-ball and humorous. They know when not to take themselves too seriously (which is partly why Townshend's book is so disappointing) and which is why their recent video perfectly captures their mood of self-deprecating rapture. Long live The Who! Long live my generation! Thinking about it, I wonder if they still stand by their immortal words "I hope I die before I get old (Talkin' 'bout my generation)".

**Peter Holly**

## Kingston Barbecue 2019

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

(incorporating Kingston Pub Night)  
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The studios are spread throughout the whole region including villages around Royston, Saffron Walden, St Ives and Chatteris as well as Ely, central Cambridge and local villages. As usual, the distinctive yellow COS flags will be out to identify participating studios.

Every weekend in July sees studios open to visitors between 11am and 6pm. Visiting is free.

See which studios are open each weekend at

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## Parish Council News

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### Planning:

- S/1827/19/LB listed building consent for minor internal alterations at Pryors Cottage, Field Road, has been submitted to SCDC.
- S/4585/18/FL and S/4586/18/LB planning application for alterations and extensions and erection of outbuildings at The Thatches, Rectory Lane, has been granted by SCDC.


*Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk*

## Volunteering to pull Balsam on Bourn Brook










The Wildlife Trust, Countryside Restoration Trust and Cambridge Conservation Volunteers will be pulling Himalayan balsam on the Bourn Brook again this year and we are always looking for help. If you are reasonably fit, have a good eye for plants, and fancy seeing the brook from a new angle we'd love to have you. Waders provided so please let us know in advance (with your shoe size) so we can bring you a pair. Full details of dates, times, contacts and meeting points are on our website:

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The Secretary of State nominated Bim Afolami, Henry Smith and Heidi Allen, as MPs representing different parts of the GTR network, to work with GTR and develop a plan for how the fund is allocated and consulted on. The MPs asked for decisions on how the Fund was spent to be made at as local level as possible. The fund, therefore has been allocated to passengers based on the tiers of the additional industry compensation scheme which were agreed following the disruption caused by the May 2018 timetable issues. Passengers at stations across the network have been allocated either £30, 000, £50,000 or £80,000 to spend on station improvements or on a wider benefit scheme.

We are engaging with passengers, MPs, passenger groups and councils to understand how they would like the money to be spent. Stakeholders will be asked to prioritise ideas ready for a selection and approval process starting in August. Further details about the fund and how groups can select their preferred schemes can be found at the fund website <https://www.passengerbenefitfund.co.uk/>

To submit your ideas you will need to complete the survey, which you can access once you register on the passenger benefit fund website.

Please find attached the network map . We want to ensure that you are aware that the consultation is open and will close on 31 July 2019.

If you would like more information or to arrange a meeting, please don't hesitate to contact the team at [passengerbenefit@gtrailway.com](mailto:passengerbenefit@gtrailway.com)

Kind regards

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## Festival of Archaeology Children's Event

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The poster for the Royston Historical Pageant 1470 features a crow on the left and a knight in full plate armor on the right. The text is arranged in a central column. At the bottom, there are three shields containing the text 'Hog Roast', 'Licensed Bar', and 'Period Costume'. The website 'www.roystonpageant.uk' and a Facebook icon are also present.

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