

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



September 2019

Village Diary

Wednesday 4 th September	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am
Saturday 7 th September	Pub Night at the Village Hall, 6pm-10pm
Tuesday 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , & 24 th September	Wellness Workouts, 10.00am & 7.15pm
Tuesday 10 th September	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 19 th September	Kingston Village Hall AGM 8.00pm
Thursday 26 th September	Kingston Music Club, 7.30pm
Sunday 29 th September	Harvest Lunch – Village Hall – 12.30pm (following Harvest Service at 10.30am)

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 4 th September	Black bin
Wednesday 11 th September	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 18 th September	Black bin
Wednesday 25 th September	Blue and Green bins

Editorial

I can't believe that September is here already. Kids will soon be back to school and it's almost time for Last Night at the Proms. We'll soon be sorry that we did so much complaining during the July heat-wave! I have to admit that I felt strangely proud that Cambridge had the record temperature on July 25th.

The cover photograph this month is from Martyn Apperly. He reports that a breeding pair of Spotted Flycatchers (these birds are very rare in Cambridgeshire these days) has been observed in Kingston and that the British Trust for Ornithology is keeping watch. This is exciting news.

In the meantime Heather Ginn has been keeping a careful watch on the butterfly population in Kingston and her photos included below are a rich testimony for their survival in our healthy environment.

Peter Holly pjholly45@gmail.com 01223 264 556

Vicar's Letter

By now, those who sat significant exams this year will have had their results. Hopefully after the initial euphoria, or disappointment, has faded, decisions have been taken about what happens next, and are being carried out with determination. Also hopefully, there is a sense of excitement about new challenges ahead.

Some exam questions are very challenging: others not so much. A recent GCSE Chemistry paper near the beginning asked students to finish the sentence 'Limestone is Calcium _____. One of the questions further on began with the statement 'Limestone is Calcium Carbonate.'

It was a show of unusual generosity from the exam board!

Those who read the Bible can experience both situations. For some it's too difficult to even attempt; for others it contains the answers to any question you might ask, if only you study it carefully enough. Fortunately, neither of those extremes are really true.

A few centuries ago, people needed years of learning, and knowledge of Hebrew and New Testament Greek, to delve into the Bible for themselves. Now we have many and varied translations in English, all with something to commend them. From the 400 year old King James Version, which has contributed so much to our culture, to The Message, with its colloquial, and often surprising reworking of the ancient text. Each enables us to hear God speak in a different way into our present situation.

The Bible may not be the place you go to when you want answers to certain questions: What shall we have for dinner? What is the chemical composition of limestone? But for other questions it's just what we need: How should I behave towards others? What things in life are truly important?

For a glimpse into the mind of God, and the story of God's promises of hope to a broken world, there's no better place to start.

You may have been reading the Bible for years, but there's always something new to learn. You may have not even cracked a Bible open before, but it's never too late to start. There will be plenty of opportunities this autumn for both beginners or long-timers, sceptics, enquirers, or disciples to get to grips with the Bible. Ask your minister for details of something which might suit you.

There will **not** be a test!

Rev. Steve Day

Church Services for September

Sunday 1st September **Holy Communion 8.30am**

Sunday 15th September **Family Service 10.30am**

Sunday 29th September **Harvest 10.30am**

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

1 st September	Joan Reynolds
8 th September	Kay Forsythe
15 th September	Linda Smith
22 nd September	Lee Steele
29 th September	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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Saturday 28 September

We are holding a coffee morning as part of The Great Macmillan Coffee Morning at 10.30am in Kingston Village Hall. Many of us have had experience of cancer, either personally or with someone close. Macmillan support is an invaluable service, providing physical, financial and emotional help to individuals, family and others living with cancer.

Over the last 29 years the Coffee Morning has raised well over £220 million. Every cup of coffee (or tea) helps!

Do please join us on Saturday 28 September. If you are able to help us with cakes, buns and biscuits these will be more than welcome. We look forward to seeing you in all.

Jill Coleman and Sarah Wright

All Saints and St Andrew presents

EVEN YOU SONG

Sunday 13 October 2019 6.30 PM

Church of All Saints and St Andrew, Kingston, Cambridgeshire

Director of Music Owain Park with Cambridge Chorale and children from Bourn Primary Academy with digital projections and new writing. Organist Joseph Wicks



An immersive work based on Choral Evensong inspired by space travel
Devised by Bettina Furnée & Lucy Sheerman. Set to music by Cheryl Frances-Hoad
Spectacular Church Times 'Substantial and striking' Planet Hugill

TICKETS - free printed libretto with each ticket £15
AVAILABLE ONLINE please visit <http://bit.ly/2YvwxAb>
More information www.wysingartscentre.org

Even You Song Tour 2019 - 15 July King's Lynn Minster, 13 October All Saints & St Andrew Kingston Cambridgeshire, 2 November Trinity College Chapel Cambridge, 29 November St James's Piccadilly London - is supported by King's Lynn Festival, Wysing Arts Centre and Young Norfolk Arts and made possible with funding from All Saints and St Andrew, Arts Council England, Cambridgeshire Music, National Centre for Writing & Norfolk Music Hub

Even You Song, 6.30pm Sunday October 13th, Kingston Church

We are delighted that Bettina Furnée, the artist who has created the current Art Installation in the church is bringing 'Even You Song' to Kingston on Sunday 13th October.

Even You Song is based on the traditional format of Choral Evensong but the content is built around the actual answers to interviews with fourteen couples in Peterborough as to what it would be like for them, as a couple, to go to the Moon.

For those of you who have previously attended performances by the Gesualdo Six in the church you will no doubt be delighted to learn that Owain Park, the founder and conductor of the Gesualdo Six, is bringing The Cambridge Chorale, which he also conducts, as the adult choir and Bourn School is providing the children's choir.

Tickets are on sale via the Wysing Arts Website. The weblink for ticket sales is <http://bit.ly/2YvwxAb> which will take you to a page with a 'button' leading to the Eventbrite Online Booking System. Bourn School have already requested some 35 to 40 tickets for parents and supporters and so we only have some 80 tickets left.

If you are keen to attend this exciting event please don't delay in ordering tickets.

Torrie Smith

Holy Baptism

Grayson James and Spencer Theo Taylor, the sons of Lloyd and Rebecca Taylor (and the grandsons of Keith and Christine Allison), were baptised by the Revd Stephen Day on Sunday the 30th June.

Free: Epson printer cartridges, save £32

Does your Epson printer have replacement cartridges with a picture of a daisy on the front of the pack? If so I have a multipack of 4 cartridges going free! My printer died and its replacement takes a different cartridge.

Peter Stokes

KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL

AGM

In the Village Hall

THURSDAY 19 SEPT

8.00 pm

All welcome

Wimpole Craft & Produce Fair

at Church Field, Wimpole Hall,
SG8 0BW

Sat 7 Sept 10am-5pm

Browse unique crafts
& food stalls selling home-made
& home-grown delicacies.

Live music & beer tent,
craft tent & face painter.

Free admission,

booking not needed.

Normal admission charges to visit
the gardens, farm or house.

Adventure Centre

at the Grafton Centre,
Cambridge.

Sat 28 Sept 10am–6pm.

Visit the LifeLab science
playground at the Grafton
Centre and enjoy some
exciting hands-on activities.
Discover how gaming helps us
explore the brain & test your
detective skills to find changes
in DNA. Extract DNA from
strawberries and make your
own bracelet of DNA code to
take away with you.

Stories from Science exhibit.

www.camlifelab.co.uk



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All are invited!

Harvest Lunch at 12:30

Sunday, September 29

following Harvest Festival Service

Kingston Village Hall

Ploughmans and Cake

£10 per person. £5 per child

Attendance at service not required



**BOURN
TO RUN
2019**

Sunday 15th September 2019

Every year Bourn to Run raises vital funds for the village school, Church and Sports & Social Club. It's our 11th race this year and we want it to be the biggest and best yet. **Can you spare a few hours on the day to help make it a success?**

We need over 50 marshals to ensure the safety of our runners and keep them on the right track as well as help with event set up, clear up and of course cheering on our runners! If you can help please get in touch info@bourntorun.com

**Or register to run at:
www.bourntorun.com**

**ROAD CLOSURES AT ALMS HILL
& CAXTON END 10am-12pm**

**Your
village
needs
you!**

Cambridge Dragon Boat Festival

Sat 7 Sept 10am-5pm

at Ditton Meadows,
Fen Ditton, CB5 8ST.

The Festival is open to everyone and over 40 crews are expected to battle over the 200m race course, watched by several hundred spectators. Bank-side family entertainment includes funfair activities, inflatables and children's rides plus food stalls and bar.

Festival charity:
Addenbrooke's Charitable
Trust.

Entry free for spectators.
01780 470718

Mobile phone signal in Kingston

We are becoming, for good or bad, ever more reliant on our mobile phones in our daily lives. However, one of the downsides of living in a rural setting is the unreliable mobile phone signal.

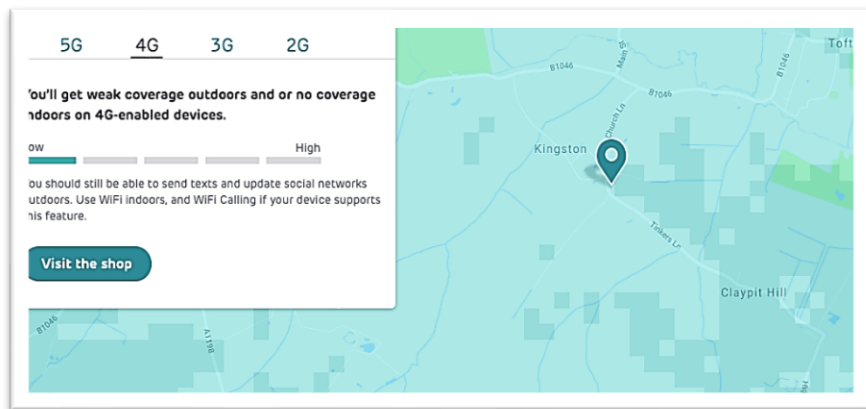
At the July Parish Council meeting, our County Councilor, Nina Lieto (nina.nieto.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) asked for feedback on the reliability of our mobile phone coverage in our houses.

First of all, it helps to understand whose signals you are using. There are only 4 different mobile phone infrastructure networks, ie 4 different companies that have masts around the country. There are many more mobile phone service providers, and they 'piggyback' on one of these 4 providers' infrastructure. So it helps to know which service infrastructure you are using, if you want to change provider and get a better service – otherwise you might simply change to the same infrastructure.

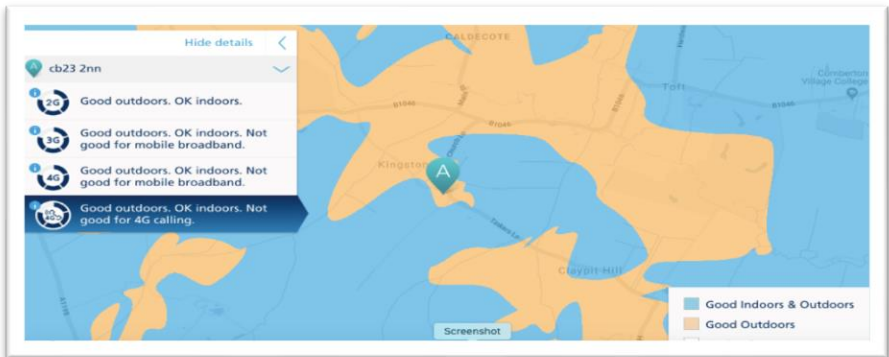
Infrastructure Provider	Piggybacking Mobile/Sim provider
EE	Asda mobile, BT mobile, Plusnet, Virgin, Utility Warehouse, 1pmobile, The phone coop
02	Giffgaff, Tesco mobile, Sky mobile, Lyca mobile
Three	iD mobile, Smarty, FreedomPop
Vodafone	Voxi, Lebara, Talk

So if you are currently using EE and are unhappy with their service, there is no point in moving to Asda, BT, Plusnet etc because they all use the same set of masts.

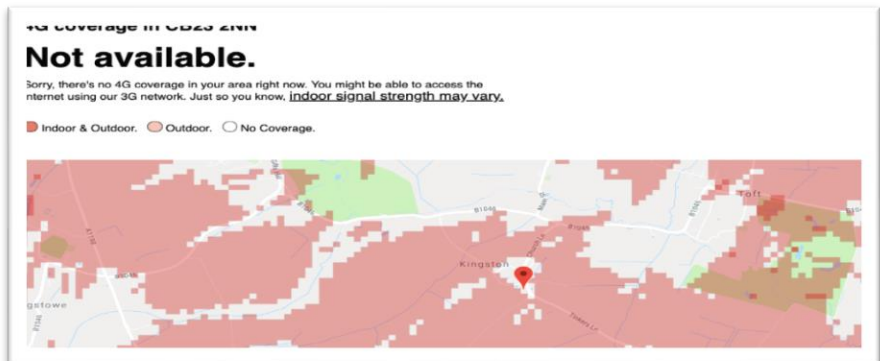
This is the **signal strength map for EE** – see the notes on the left hand side – it's rubbish in Kingston!



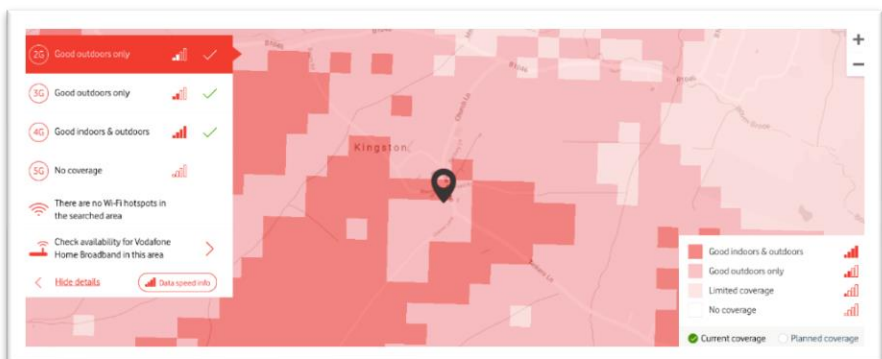
Here's the **signal strength map for O2**, it's not great for making 4G calls, but should be OK otherwise



Here's the **signal strength map for Three**, no 4G coverage, so you may want to give this provider a miss as well.



Here's the **signal strength map for Vodafone**, it seems a bit patchy across the village.



Having said all that, these maps are provided by the companies themselves, so it's in their interests to be optimistic about the coverage they offer.

A more neutral view should be provided by OFCOM, and they produced a mobile availability checker in 2005, which you can find here

<https://checker.ofcom.org.uk/mobile-coverage>

The results of this are even more depressing, none of the 4 providers, OFCOM suggests, will offer most of Kingston even a Good Chance of mobile availability for voice or data services. So, if you are finding your mobile phone service unreliable, it might be worth feeding back to Lina Nieto, and seeing if at least one infrastructure provider will step up and put in a new mast.

Let's S.C.R.A.P. Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is the illegal disposal of waste. It can be anything from a bag of waste to a truckload. We all have seen abandoned items in the countryside, villages and towns. But leaving items by HRCs, charity shops or by bins are all fly-tipping too.

Around two thirds of fly-tips come from households, so it is crucially important that you understand your Duty of Care to avoid a £400 fixed penalty notice or an unlimited fine.

Together with other partners in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (RECAP) we have launched the S.C.R.A.P Fly-tipping campaign to help residents to understand their responsibilities. Follow the S.C.R.A.P. code (see p21) to make the right choices when asking someone to remove your waste.

To help us deal with fly-tipping incidents efficiently, please report them to us. Here is how:

Online: www.scams.gov.uk/environment/envirocrime/

By phone: 03450 450 063

If you witness fly-tipping, call 999 to report crime in action. Please do not put yourself in harm way.

When reporting fly-tipping, please note as many details as possible

- the exact location
- the size of the fly-tip
- the type of waste dumped
- the date and time you spotted or witnessed the fly-tip
- photos of the fly-tip and fly-tippers if you have witnessed it
- the vehicle registration number and details
- the description of people involved
- the direction they were travelling

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
Sept 1	Trinity 11	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am FS	
Sept 8	Trinity 12	10.30am W4A			10.30am Pet Service
Sept 15	Trinity 13	<i>No Service Bourn to Run</i>	10.30am W4A	10.30am MP	
Sept 22	Trinity 14	10.30am FW		10.30am Harvest	8.30am HC
Sept 29	Trinity 15	8.30am HC	10.30am HARVEST		
Oct 6	Trinity 16	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am MP	
Oct 13	Trinity 17	10.30am Harvest	6.30pm 'Even You Song'	10.30am MP	10.30am Harvest
Oct 20	Trinity 18	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
Oct 27	Bible Sunday	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

W4A/FS = Family Service

P&P=Prayer & Praise

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)

FHC= Common Worship/All Age Holy Communion

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



The Doghouse Caxton

Dog Walking and Home Boarding

We provide a flexible home/day boarding service for dogs in our family home and they are cared for in a warm and friendly environment.

A dog walking service is offered providing regular or one-off walks.

We hold an animal boarding licence with South Cambridgeshire District Council and have public liability insurance.

For further information contact

Hannah Hope

hannah@thedoghousecaxton.co.uk

Heidi Allen's Newsletter

In my last newsletter, I discussed the Parliamentary debate that I secured to highlight the funding issue facing Cambridgeshire's NHS services. We continue to be the third lowest funded county per head in England and I have been working closely with our CCG to evidence this. As a result, and on the back of assurances made during the Parliamentary debate, I secured a meeting with the Minister, Stephen Hammond at which the Accountable Officer of our CCG, Jan Thomas presented our findings.

The Minister was receptive to our points and explained that the funding formula which determines allocations could not respond quickly enough to our rapidly growing population. Mr Hammond committed to work with the CCG and NHS England to look again at ways to correct the historical underfunding and ensure future growth projections better reflect actual growth, thus reducing the mismatch with per patient funding allocations. I will continue to follow up with the Department of Health and the CCG to ensure that the new administration honour this commitment.

In spite of the funding shortfall, our local NHS services continue to provide outstanding care and clinical expertise to those in need.

I was delighted to nominate the Arthur Rank Hospice for the NHS Parliamentary Care and Compassion Award and they proved to be worthy winners for the East of England category. The team at the Hospice go above and beyond to deliver high quality care with compassion and expertise.

Just before the schools broke up for the summer holidays I made several visits to local Primary and Pre-Schools and saw the excellent work that they are all doing in spite of educational cost pressures.

I wrote to the Prime Minister in early July, arguing that a cash injection for schools was needed now. 40 other MPs supported my letter. The Secretary of State responded, highlighting that he had set out a very strong case for Education as we approach the Treasury Spending Review at the end of the year. I will be making contact with the new Secretary of State when Parliament returns to hold him to this commitment.

In the meantime, I would like to thank Homerton Nursery, Great Abington Pre-School and Elsworth Pre-School for demonstrating how valuable quality early years care can be for every child. These schools place care and learning at the heart of their provision giving children happy, exciting and playful days full of discovery.



The learning journey continues at primary school and the same themes of learning, discovery and happiness were very much in evidence at Meldreth Primary and Gorton Glebe Primary School when I visited. These thriving village schools want the very best for their pupils and are an extremely valuable part of our local communities. I wish the very best of luck to the Year 6 pupils who I met on my visits as they prepare to move up to secondary school. I will continue to fight for education funding that recognises that excellence in education needs resourcing and I am determined to deliver this message to the new Prime Minister and Secretary of State in the new school year.

Of course, summer holidays and warmer weather means that it's fete season here in South Cambridgeshire and I was delighted to open the Bar Hill Fete (pictured left), one of the largest in the constituency in early July.

This was promptly followed by a stint in the food tent at the Shelford Feast Go West Evening (pictured right). Many hands really did make light work and the food on offer was outstanding. Phil and I really enjoyed meeting new and old faces at both of these events and I look forward to seeing many more of you at local events in the constituency throughout the summer. I'll be holding a series of café pop up surgeries throughout the constituency and would love to meet as many of you as possible. If you'd like to find out where your nearest pop up surgery will be please visit

<https://heidiallen.co.uk/constituency-surgeries/>

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office.

Enjoy the warmer weather – fingers crossed – and see you next month!

Another Community Resource

The Mobile Library

On a recent late morning stroll to the post box we noticed a mobile library van parked along Bourn Rd and never having visited a mobile library we couldn't resist popping in to take a look. It was great! The librarian couldn't have been more friendly & helpful, needless to say we left with a Val McDermid audio book for long car journeys. Books & audio books can even be ordered online in advance, collected from the van the following month & returned to any library - mobile or static, what a fantastic free service on our doorstep. Now that we've found it we'd hate to lose it so thought we should spread the word. It's a great way to meet others & discuss books together too...

Second Thursday of each month, 11:30-11:45, on Bourn Road at the cross-roads

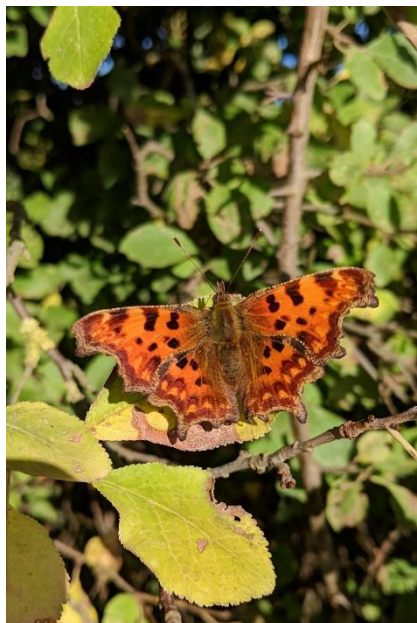
Jacqueline & Ian Smith

The Barn

Kingston Neighbours

In two of the three photos taken by the magazine's ace reporter, Heather Ginn, Charlie Richmond and Linda Rimmer are sampling some prize sausages at the recent village barbecue. In the third photo, Charlie is standing by his tractor sign which is a reproduction, commissioned by Linda, of a sign seen at Harrison Hot Springs on the Harrison River in Australia. Another sign is available with a kangaroo on it! In this photo Charlie has his back to their wonderful summer house which has just been completed.





Kingston Butterflies

Opposite:

Top left: Comma

Top right: Peacock

Bottom left: Marbled White

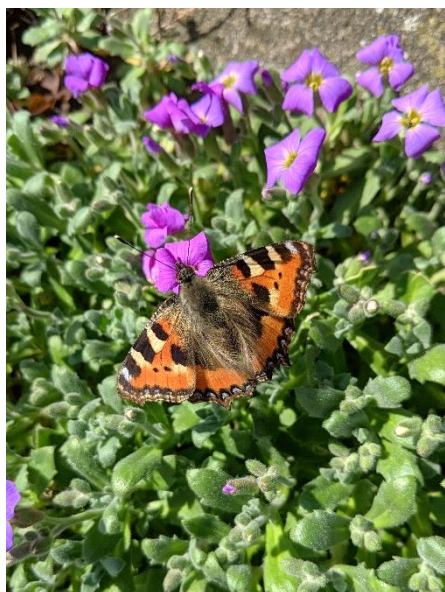
Bottom right: Brown Argus

This page:

Top right: Speckled Wood

Bottom left: Small Tortoiseshell

Bottom right: Red Admiral



Music Corner

"What Becomes of the Broken Hearted"

It was a delight recently when, during an episode of the TV series "Big Little Lies", "What Becomes of the Broken Hearted" sung by Jimmy Ruffin was played as part of the soundtrack. It made my day. The record was one of my favourite '60s hits and it still sounds as fresh today.

Released on Motown's Soul label in 1966, it was written by William Weatherspoon, Paul Riser and James Dean and produced by William "Mickey" Stevenson and has become one of Motown's biggest and much loved hits and is always included on every Motown greatest hits compilations. Intended to be recorded by the Detroit Spinners, Jimmy Ruffin, elder Brother of David Ruffin (lead singer with the Temptations), interceded and successfully begged to be the recording artist. The Supremes also recorded a version but it was Ruffin's version that was released, becoming a top ten hit in the USA, UK, France and elsewhere. A version sung in Italian was also released. The backing for "What Becomes of the Broken Hearted" comes from the Funk Brothers, the famous Motown house band. The backing vocals are supplied by various Motown house singers. The original recording had a spoken introduction which was omitted in the final mix.

Described as a ballad, it is mid-tempo, faster than a romantic ballad but not fast enough to be a dancing belter. The b-side "Baby I've Got It" is more up-beat and the kind of record much loved by Northern Soul fans. The tempo of the a-side perfectly fits the sentiments of the song, the pain that befalls anyone "who had love that's now departed". As the song opens,

As I walk this land with broken dreams
I have visions of many things
But happiness is just an illusion
Filled with sadness and confusion.

The words of the song are especially bleak, a cry for lost, lamented love, which resonated with record buyers everywhere. My own love affair with the recording began early but I didn't obtain a copy until 1967 when I was lucky enough to buy a mint UK copy in a bargain basement shop on the Edgware Road in London. Several decades later I found a much cherished mint first pressing of the US single in Kanessville Record Shop in Council Bluffs, Iowa, just across the Missouri River from Omaha, Nebraska. The punch hole in the label denotes that this particular record



was never sold over a shop counter and was consequently withdrawn from the original sales market – thus its mint quality.

The song has been much covered by other artists including the likes of Paul Young, Chris Farlowe, Joe Cocker and Rod Stewart. When the video “Standing in the Shadows of Motown” (which is highly recommended) was released in 2005, starring the original Funk Brothers and various other recording artists, it contained an absolutely outstanding version of “What Becomes of the Broken Hearted” sung by Joan Osborne which is equally as good as the original recording. My advice is to check it out and play it loud!

P.S. In one of those little quirks of fate, the American single has “brokenhearted” as one word and the version released in the UK has it as two words. Explains a lot!

Peter Holly

Walking Football for the over 50s is no laughing matter (although it is great fun!).

Walking Football is a sport aimed at getting the over 50s a bit more active and has many health benefits both physical and mental.

When I mention to folk I play Walking Football (WF) they normally laugh and ask “what’s that all about then?”.

Well it’s football as we know it, except that you walk instead of run, it’s aimed at the over 50s and it is one of the fastest growing sports. It is only 6 years old but there are already over 1,000 clubs across the UK and from the 19th August you can play at Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre on Monday nights.

Each week over 35,000 men and women turn out for what many describe as the best thing they do each week. It’s exercise, it’s banter, it’s social, and it’s seriously good fun. If you are interested in giving it a go or want more information on the Cambourne weekly sessions contact Nigel by email nigel.hillyard@btinternet.com

If you want to know more about Walking Football in general Google “Walking Football” and watch some of the small videos, or if you have the time watch the “Walking Football / You’ll Never Walk Alone” video on the The Walking Football Association’s website at <https://thewfa.co.uk/>

If you think you are too old think again, you’re not. If you think you might give it a try – stop thinking about it and just do it. If you’re still not sure ask villagers Charlie Richmond or James Clear what they think.

Nigel Hillyard

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

Update

With the project now heading toward completion, 2019 is proving to be a busy year. The River Great Ouse viaduct, an integral part of the new bypass and one of 34 new bridges and structures on the scheme, was completed earlier this year. The viaduct is the biggest bridge on the 21-mile project, taking over 18 months to build, and covering 747 metres to carry drivers over the river and connects to the East Coast Mainline Railway bridge. A key section of the local access road has also opened to westbound traffic between Girton and Dry Drayton. It is the first part of a longer five-mile link road which will help people travel between local communities and cross the A14 safely, also improving links for villagers to and from Cambridge city centre. David Bray, Highways England Project Director explained: "Building the new A14 is just one part of our project; building local access roads such as this one is equally important. This road will help connect communities between Cambridge and Huntingdon without them needing to use the new A14." A three and a half mile stretch of the A1 incorporated in the project is also now open, seeing the section of the road between Alconbury and Brampton grow from two to three lanes and speed limits restored to 70 miles per hour. Some overnight closures and speed restrictions are still required to allow finishing work to take place. This includes the installation of overhead gantries and signs, and tying the road in with the new A14 bypass later this year. Work on one of the most complex parts of the scheme, the new junction at Bar Hill, has also moved to the next stage of construction with drivers now using part of the new interchange and the old bridge having been removed. You can view a time-lapse of the bridge demolition on our Facebook page-facebook.com/A14C2H/

Latest news on the A14(M)

We've applied to the Planning Inspectorate for a change to the scheme's Development Consent Order (DCO) to allow the roads to become motorways. You can read our full application on the Planning Inspectorate's website (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme/>). We expect a decision from the Secretary of State for Transport later this year and we'll keep people updated

What's next? Work on one of the two pedestrian and cycle bridges, being built at Bar Hill and Swavesey (the Bar Hill bridge will also accommodate horse-riders), is progressing around Swavesey junction and work on the Bar Hill bridge will begin later this year. You can read more about our work to improve local pedestrian and cycle connections on the communities page of our website

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H Drivers on the A14 between Brampton Hut and Ellington are now using the new slip roads. This arrangement, which will stay in place until the new Huntingdon southern bypass opens, will allow the local access road (Woolley Road) to be completed and connected to the new Ellington junction. The new 12- mile bypass is expected to open by the end of this year (2019)

Work on the new 12-mile Huntingdon southern bypass is progressing well and we expect to open this to traffic by the end of the year. Ahead of that, we're planning to hold a community event to celebrate the opening. Watch this space! Other key parts of the scheme are on schedule to open by the end of 2020.

Thank you for recycling right

Most of us recycle right but there still some items that cause issues when taken to the Materials Recycling Facility to be segregated for further recycling.

It costs Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service £10,000 every month to remove and dispose incorrect items from recycling collected from blue bins.

When the wrong items are put in the recycling, this reduces its quality and, if there are a lot of incorrect items, can cause large quantities of materials to be rejected and not recycled. This means your Council Tax money is wasted, instead of being spent on improving local services.

These items do not belong in your blue recycling bin:

- nappies, wet wipes, sanitary towels – place in black bin
- tissues and kitchen roll – can be put in green bin for composting
- black bags – place in black bin
- clothes, textiles, shoes – donate, swap, place in a textile / shoe bank, Household Recycling Centre
- food and liquid remains - remove any food and rinse containers, and empty all liquids from bottles. Squash and replace caps before recycling.

More information on what can and can't be recycled can be found in the South Cambs magazine or on the website at: www.scambs.gov.uk/bins

Cambridge Ice Arena

Opening for the first time on Bank Holiday Monday, 26 August, the £5.5m facility on Newmarket Road will not only provide a regular recreational skating programme to the public but also be the home to the Cambridge University Ice Hockey Team who during the 20 game season will be able to play at home for the first time. The cost for the public will be Adult £9, Child £7.50, U5 £1, with ticket booking on

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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 for more details on the items discussed below.



I hope you all had a great summer, whether you went away on vacation or had a staycation, and are now refreshed to take on the rest of the year. Thank you for the invitations to village summer events - I enjoyed the fetes, parties and other events that I was able to attend.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

This new grant that South Cambridgeshire District Council is making available to community groups, charities and parish councils is to deliver great projects that engage communities and support the aim of zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The grant is open to applications from Monday 05 August 2019 and closes at 5pm on Thursday 31 October 2019, and is for sums of £1000 to £15,000.

The projects could be anything that helps reduce carbon emissions, reduce energy use, generate renewable energy or heat, promote sustainable travel, increase recycling or reduce waste. It could also just help to increase awareness that helps people achieve this on their own

We wish to encourage South Cambridgeshire communities of all sizes and levels of experience to apply for these grants and bid for a share of just over £91,000. Those interested in applying can book to attend a networking and information event on Wednesday 4th September from 6pm to 8pm in the Council Chamber at South Cambs Hall.

For more information you can call 01954 713070 or email

Duty.Communities@scambs.gov.uk or go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/grants/zero-carbon-communities-grant/>

S.C.R.A.P Fly tipping

The Council is encouraging householders and businesses to be sure that their waste is disposed of legally. This means making sure that you use legal waste carriers as fly tipping is illegal. So follow the SCRAP code.

Suspect all waste carriers, so **C**heck their registration details. **R**efuse unexpected or cold call offers to take your rubbish. **A**sk what will happen to your rubbish and get the **P**aperwork like an invoice or waste transfer notice.

If you witness fly tipping going on, call the Police on 999 and report as crime in progress.

If you discover a fly tip, report to the Council online or www.recap.co.uk/fly-tipping.

If you cannot get your bulky waste to the recycling centre, use the Council's bulky waste service costing £30 for three big items.

For more information or to report a fly tip to the Council, visit www.scambs.gov.uk/fly-tipping

Greater Cambridge Local Plan

Over the next two years, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council will be creating a joint Local Plan for our combined area – called Greater Cambridge.

We have started with a call for sites and with initial engagement with parishes, residents associations, councillors, agents/developers/landowners.

The local plan is a document that sets out local planning policies and identifies how land is to be used, determining what will be built where. It is important that local residents are aware and take part at the appropriate stages to help shape the content of the local plan.

We have created a short explanatory video which you will find at <http://bit.ly/GCLPVideo> and hear me and others talk about the plan and why it is important to get involved.

You can also check out my blog for some more info at <http://tumiawkins.org.uk/Greater-Cambridge-Local-Plan>

Consultations

A number of Public Consultations are taking place over the summer holidays into September. Please take some time to check them out and send in your comments.

Local Transport Plan-Combined Authority:

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltp/>
Closes 27-Sep

Planning – Sustainable Design and Construction SPD

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/comment-on-greater-cambridge-s-aspirations-for-greener-new-developments/>

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/sustainable-design-and-construction-consultation/> Closes 24-Sep

Taxi Licensing

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/taxi-consultation/> closes 23-Sep

Staffing and Job Opportunities

After a comprehensive selection process, a new Chief Executive for the Council has been appointed. Liz Watts will be starting in her new position on 23 September. You can find out more at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/new-south-cambridgeshire-district-council-chief-executive-confirmed/>

The new joint planning service is now in place and there are a number of new job openings to become part of what will be the largest planning service in the country. For

more details check out the website at <https://greatercambridgesharedplanning.com/>. Please share this opportunity with friends and family.

Bourn Airfield New village – SPD Consultation

Thank you to everyone who turned up to the consultation events at Caldecote and Bourn and also responded to the consultation. As your Ward Councillor, I continue to speak on your behalf despite Countryside's attempts to gag me. I also responded to the consultation with comments related to access to the A428, strategic landscaping for separation with Highfields, location of the village centre, keeping land at the top of the village clear of development. All your comments are being collated and where appropriate, changes are being made to the draft SPD before it goes through Scrutiny and Cabinet prior to being presented to full council to be adopted.

Here to Help You

If you have moved into the village in the last couple of months, welcome.

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 210840, email 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. 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. If you wish to receive a copy of the monthly report I provide to parish councils please email me and I will put you on the distribution list (no spam – promise!).

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Book of the Month

“Eastern Approaches” by Fitzroy MacLean (Penguin)

I like to search for new books to read, especially in my areas of interest. One good way forward is to look for references in other books. Books lead to books and this proved to be the case this time around.

A recent publication “Last Days in Old Europe” by Richard Bassett, a good enough read in its own right, proved an invaluable resource for follow-up reading. Some of the references were new to me, others were reminders of books that I had never got around to reading. The works of Patrick Leigh Fermor (also highly recommended by chef and fellow travel writer Rick Stein), Joseph Roth (“The Radetzky March”), Stefan Zweig (“The World of Yesterday”) and, the pick of the bunch, Fitzroy MacLean’s “Eastern Approaches”, were all added to my reading list after reading Bassett’s book.

“Eastern Approaches” is a classic example of not judging a book by the cover. The author is hailed as an original British action hero, one of the real life inspirations for super spy James Bond. There is far more to the book than this. Originally published in 1949, it is a mine of information about the world in the 1930s and ‘40s – prior to and during the Second World War – but it is the depth of description provided about the places MacLean visits that steals the lime-light. It is more about background than wartime antics – and all the better for it. The book is structured roughly in three sections: the first third concerns the Soviet Union in 1937 to 1939; the second third is about the desert campaign in North Africa; and the final third focuses on the war being fought by Tito and the Yugoslavian Partisans against the German occupation forces. From my point of view the first and third sections are the more interesting, partly because the events in North Africa involving behind-the-lines manoeuvres by the nascent SAS have been well described in Ben MacIntyre’s recent book (“SAS: Rogue Heroes”).

Based in Paris and working for the diplomatic service, in 1937 Fitzroy MacLean applied to be transferred to the British Embassy in Moscow, seen by his colleagues as something of a backwater. He used his time there to travel widely in the southern climes of the Soviets – often without official sanction and always shadowed by the NKVD secret police – visiting such places as Baku, Samarkand, Kabul, Bokhara, Tashkent, Tamerlane, Turkestan and Peshawar. Clearly, his British bosses were interested in learning about the Russian borders in Central Asia and how Russia’s influence stretched down into Afghanistan, India and Iran/Iraq. On his return from his travels, MacLean was able to witness the show trials in Moscow – the apex of Stalin’s purges – during which former colleagues of Stalin such as Bukharin and Yagoda were tried for alleged anti-Soviet activities. These trials made a deep impression on MacLean; he was particularly impressed by Bukharin’s self-defence

and the sheer force of his personality and intellect. These experiences left MacLean with a deep-set distrust of Stalin's brand of communism.

After his experiences fighting behind the enemy lines in North Africa, MacLean was parachuted into Yugoslavia to act as Churchill's representative to Tito and his Partisan forces. When he asked about his remit, Churchill told him not to worry about the politics of the situation (the Partisan forces were avowedly communist) and just to help them kill as many of the enemy as possible. This MacLean proved very adept at doing. Although often on the defensive and living in caves and mountain-side forests, the Partisans, using the tactics of guerrilla warfare, constantly harried the occupying forces to the point that Hitler ordered a general retreat and Tito and MacLean were able to enter the capital Belgrade together. The close friends (for that is what they had become) proudly reviewed the march-past of their battle-worn comrades. As MacLean comments,

It was impossible not to be moved by the sight of the ragged, battle-stained throng of Partisans of all sizes and ages who marched past us...They marched well and held themselves proudly and smiled as they marched...They had spent the whole of the last three years fighting. Since the spring they had fought their way across Yugoslavia. Now, after all the hazards and hardships they had endured, after the cold and hunger, the attacks and counter-attacks, the ambushes and the long night marches, after the weeks and months and years of ever present suspense and uncertainty, they were at last entering the capital as conquerors.

And having suffered the same privations as the Partisans, he was treated as one of them. When he was finally withdrawn soon afterwards, it was an emotional farewell. What Fitzroy MacLean does not say is that, mainly due to his intercession and despite their political differences, Tito was to choose the route of independence from Moscow – much to Stalin's chagrin – and, in future years, Tito changed the law that foreigners couldn't own homes in the Yugoslavian territories – just to accommodate his friend, Fitzroy MacLean.

"Eastern Approaches" is a book about warfare but it is so much more than that. It's a history book and a travelogue, full of insightful cultural analysis. You learn so much about the Soviet Union during Stalin's regime, especially the culture and lifestyle of peoples living in Central Asia at the time. And the background information provided about the Balkans prior to the Second World War makes for fascinating reading and goes a long way to explaining what happened when Yugoslavia was dismembered in the 1990s.

In his book mentioned above, Richard Bassett distinguishes between a "tourist" and a "traveller".

The former was a prisoner of superficialities, forever condemned to be ripped off and abused; the latter penetrated below the surface and could be relied upon to 'understand' the places he visited...The key to this was of course rapport with the locals. If you know the inhabitants in a foreign city you were halfway to understanding how it worked.

And this was MacLean's genius. He was the consummate traveller and achieved depth of understanding in terms of the peoples and cultures with whom he was dealing. He also had the gift of being able to describe his understanding in an utterly approachable style that makes his writing so engaging for his readers. Disregard the silly comparisons with James Bond and stick with the real Fitzroy MacLean and his wonderful book "Eastern Approaches" which comes highly recommended.

Peter Holly

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