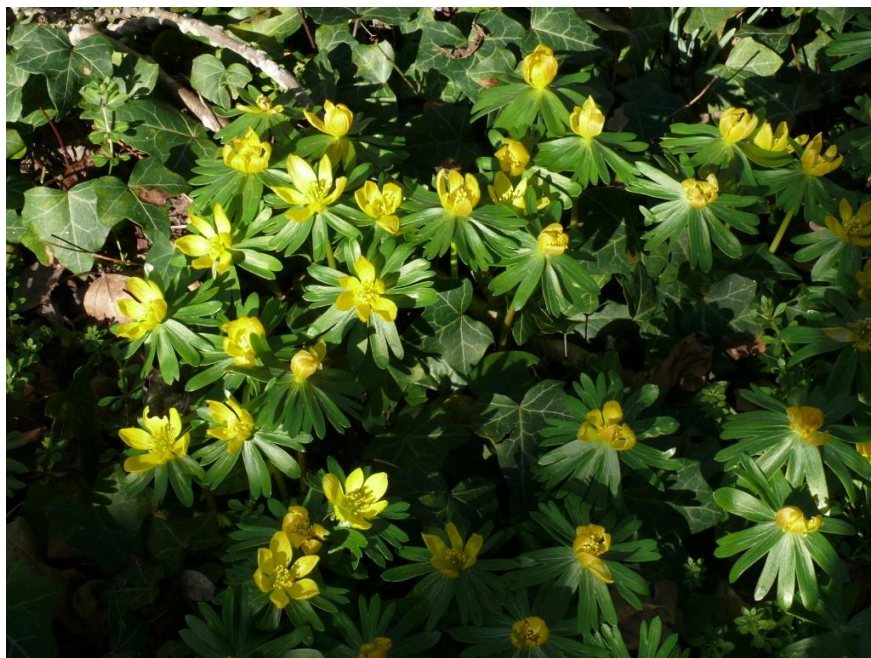


# *Kingston Parish & Church Magazine*



**February 2021**

## **Village Diary**

The Village Hall is currently closed, subject to the Government restrictions..

## **Wheelie bin collection dates**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Black bin
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Black bin
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Blue bin only

## **Editorial**

The local news is a mixed bag: flooding again on the road to Toft, little action on the vaccine front (at least patrons of the Bourn surgery received a newsletter – see below – and there is now news of villagers being asked to attend a health centre in Royston for their jabs), the railway debate continues, and dog poo seems to be hitting the headlines (see below). Apparently, if you try to walk to Toft, you're up to your knees in it (water that is). The good news is that lots of people are spending time in lockdown going on local walks; the bad news is that lots of people are spending time in lockdown going on local walks – and taking their dogs with them!

The lovely photo of Aconites on this month's cover was taken by Peter Reynolds. Peter also provided the interesting photo of an old Kingston postcard and a topical selection of books (decipher the message in the book titles).also included in this issue.

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## Vicar's Letter

Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Perhaps, like me, you felt that just keeping going required enough 'resolution' after the trials of 2020 and the bleakness of lockdown. But now we've got to February which we can hopefully see as a turning point for a number of reasons.

As the covid vaccine is received by more and more people, we can look ahead to seeing the people we've missed, and working out what shape life will take when the pandemic is under control.

Astronomically, 4th February is the day when we are exactly half-way between the shortest day and the Spring Equinox when day and night are equal. We can start to look towards spring, knowing that the worst of the darkness is over, and the cold winter weather will soon be behind us.

February also brings two turning points in the church year. February the 2nd is Candlemas, 40 days after Christmas, when we remember how Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus in the Temple, as was their religious custom. 2000 years ago, it was a turning point for them as a family, as Mary was officially welcomed back into religious life after childbirth, and Jesus was dedicated to God as their first-born son. So Candlemas is also a turning point for the church – we no longer focus on Jesus the child or in his early ministry.

Then in mid-February we come to Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, when we begin to walk with Jesus as his ministry gathers pace, and follow him on a path that will lead him to suffering, but ultimately to new life.

The good news of Jesus is that every moment can be a turning point: that no matter how often we fail, God will forgive us and offer a new beginning. This February I encourage you to see the whole month as a turning point: to begin to put the frustrations and troubles of the past year behind you, and pay attention to the new shoots of spring in the world.

As in so many cases, a turning point doesn't mean we see changes straight away, but we can know they are coming. Perhaps it will be time, this February, to look again at some Resolutions.

***Rev'd. Steve Day***

## Church services for February

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February      Holy Communion 8.30am**

Worship remains permissible as we go to press: masks must be worn and only the celebrant is allowed to take wine at communion.

### **ZOOM Chapel:**

**10.00am Service every Sunday and Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6.00pm**

**Morning Prayer Mondays to Saturdays 8.15am**

**Bible study on Wednesday 7.30pm**

**Compline on Thursday at 9pm**

**Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm**

Please sign up for the newsletter via the Team Website: visit

**[www.papworthteamchurches.org](http://www.papworthteamchurches.org)** for links and all the latest information.

Keep an eye on the website as there may be additional activities for Lent.

## Church cleaning

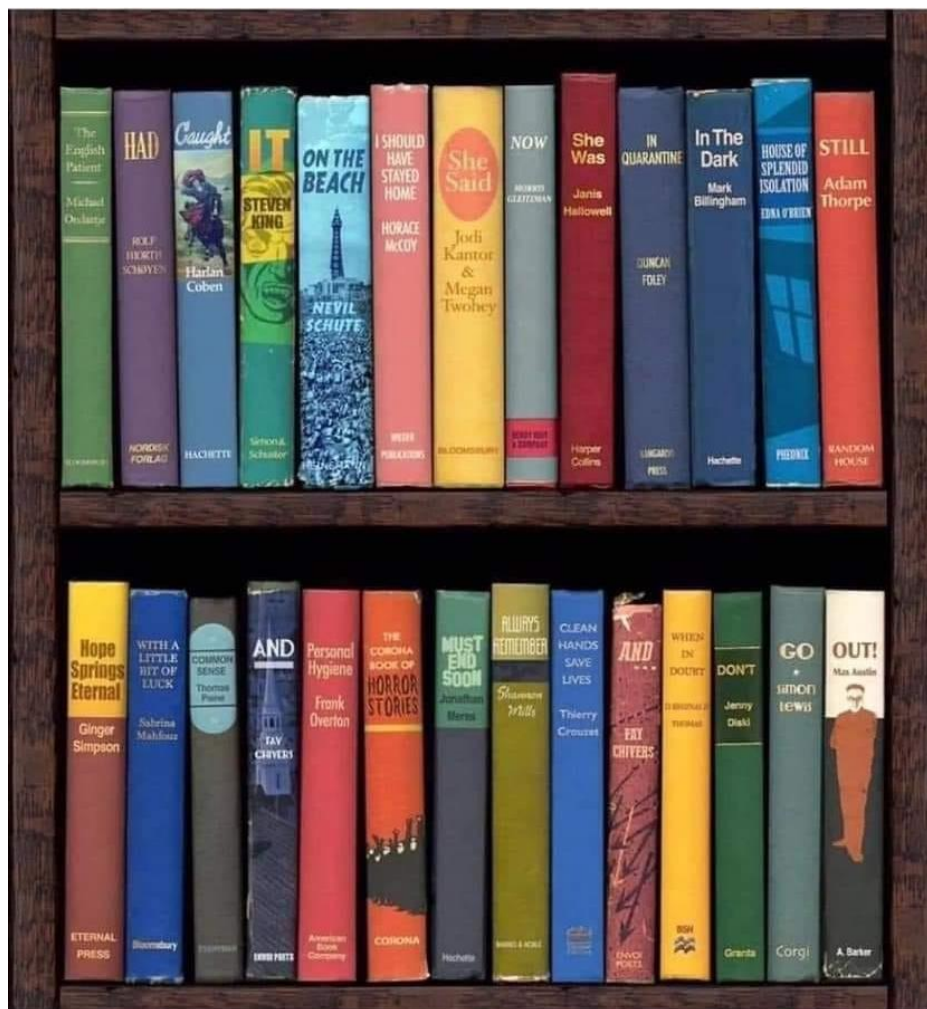
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Peter and Suzy Stokes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Donal and Monica O'Donnell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Peter Reynolds
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Janet Clear
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Linda Rimmer

## Church flowers and brasses

7 <sup>th</sup> February	Lee Steele
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Christine Stone
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Christine Allison
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Janet Clear

## A Shorts Story

The owner of two pairs of shorts is being sought. The shorts were left on a villager's porch and any information concerning this mystery can be sent to super-sleuth Peter Stokes who is currently looking for someone walking around the village in their underpants.



**Household Recycling Centres** are open as usual during lockdown with safety measures in place, however customers are advised to avoid unnecessary visits. For more information and booking timeslots visit <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres>

**Libraries** are open, with safety measures in place but operating a restricted service. For more information visit <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-news>

## Parish Council News

**2021/22 Budget and precept:** The Parish Council has set its budget for the coming financial year at £9,683, slightly lower than the current year. The precept has been set to give zero increase to the parish council component of householders' council tax.

**East West Railway:** if you haven't already done so, you are encouraged to sign the petition set up by the Cambridge Approaches Group, campaigning for East West Rail to include the 'Northern Route' in their consideration of possible routes for the Cambourne – Cambridge part of the new railway. The petition can be accessed at <https://cambridgeapproaches.org/?p=545>

**Dog owners:** It has been reported that there is an increasing amount of dog waste being left along Kingston footpaths, particularly along and beyond Field Road. Please always remove your dog's waste from the footpath. Either 'flick it with a stick' into a ditch or field, or bag it and take it with you. Please do not leave filled bags along footpaths. Although walkers no doubt have every intention to collect these bags on their return, they are often forgotten and are an eyesore to other walkers, a nuisance to landowners and a threat to wildlife. Please carry them with you and dispose of them in the waste bins around the village (bagged waste can be put in the normal litter bins in the village) or at home. We hope to soon have two new bins installed at the start of popular walk routes to help with this.

**Grants available:** some funding is available from Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service for families in need to help out with food, fuel or other essentials. There is a 'pot' available for South Cambridgeshire residents which will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until it is exhausted. Please contact Donal O'Donnell (262890), Joan Reynolds (262094) or me (262207) in complete confidence.

**New Parish Clerk:** the closure of schools has meant that our new Parish Clerk-designate, Mimi Wheeler, has found herself fully occupied with the home education of her children, and it would not be fair to pile the new job on top of that. The Parish Council has agreed therefore to delay the start date (formerly set at 1 February 2021) at least until the children are back at school. In the meantime, I will continue in the role.

***Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk***

## Kwirky Korner

A 65 year old woman from Evesham is a psychic who predicts the future with asparagus. As an “asparamancer”, Jemima Packington – dubbed “Mystic Veg” – predicts by chucking Vale of Evesham asparagus tips into the air and ‘reading’ how they land. She is one of the stars in Worcestershire’s popular asparagus festival that is held every April. She correctly predicted England’s World Cup cricket team victory in 2019, but had Donald Trump down to win the recent US election. Her other predictions for 2021 include Royal divorces and things back to normal by June 2021. She has also claimed that large salaries for sports stars and the celebrity obsession will soon become things of the past.

Meanwhile, when inebriated, a Birmingham man legally changed his name to Celine Dion (his favourite singer). Thomas Dodd paid £89 to officially take his new name. He is a hospitality manager from Clifton Campville near Tamworth and Lichfield. Explaining his actions, Dodd said “I am slightly obsessed with her... My mother didn’t see the funny side (but) it could be worse and it could have been Boris Johnson.”

Simon McCoy, the BBC News broadcaster, has become famous for his wry takes on the headlines. Recently, he found a suitable way of saying goodbye to 2020 live on air on New Year’s Eve. On the BBC News channel shortly before midnight, he introduced a highlights reel of the past twelve months. Except there wasn’t one. “Just going to show you a very special programme – we’re putting up the highlights of 2020” and the screen went blank. As nothing played, the camera turned back to Simon who looked up and said “Exactly! It’s farewell to 2020. Good riddance.”

It’s amusing to see the excuses that some people have used for being in the wrong place during the latest lockdown. In North Wales, when two motorists were stopped by police, a man claimed he was just going mountaineering – at night – and a woman from the Midlands said she just wanted to go to the beach. Unfortunately, however, she had no car insurance and was travelling alone on a provisional licence. Two families, who had separately driven over a hundred miles to get to north Norfolk, were both going seal-watching and, when stopped, another man claimed he was visiting the grounds of all the teams in the football league. Unfortunately, he scored an own goal and was faced with a hefty fine. In other cases, a woman from Lincolnshire was fined after driving 100 miles to Scarborough to have a McDonald’s with her sister, 14 petrol-heads were fined £200 each after a high-powered car meet in NW London, a boat party in Hertfordshire was broken up with 40 people in attendance, and a minibus full of people from different households travelled from Cheltenham to Wales so the occupants could go for a walk. Not to be out-done, in

Quebec, during the evening curfew (when only dog-walking is allowed), a wife was found walking her husband with him wearing a dog collar and lead. On a brighter note, when a young man was stopped by the Garda in Ireland, his excuse was that he was driving around to calm down his screaming baby. Happily, the policeman in question sent him on his way without a fine. Nothing, however, beats the members of an illegal group who got together and, when apprehended, claimed that they knew nothing about any pandemic. Even if they don't watch the news (which was their claim), that would be nigh-on impossible, wouldn't it?

***Peter Holly***

## **Jim Burnell and his pantomimes**

We are close to the 12th anniversary of Jim's departure, on 28 January 2008. Jim lived in Kingston from 1982 (two years before we moved here) until his death. He was a much-loved benefactor to the village, fundraising tirelessly for the church, the village hall and the (then-active) Neighbours' Group. He also gave generously himself to these and other village activities.

He is perhaps best remembered for the extraordinary series of 14 'pantomimes' (I use this term in its loosest sense) created by Jim, with performances by 'The Kingston Players', staged and directed by Jim between 1985 and 2000. The scripts for these stage productions are remarkable in their inventiveness, humour and sheer exuberance.

For the last couple of years, I have been transcribing and digitising the scripts, and will shortly publish them in the form of a spiral-bound book. I realise it probably has limited appeal – mainly to those who remember or took part in these productions. I currently have firm orders for 20 copies of the book, at £20 per copy. If anybody who has not already ordered a copy would like one, please contact me. Any profits will go to village hall funds.

***Peter Stokes***

## **Keep Fit In Lockdown - or learn a new dance**

Dance with Oti (Mabuse)

Oti's Boogie Beebies at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000jsds>

Workout with Oti at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/av/52654728>

Oti's YouTube channel dance class videos (including classes for children) at <https://www.youtube.com/user/mosetsanagape>

## Book of the Month

Human Kind: A Hopeful History by Rutger Bregman

This book was a surprise Christmas present from my daughter and, unlike many Christmas surprises, it turned out to be a delight to read. The author's premise is that we have all been conned into believing that humans – not far under the surface - are basically not very nice. Philosophers and other commentators from Machiavelli to Hobbes, Freud and Dawkins have ensured that this belief in negativity has sunk deep into Western thought. Human beings, we've been taught, are by nature selfish and governed by self-interest. Led by Thomas Hobbes, these thinkers sold us the message that life is "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short" and only civil society can save us from ourselves and our basic instincts. About the same time that Hobbes was writing, however, Jean-Jacques Rousseau posited an opposing view of humankind. Humans, he said, are basically good; it's 'civilization' that corrupts us. And this second point of view is what Rutger Bregman explores in his fascinating expose.

His wide-ranging history starts in London during the Second World War. All world leaders, including Hitler and Churchill, had all read the same book - "The Psychology of the Masses" by Gustave Le Bon - in which the author claimed that heavy bombing of cities would lead to panic, desperation, and the breakdown of civilized society. This was the motivation behind the Blitz of London. Perhaps surprisingly, however, the bombing regime seemed to strengthen Londoners' resolve. Children played in the streets, buses and trains kept running, and people made their way to work. Interestingly, my parents always maintained that this was the best time of their lives. Yet lessons were not learned and the carpet bombing of Germany later in the war was motivated by the same theory and was equally unsuccessful. Rather than debasing people, the bombing brought out the best of them. Despite much evidence to the contrary, says Bregman, what he calls the "veneer theory" (the notion that civilization is nothing more than a thin veneer that will crack at the slightest provocation) has been almost impossible to dispel and "is a zombie that just keeps coming back." Indeed, says Bregman, all modern debates go back to the opposition between Hobbes and Rousseau: harder punishments versus better social services, reform school versus art school, top-down management versus empowered teams, old-fashioned breadwinners versus stay-at-home dads, etc.

Bregman spends much of the book exploring businesses, schools and communities that are trying to do it Rousseau's way. And the list is far more than you'd think. In the final chapters he presents the new world that awaits if we revise our view of human nature. If we believe that most people are decent and kind, everything changes. We can completely rethink how we organize our schools and prisons, our

businesses and democracies - and how we live our own lives. In the book's Epilogue, Bregman lists ten rules to live by, one of which is "Avoid the News". In the days of Trump-mania and Covid-19, this might well be good advice. Watching the evening news, he says, may leave you feeling more attuned to reality, but the truth is that it skews your view of the world. The News zooms in on the bad apples and their sensational exploits. It's the same with social media; it's by tapping into our negativity bias that these digital platforms make their money, turning higher profits the worse people behave. Because bad behaviour grabs our attention, it is what generates the most clicks, and where we click the advertising dollars follow. Steer clear of the TV News, he says, and instead read a more nuanced Sunday newspaper which contains in-depth feature writing.

Moreover, argues Bregman, the TV News is one of today's biggest sources of what he calls "distance"; our ability to dissociate ourselves from violence and mayhem because we are at a safe distance from the action. This is why it is easier to bomb people than to engage in face-to-face fighting: we can be bad by proxy. In a fascinating aside he points out that when many weapons used in combat during the Second World War were handed in, many remained unfired. Apparently, it is harder to kill and maim when we're up-close. That's because, says Bregman, we are essentially caring and compassionate – just like Rousseau said we were. If you want to feel better about yourself and the rest of the human race, this is the book to read.

***Peter Holly***



## County Councillor Report- January 2021

Dear all,

Wishing you a Happy New Year and hope you have a safe 2021!

### Education

Our schools are only open to support key workers' children and vulnerable children. The County council has been liaising with the unions and making sure that we reach an agreement on conditions. Cambridgeshire County Council officers have been working extremely hard. One of the things we are looking at is to share guidance on how to use play stations for school work as it is possible to use Word.

We are pressing government to include teachers and school staff to have the vaccine as soon as possible.

### Public Health

Waving at a neighbour in the street or having a socially distanced chat with a person are just some of the ways you can help to tackle loneliness during lockdown.

The #50000reasons campaign was launched by Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council and the Campaign to End Loneliness to encourage people to make contact with neighbours and friends. This year's pandemic has made it even more important to act on loneliness as many have suffered more with the restrictions imposed because of the virus. Statistics suggest that as many as 50,000 people who live alone across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are at risk of experiencing loneliness - that's 50,000 reasons for you to act to tackle isolation.

Lockdown is a difficult and isolating time for people who live alone or have family living far away and with the restrictions in place because of Covid it is likely to be even lonelier for many. It can be a time when people reflect on what they have lost in life, increasing feelings of loneliness. While people of any age can feel lonely, as we get older factors such as living alone, poor health and reduced mobility can lead to isolation, loneliness and put us all at risk of further ill health and suicidal feelings.

Top tips for good deeds to help #endloneliness include:

- Say hello (at a social distance) or wave at a neighbour
- Start a conversation with a neighbour or friend, following social distancing guidance
- Phone relatives and friends who you are unable to see
- Check on a friend or neighbour, telephone if possible and follow social distancing guidelines, if you haven't seen them for a few days and make sure they are in good health
- Email or Write a letter to a person who has made a difference to you



- Encourage children to say hello or wave when they see a neighbour, socially distanced.

Loneliness can have serious impacts on people's health but there is something we can all do to help tackle loneliness. Small gestures can make a massive difference to someone experiencing loneliness or depression. The top tips are really simple things that anyone can do in line with social distancing guidance. For more tips and information about loneliness visit our websites.

<https://www.bewellcambridgeshire.co.uk/resources-and-campaigns/50-000-reasons>

### **Comberton Greenway**

Just to provide you an update that there have been a few delays on this scheme but the issues have been resolved and officers expect for this scheme to come to the GCP board in the summer for budget approval.

### **Flooding**

All local authorities have responsibilities during major incidents, but the responsibility to provide temporary accommodation, in cases where people's homes become uninhabitable, rests with the district councils. Our Flood and Water team do not do callouts. They plan for reduction of flood risk, undertake a few schemes to reduce flood risk, investigate causes of flooding incidents, comment on planning applications and so on.

We are holding a meeting with partners and officers to review flooding at the end of the month.

There are around 78 flood risk management authorities (RMAs) in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. These include the Environment Agency, Anglian Water, Internal Drainage Boards, district councils and the county council. As the Lead Local Flood Authority the county council coordinates flood risk management work through what is now called the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Flood and Water Partnership. It brings together the county, Peterborough, the districts, police, fire and rescue, Highways England, our own highways department, Anglian Water, the engineers of the groups of Internal Drainage Boards, and our Flood and Water team.

I hope that you have a flooding emergency protocol in place. This is something that I shared with all of you at the beginning of my term. If you have any questions around this please let me know.

As always, here to serve you and help in any way I can.

Yours,

*Lina Nieto*

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## East West Railway Petition Reminder

Just a reminder from Peter Stokes, in case you have not signed the petition organised by the campaign group Cambridge Approaches. They are leading the campaign to persuade East West Rail to consider the so-called Northern Route for the new railway. Cambridge Approaches has now marshalled a number of compelling arguments to support this route, which would run well to the North of Kingston, following the A428, an existing transport corridor, to Cambridge.

This route, which our MP, Anthony Browne also supports, was not one of the options offered in the earlier consultation by East West Rail. From the point of view of Kingston residents, it has the added advantage to us that it would keep the new railway well away from our village.

Kingston Parish Council also supports this route, and if you agree, you are encouraged to sign the petition if you have not already done so. You can access the petition here:

<https://cambridgeapproaches.org/?p=545>

Some notes:

1. It seems multiple people at the same email address can sign the petition, so get all of your household to sign it.
2. It's not clear when the petition closes, but it is certainly open today. I suggest you sign sooner rather than later.
3. If you want more information about the Northern Route or Cambridge Approaches, you can find it here: [cambridgeapproaches.org](https://cambridgeapproaches.org)

## Wildlife Web Cams

If you enjoy watching wildlife or visiting the zoo, or would like to introduce your children to animals they cannot see live at the moment there are many live webcams online that offer an opportunity to watch badgers, otters, polar bears, seals, whales, fish and more

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/webcams> (live badger cams best viewed at dusk)

There are lists of wildlife webcams to watch in the UK, Ireland and worldwide at:

<https://www.countryfile.com/wildlife/wildlife-webcams-uk-ireland/>

<https://www.discoverwildlife.com/animal-facts/livestreams-wildlife/>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/best-wildlife-web-cams>

<https://travelmouse.co.uk/category/space-nature/wildlife-animals/>



## Jacqui Smith's News

I am running free weekly strength and stretch classes via Zoom for village residents during lockdown. For further information please contact Jacqueline at The Barn

I have agreed to volunteer at a local vaccination centre, starting this week so I'm very happy to be able to re-use my last lockdown image which featured in our village video for my volunteer badge. If, like me, you too are interested in becoming a volunteer please let me know so that I can introduce you to the lovely organisers.

*Jacqueline Smith*

## What a Waste!

Some villagers frequently find bags of dog poo on their verge, but recently it was quite a collection and placed next to the sign warning that there could be a fine for this type of rubbish!

Dog owners, please be responsible - remove and take your dog poo away.



## The Real Easter Egg

Palm Oil Free, Plastic Free, Fairtrade

Not available in supermarkets this year.

For more information and to order online see [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)

## LIVING GRAVEYARDS

I only recently learnt, through David Olusoga's excellent historical TV programmes, that although Britain banned the slave trade in 1807, ownership of slaves was permitted in Britain and the Empire until 1833. There are graves and memorials to slaves throughout this country.

The most famous, and one which my father took me to see as a boy, is that of Scipio Africanus in St Mary's churchyard in Henbury, Bristol. The inscription on the headstone speaks for itself. Sadly, it was broken and scrawled on after the toppling of Colston's statue.



While passing a wet morning in Truro I wandered into the cathedral and noticed this modern wooden boss dedicated to a Charles Emidy. When I looked up his history, I came across a life that was so astonishing that one would be tempted to think he was a fictional and not a real character.

Charles Emidy was born in West Africa in 1775 and spent his early years in slavery in Brazil after being captured on the Guinea Coast as a child by the Portuguese. His slave master taught him how to play the fiddle. He proved so talented that he was taken to Lisbon where he played violin with the Lisbon Opera Orchestra. In 1795 Admiral Sir Edward Pellew heard Emidy play and was so impressed he had him kidnapped to play aboard his ship, HMS Indefatigable, and kept him as a slave for four years before liberating him in Falmouth.

Emidy settled in the port, advertised his services as musician and made a living by teaching, performing and composing. He eventually became the leader of Truro Philharmonic Orchestra after marrying a Falmouth girl and starting a family.

During his 30 years in Cornwall he was the best known composer, violinist and teacher in the region and some of his music was taken to London by Cornish-born

anti-slavery activist James Silk Buckingham and given a hearing. His advertisement in the West Briton of December 1820 reads: *“Violin, Tenor, Bass-Viol, Guitar, and Spanish Guitar taught, balls and assemblies attended, harps tuned and piano-fortes buffed, regulated and tuned.”*

Joseph died in 1835 and is buried in Kenwyn churchyard in Truro. His obituary in the West Briton read: *“His talents as a musician were of the first order and he was enthusiastically devoted to the science. His talents may be said to have ranked under the first order while his enthusiastic devotedness to the science has rarely been exceeded. As an orchestral composer his sinfonias may be mentioned as evincing not only deep musical research, but also those flights of genius which induce regret that his talents were not called into action in a more genial sphere than that in which he has moved.”*

A few years ago I was looking around the churchyard in Bishop's Castle, Shropshire and an elderly gentleman asked if I was looking for the grave of the slave. I had no idea there was such a thing and he took me to a headstone which read: *“Here lieth the Body of I. D. A Native of Africa who died in ths [sic] Town Sept 9th 1801 God hath made of one Blood, all nations of Men. Act 17 ch. ver. 26.”* Nothing is known of I.D.'s life, but it is a reasonable assumption he or she came to Bishop's Castle or to one of the country houses thereabouts, as a house slave, but was freed and rose to a position of status. The biblical quotation is apparently one employed by abolitionists, and its levelling sentiments suggest that the person responsible for erecting the memorial was sympathetic to the movement. The positioning of the grave is curious, it being turned away from the other graves in the area.

**Paul Wright**

## Record Corner

During the new lockdown, Netflix continues to carry us through in terms of both meeting our viewing needs and satisfying our listening needs. As I've mentioned previously, the accompanying soundtracks to their boxsets are full of nice surprises. Having devoured the Queen's Gambit (reviewed last month), we went on to “Virgin River” and “Grace and Frankie” and then the BBC got in on the act with “The Serpent”. All three soundtrack playlists are priceless.

The music in Virgin River has lots of folksy songs with a lilt and timbre that perfectly sets the mood for the backwoods, small village action. Standout tracks are covers of other peoples' originals: “Wonderwall” (by Oasis) is covered here by Eden xo (and it's a wonderfully gentle, wistful version); Fleetwood Mac's “Landslide” is sung here

by Haley Klinkhammer; Lenard Cohen's "Bird on a Wire" by Kristin Diable; and Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love" by JJ Heller. I was particularly struck by the latter, enough to find out more about the singer. She is a Christian folk-singer, originally raised in California but now based in Nashville. In 2018, she released an album titled "I Dream of You, vol. 2" which is full of beautiful, utterly tasteful versions of "standards" like "Till There Was You", "Edelweiss", "Moon River", "Over the Rainbow" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water".

Episodes of Grace and Frankie are accompanied by a blend of soft rock and folk which, again, perfectly fits the mood of the series. The theme tune is the old Steelers Wheel hit "Stuck in the Middle with You" but this time sung by Grace Potter. Again there are several standout tracks, including "Bang Bang" (the old Cher and Nancy Sinatra hit) by Nico Vega, "Misty Blue" by Dorothy Moore, a quirky rendition of Elvis's "Heartbreak Hotel" by Hanni El Khatib, and "Weary Blues" by the incomparable Madeleine Peyroux. Other artists featured include Cat Power, Aimee Mann, Joss Stone, Yusuf (Cat Stephens), Traffic, Boz Scaggs, Toots and the Maytals, Alabama Shakes, Aaron Neville and Ane Brun (featured in a previous issue). Another track is "St. Roch Blues" by the band with the best name ever, Hurray for the Ruff Raff. Alongside these prime examples of popular music are found some classical outtakes including "Caro Mio Ben" written by Guiseppe Giordani in the 1780s as an aria but never included in an opera.

Not to be outdone by Netflix, with the suspenseful series "The Serpent", the BBC has climbed on board the same bandwagon of combining several cliff-hanger episodes with an edgy, perfectly suited soundtrack. Mainly set in Bangkok and Nepal in the 1970s the music is an amalgam of out-of-the-way rock, Asian tunes and French recordings. The soundtrack kicks off with the fittingly titled "How to Catch a Girl" by Rita Chao and the Quests which sets the mood in terms of both time and place. Apparently she was a very popular recording star from Singapore in the 1960s and '70s, releasing records in Mandarin and English with fans all over Asia. Tracks from the Rolling Stones ("Fingerprint File"), Joni Mitchell ("Coyote"), and Bob Seger ("Katmandu") are also featured, as are songs by Serge Gainsbourg, Charles Aznavour and Jacques Dutronc to provide the appropriate French connection. It's a mixed bag but perfectly sets the tone for the action that takes place.

As an aside, what a wonderful lockdown job that would be – selecting tracks to go with TV series like these. They have to fit the period, somehow relate to the plot-line, and evoke the required ambience. Where can I apply?!

***Peter Holly***



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## Message from our MP

As we come into 2021, we face a new challenge and a new variant of Coronavirus. This has led to a situation no-one wanted - another round of tough restrictions. We all would have preferred a new start this year, but this mutated strain has been shown to be far easier to transmit - the data on infections makes for difficult reading, with local cases rising to the highest levels recorded and hospital admissions increasing. I remain in regular contact with our hospitals, the CCG, and the Director of Public Health, and will continue to post available information across my social media platforms where possible.

Everyone is now being asked to stay at home, and should only leave for limited reasons such as shopping for essentials, seeking medical assistance or fleeing domestic abuse. People who are extremely clinically vulnerable are once again being asked to shield. A letter will be sent out to those in this category outlining the necessary steps they should take. I want to urge everyone to work within these restrictions.

When it comes to education, primary schools, secondary schools and colleges will be moving to remote learning, with only children of key workers or those who are vulnerable going into school physically, while early years settings remain open. Not all exams will go ahead this summer and the Secretary of State for Education and Ofqual will announce the plan in due course. Children who are eligible for free school meals will continue to receive them, with further details to follow.

There is hope for the future, as for the first time we are able to pair tougher restrictions with a vaccination programme. With the news that the Oxford-Astrazeneca vaccine has been approved, thanks in large part to the hard work of many right here in South Cambridgeshire, the vaccination numbers will only increase. It is the hope of the NHS that by the end of February, the top four priority groups (people in care homes, all health and social care staff, anyone clinically vulnerable and all those over 70 years old) will have received a vaccine.

As the Prime Minister said last night, if we succeed in vaccinating all those groups we will have removed huge numbers of people from the path of the virus and can begin to look at a timetable to reduce these measures. Now we need to remain vigilant, work within the guidelines, and give our NHS the support it needs.

We also find ourselves facing the new year truly outside of the European Union. I promised during the election campaign to fight to ensure the UK left the EU with a deal, and a deal we have. It provides tariff and quota-free access to the EU single market and preserves UK sovereignty. It was supported not just by the Conservative

government, but by Labour, Eurosceptics, the European Commission, and Governments across Europe. And it gives us the chance to explore exciting policy options in every field from environmental regulation to taxation. Say goodbye to can't do and say hello to the new "can do" Britain.

You may well say that we would be better off staying in the EU. That is a respectable argument. But that bus has passed. We left the EU almost a year ago. Let's look to the future together and make a success of it.

As we continue to find our way, to freedom from Coronavirus and away from the European Union, I will continue to work for South Cambridgeshire. You can read about my most recent campaigns, speeches, and work in the constituency at <https://www.anthonybrowne.org/>. As ever, if you have any other questions, comments or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Anthony Browne**

*MP for South Cambridgeshire*

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## Back in Fashion

Joan Reynolds has contributed the accompanying photograph of her brother Jack and her Aunt Mary standing in front of one of her grandfather's buses (he owned a motor company in 1935 in County Durham). She wants to point out that the same pattern of frock worn by her Aunt is now reappearing in the latest fashion magazines. As she says, "plus ça change".



## Bourn Surgery Newsletter

[www.bournsurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.bournsurgery.nhs.uk)

### Special Update

January 2021

On Tuesday 12th January we held our first virtual Patient Participation Group (PPG) meeting, and used this opportunity to bring those members who were able to attend up to speed with what has been happening at Bourn Surgery, how we are responding to the Level 5 emergency response initiated last week, and progress on local delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination.

We would like to thank those PPG members who gave us their time on Tuesday evening, for what we hope was a useful and productive meeting. If any patients are interested in becoming members of our PPG, please do email our practice manager Mrs Tracey Wilson on [tracey.wilson@nhs.net](mailto:tracey.wilson@nhs.net).

### How Bourn Surgery is responding to the move to Level 5 emergency response and new national lockdown:

Moving to Level 5 emergency response means that all non-essential general practice work should be stopped to allow general practice to cope with very significant, potentially overwhelming, demand relating to COVID-19, acute deterioration in long-term conditions, new symptoms indicating potentially serious disease and the COVID-19 vaccination roll out. We have spent time in the last week working out what this means for Bourn Surgery.

The major message we want to communicate is that **we are open**. We have remained open and here throughout the pandemic and previous two lockdowns, and will continue to be here during this next stage of the pandemic. We have maintained our normal level of appointments throughout, and will continue to see patients face-to-face when clinically needed. **If you need us, we are here.**

We do however need to ensure that we are able to protect our vulnerable patients who need to see us in person at the Surgery, by providing an environment that is as safe as possible. We also need to protect our staff from any unnecessary contact to reduce the risk of the nightmare scenario, which has happened in a number of practices, of having so many staff off sick and isolating that the practice has to close. **We are open and we are here, but we must act to protect our communities and our patients.**

The current important points are:

- All GP appointments will continue to be by telephone/video in the first instance. Only after this initial appointment can a decision be made about whether a face-to-face contact is required.
- No-one is to enter the practice building unless they have a pre-arranged face-to-face appointment. If you need to speak to Reception to book an appointment or update us, please do this by telephone.
- Dispensary are now handing out medications from the side window into the car park. We have an awning to ensure you have shelter from inclement weather, and are fixing the lighting to make sure that visibility is good in the evenings. We have used cones to create a safe space within the car park for this.
- Due to the impact of needing to deliver the COVID-19 vaccination programme at pace (see more below), no appointments will be available to book more than 7 days in advance. This is to ensure that we do not have large volumes of appointments to rearrange when we are informed of our vaccine delivery dates and need to release doctors and nurses to the vaccine centre.
- We will continue to work proactively to reach out to our patients who have more complex medical needs, to ensure that we continue to monitor and safely manage their health conditions throughout this pandemic.

We discussed the results of a survey we have carried out asking patients about their experiences of telephone and video appointments with the PPG. We reflected that, once the pandemic has passed, for certain groups of patients telephone and video consultations can be a much more convenient and accessible way of engaging with us, and we are keen to ensure that we build on the technological advances that the pandemic has necessitated.

This is a unique and challenging situation for us all, and so far 2021 is not proving any easier than 2020. We will continue to review, revise and revisit the way that we are responding to the pandemic, and we are grateful for your support as we do so.

### **COVID-19 Vaccination update:**

Finally we are able to share some news with you! The communications given out around the vaccine programme are tightly controlled by NHS England, and up until this week we have been asked to simply say “you will be contacted when a vaccine is available for you”. Thankfully that has now changed.

Locally the Pfizer vaccine began to be delivered at the end of December by local hospital hubs. Due to the complexity of the Pfizer vaccine, its cold-chain requirements and very short shelf-life, sites have to be able to give 1,000 doses within 3 days to the eligible cohorts. This is clearly very challenging, especially for small rural GP surgeries such as ours.

At the current time it is not possible for individual GP practices to deliver either the Pfizer or Astra Zeneca vaccine from their own premises to their own patients. This is a nation-wide directive. Instead, GP practices are working together as groupings (otherwise known as Primary Care Networks) of 45-50,000 patients to deliver the vaccine from one single site within that grouping, for all patients of the group of practices. We are pleased to announce our local vaccination hub will be in Royston. The Royston site will become operational from **Monday 18th January**, but we still await confirmation regarding when our vaccine delivery will be. We will be notified at least 3 days before our vaccine is due to arrive, only then can we start to book patients in.

The vaccine priority groups (ie who gets called for a vaccine when) have been decided centrally by NHS England. We have absolutely no ability to alter to this or make exceptions. The first groups to be vaccinated are care home residents and staff, health and social care workers, and the over 80s. As each cohort is completed, we can then begin calling those in the next priority group.

We are not allowed to offer a choice of vaccine. Again, this is a national mandate. Our priority has to be to ensure that no vaccine is wasted, and that every dose is given to an eligible patient.

We do know that automated booking systems will be used to help deal with the huge administrative burden of booking hundreds of vaccine appointments in an extremely tight timescale. Those with mobile phone numbers on their records will be contacted by text initially, therefore if we do not have a record of your current mobile number, **please ensure you update us with your mobile number**. As soon as we are able to book appointments for those in the first priority group, you will be contacted. Please **DO NOT** contact Reception about this until you are invited to do so.

We know that this has been a very frustrating time for you all, and the lack of information has been questioned by some.

As we are sure you can imagine, we are desperate to get going with this work. This will inevitably have an impact on staffing levels at the Surgery over the next months, as clinicians and admin staff are needed to staff the vaccine centre whenever we are in receipt of vaccine delivery. We will do our very best to ensure that we strike a balance between continuing to provide care from our Surgery, and playing our part in the vital national vaccination effort.

Thank you very much for reading this (rather long!) update, but we hope it is useful to help you have a better understanding of this difficult and complex situation that we find ourselves in.

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