

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



October 2021

Village Diary

Kingston Village Hall AGM, Thursday, 30th September at 8pm in the Village Hall

The Church Roof Auction of Promises, scheduled for Saturday, 30th October, has been postponed until the new year.

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday, 6th October

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday, 13th October

Black bin

Wednesday, 20th October

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday, 27th October

Black bin

Editorial

It sounds like Kingston is a hive of activity at the moment. Miki Ellar tells me that villagers will have noticed from the sign that the Wednesday coffee mornings are up and running in the Village Hall once again. Only this time they are weekly. She says that we'd love to see as many of you who can spare the time for a cuppa on any Wednesday. All welcome! She also reports that we had a good parish council tea party last Saturday. The weather was very kind and Kathryn Reid and her team did a great job. Jacqui Smith was there and is continuing with outdoor exercise classes. Pub night the week before was well attended too. Jill Coleman and Torrie Smith kindly sent me photos of the presentation to Peter Stokes at the Orchard Tea Party for his long-service to the village. Jill reports that he was very pleased to receive The Freedom of Kingston and that it meant a lot to him. His response is featured below.

The next big event in the village was intended to be the Church Roof Auction of Promises, scheduled for Saturday, 30th October. However, this important event has been postponed until the new year, but, in the meantime, the organizers are asking villagers for donations of "lots" to be auctioned.

As mentioned above, Jacqui Smith's Wellness Workouts have restarted – on Tuesdays at 10am at the Barn. For further information contact Jacqueline at jacqslsmith@gmail.com

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Vicar's Letter

If you have attended a Harvest Festival in church this year (or indeed any year) you will have almost certainly sung the line "He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star". It's a reminder that God cares for all things from the biggest to the smallest, and that God is the source of the beauty in our world.

If you have been travelling around the lanes between our villages, you may well also have noticed that "the wayside flower" is more abundant than it used to be. There has been less mowing of verges, for a variety of reasons, but one of those reasons is to promote the number and diversity of wildflowers for the benefit of insects and all that they do as pollinators, and as food for other animals.

As well as wayside flowers, many farmers are now leaving wide field margins, and sometimes sowing them with wildflower seed, to gain exactly the same advantages, with the knock-on benefit of needing less insecticide.

There is a growing sense that we should be working with nature, rather than against it. Instead of grabbing ferociously at every scrap we can wrest from nature's grasp, we can trust in God's generosity to provide.

But there is a far greater threat to our wellbeing than a loss of diversity in wayside flowers: the climate crisis. Floods, wildfires, hurricanes, and droughts have been increasing in number and intensity for years, but have been coming to our attention this year because suddenly they are happening not in far-away places, but in our modern, western, 'developed' world. And they've been happening a lot.

Global warming is shifting rainfall patterns all round the world leading to some places not having enough, and others having too much. It's also leading to more wildfires which damage not just property but also those very natural resources which help reduce global warming.

We must certainly be doing all that we can to encourage those God-painted wayside flowers, but we must also be doing a lot more.

With the COP meeting coming up next month, there is a chance for progress, so at the same time as working to reduce our individual impact on our world, let's remember to press our elected representatives at every level to take the problem seriously and make genuine, effective changes urgently.

We owe it to future generations to ensure that they have harvests to celebrate in the future, and that there will still be wayside flowers to sing about.

Revd. Steve Day

Church services for October

Sunday 3rd October **Holy Communion 8.30am**

Sunday 17th October **HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Service 10.30am**

ZOOM Chapel: 10.00am 3rd October

Morning Prayer (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)

Team Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm

For further information and the Zoom link see www.papworthteamchurches.org

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

3 rd October	Peter Reynolds
10 th October	Kay Forsythe
17 th October	Linda Smith
24 th October	Lee Steele
31 st October	Christine Stone

Antony Hewish 11.05.1924 – 13.09.2021 R.I.P.

Professor Antony Hewish, FRS, Nobel laureate, died on the 13th September, aged 97. He was a pillar of the community here in Kingston, serving for many years as a churchwarden, as a trustee of the village charity, and as a member of the Neighbours' Group. An obituary will follow next month. We record our sincere condolences to Marjorie and Nicholas.

Harvest Festival 17th October

The church will be decorated for the Harvest Festival on Saturday 16th October from 10.30 am – all are very welcome to bring flowers, fruit and/or vegetables. There won't be a Harvest lunch or supper this year, but refreshments will be served after the service.

Church Gift Day Update

With a few more donations in September, the total for the Gift Day appeal of July 10th has now risen to £8,250. With Gift Aid added where specified, this sum will increase to just over £10,000. Once again: many thanks indeed to all who contributed so generously!

Kingston Parochial Church Council

'Ride and Stride' 11th September

I visited 16 churches on the 11th September, mostly in Cambridge city. Of these perhaps the most interesting were St Clement's in Bridge Street, and St Giles' on Castle Hill: at both there were very warm welcomes. St Clement's used to be shared with the Greek Orthodox Church, which has now moved to Cherry Hinton Road. St Clement's follows the Prayer Book, Anglo-Catholic tradition, and is now also the church of the Russian Orthodox parish of St Ephraim. St Giles' has a rather forbidding exterior but inside is full of interest: it also shares with an Orthodox Church, in this case that of Romania. Opposite is the wonderful, diminutive St Peter's, now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, with its Romanesque doorway and extraordinary font, featuring four mermen (male mermaids!). Our friend, Lilian Dench of Longstowe, a regular communicant in Kingston, was born and bred in the area and went to Sunday school here. Kettle's Yard's cafe has recently come to an arrangement to use the churchyard to serve refreshments. Many thanks to all those who sponsored me. So far I have raised more than £300. It's not too late for retrospective contributions!

Peter Reynolds

Save The Parish

The last 50 years have seen a relentless centralising of the Church of England, with parishes stripped of their assets and increasingly amalgamated into pluralities or Teams, such as our own 15-parish Papworth Ministry. At the same time Diocesan bureaucracies have expanded exponentially. There are many reasons for this – not least declining church membership, attendance and revenues. The Covid pandemic has encouraged a resort to Zoom and a retreat from traditional pastoral ministry. And yet – certainly in rural England – most people still identify strongly with their own parishes, and are willing, as we have seen recently in Kingston, to support their parish churches. There are now proposals under consideration which will come

before General Synod, the Church of England's governing body, that may further weaken the parish structure, and entail further reductions in clergy numbers, more parish amalgamations and church closures. Without going into further detail may I refer readers to a new movement within the Church of England launched in August: Save the Parish. There is a web site – savetheparish.org – with a link to an online broadcast from St Bartholomew the Great in London, which is recommended viewing. Also, see 'Do we need to 'Save the Parish'? – by the Revd Canon Dr Frog Orr-Ewing on the blog, psephizo.com. **P.R.**

Auction of Promises postponed

The Auction of Promises which had been planned to take place in October has now been postponed to the new year, so as to allow more time for planning the event. In the meantime, if you are able to offer any lots for the auction please contact Torrie Smith.

Papworth Wind Band Concert 22nd May 2022

Patrick Dailly, our organist (and French horn player) and the Papworth Wind Band have kindly offered to hold a concert in the church in May next year. The ensemble is a dectet: a ten-piece group of wind instrumentalists with a wide repertoire. Many will have attended their excellent concert in 2019. All proceeds will go to the church's Restoration Fund. We have also been offered a concert from the Button End Band, a five-piece folk group, which we hope to arrange in the new year.

Farewell to the Russells

Paul and Elaine Russell, with their daughter Lucy, moved from Crane's Lane to Comberton at the end of September. It doesn't seem possible that Paul has been at number 6 for 30 years and Elaine for 25. Lucy was baptised here in All Saints and St Andrew. Elaine's daughter Chloe was married in Kingston last year and now lives with her husband Callum Carter in Cambourne. The Russells have been good neighbours for all these years and I will particularly miss Paul's wit, wisdom and robust opinions. Life 'up the lane' won't be the same. At least they are not going far. We wish them well with their move to Comberton.

Peter Reynolds



Kingston Village Cream Tea in The Orchard



Old photographs of Kingston 2: Library Farm, c1930



Library Farm, now known as Moat House, is one of no fewer than four timber-framed hall houses in our parish: a remarkable tally. The hall and cross-wing are late medieval; the range to the east is a C19 addition of brick. This was a moated manor house which has been identified with the Manor of Kingston St George, although the early history of ownership is disputed. The date 1666 was carved on the chimney stack and this gave rise to the story that its builders witnessed the distant glow in the night sky of the Great Fire of London to the south. The fire is also said to have been seen from Town Farm (The Old Farmhouse). This seems plausible...but did anyone see the London blitz of 1940-41? Queens' College acquired the property early in the C18; the income from their tenants was dispensed on the college's library: hence the name. The rental was £80 a year in 1735 and £200 in 1812: significant sums of money. Entry fines were also levied when a tenancy changed hands. The college was awarded 113 acres in 1815 by the terms of the Enclosure Act of 1810. The Clears farmed here before the First World War. Queens' sold the estate in 1920. The farm then passed successively from the Rayners to Jack Middleton to Ebbe Heyman. The late Edmund and Jean Parker lived here for many years, and now it is home to the Diggles. **P.R.**

Parish Council News

I would like to bring this consultation process to your attention. Creating a vision for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-vision-for-the-oxford-cambridge-arc>) runs through to 12th October. The backbone of this plan is for housing (which requires 49,000 homes in the span of this geography) and for boosting economic growth, whilst protecting the environment, with the East West Rail as a core piece of the physical infrastructure. Should you want to share your thoughts if you haven't in the past, or continue to provide input regarding this please do follow the link and give feedback, or contact me or one of the other Parish Councillors with your thoughts for us to add on your behalf.

After the tidy up a few of the Councillors and helpers did around The Orchard before the lovely Orchard Tea Party, we will be holding an Autumn work day. Please do come with your secateurs and join a work party at 10am in The Orchard on 13th November.

Should any resident have a great interest in Green issues and wish to become a champion within the village, driving initiatives forward and sharing information that they would feel passionate about, that they believe would benefit our immediate or wider community, we would welcome the interest and could support you to do so. Information does come through to me but it isn't something that the Parish Council is in a position to focus on specifically and we would welcome someone to take on this mantle, please do contact me.

As always if there is anything you would like to bring to the Parish Council's attention either regarding the physical surroundings of the village or ideas or concerns you wish to raise please email me or call so they can be included in the agenda for the next meeting: Tuesday 9th November in the Village Hall where members of the public are always welcome.

Best wishes

Mimi Wheeler, Parish Clerk

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NEW MAGAZINE EDITOR REQUIRED

Peter Holly has decided to resign as editor of Kingston's Parish and Church Magazine: he has not been well and has had to stay on with Kay in Texas longer than he planned. We owe Peter an enormous debt of gratitude: he has been an excellent editor, revitalising the magazine and contributing many articles and reviews over the last few years. The magazine is published by Kingston Parochial Church Council with the financial support of Kingston Parish Council. It is sent out to all households in the parish and is one of our most important community assets. We now urgently seek a successor: if this is something that appeals, please get in touch with Peter Reynolds or Janet Clear as soon as possible. Minimal IT skills are required as the editor works closely with our printer, Ann Gildersleve of Mission Computers in Bourn. All of us in Kingston send our thanks and very best wishes to Peter.

District Councillor News

Please note that I provide full reports to Kingston Parish Council at its bi-monthly meeting, so please check out the meeting minutes and my blog at www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports for details on the items below and more.



Your Autumn edition of South Cambs magazine should have arrived by now. If you have not received it, please contact the distributors directly either email: scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk or call 0800 6444 011.

OxCam Spatial Framework. Remember consultation closes at 11:45PM on 12th October. This is the Government's plan for growth in this area up to 2050. It is the reason for the East West Rail proposals. The Government is also proposing to create Development Corporations to build or extend new settlements. You can read the full consultation documents and respond at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-vision-for-the-oxford-cambridge-arc>

Greater Cambridge Local Plan – First Proposals

SCDC and Cambridge City published the preferred options on 31st August. All the documents are now available on the planning site <https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>. The Joint Local Plan Advisory Group at its meeting on 8th September discussed the proposals and recommended the First Proposals proceeds to the scrutiny committees of both councils.

The document library is huge, and I have tried to pull out the main points in a series of blog articles and September monthly report at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/210901-Caldecote-Ward-DC-monthly-report.pdf>

In summary, the emerging local plan will be for the period 2020 to 2041 and puts the Environment right at the centre with proposals aiming to achieve net zero carbon. It is built on a digital platform, way ahead of most local planning authorities in this regard, to make it fully accessible and easy to navigate.

The proposals build on the current adopted local plans for both Councils for period 2010 to 2031 as shown in the table. **Column 2** shows 37,198 are already allocated in places like Northstowe, Waterbeach, Cambourne West, Bourn Airfield, and other small to medium sites most already being built out now.

Location	Current pipeline (adopted allocations, existing permissions and windfall allowance)	Proposed increased delivery rates/densification on existing allocated sites	New proposed allocations	Total
City (urban area)	5,791 (16%)		3,912 (43%)	9,703 (20%)
Edge of Cambridge	8,003 (22%)	1,000 (40%)	2,850 (31%)	11,853 (24%)
New settlements	15,225 (41%)	1,500 (60%)	1,950 (21%)	18,675 (38%)
Rural area	8,179 (22%)		384 (4%)	8,563 (18%)
Total	37,198 (100%)	2,500 (100%)	9,096 (100%)	48,794 (100%)
Proportion of housing supply	76% of total delivery	5% of total delivery	19% of total delivery	

Column 4 shows the emerging plan proposes 3912 dwellings in North-East Cambridge, 2850 in Cambridge Airport, 1950 in Cambourne and 384 in 5 rural villages on a total of 19 new sites out of over 900 in Call for Sites. **Column 3** shows proposals for 1000 additional houses in Eddington, to be achieved by building more on the same site (Densification). The 1500 is split equally between Northstowe and Waterbeach by building faster (300 per year instead of 250) during the plan period. Overall agreed numbers in current plan stays the same, nothing added.

There is no specific site selected at **Cambourne**. It is a “broad allocation” planned for after 2030, because Government’s EWR route alignments, proposed station location and how the Development Corporations will be created are not yet known. This approach is evidence to Planning Inspectors when examining the plan, that the councils are being proactive and taking the government plans into account. See summary at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/cambourne-proposal-for-new-local-plan/>

Caldecote is allocated 64 houses on the existing Phase 2 Linden Site because the previous permission lapsed. The slip of land between St Neots Road, Caldecote and the A428 is proposed for Employment uses. Overall, the Councils have stated that

delivering these jobs and homes is dependent on solving the water abstraction problems in the area. I have a dedicated page at <https://tumiawkins.org.uk/first-proposals/> listing relevant articles and will be posting more. These First Proposal will be going to public consultation in November. Have your say then.

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Book of the Month

“Blood and Thunder” by Hampton Sides

If you're at all interested in early American history – pre the civil war – then this is definitely the book for you. Set in 1846, it's an epic story of epic events. The Mexicans have just rid themselves of their Spanish conquerors, but, in turn, are about to lose Texas (already completed) and New Mexico (about to happen) to the new American nation. President Polk, claiming “Manifest Destiny”, had set his sights on creating a unified nation from coast to coast. The only problems with this new ideology were that the Mexicans still held California, Britain still held major interests in the Pacific Northwest, and Native American tribes still held vast swathes of land across the western territory. None of these barriers, however, seemed to matter to Polk and his plans. An Army of the West led by Colonel Stephen Watts Kearny had already been launched in a south-westerly direction from Missouri down the Santa Fe Trail to take New Mexico. The occupying Navajo Indian tribes under their titular leader Narbona were watching these events with dread and the legendary trapper, scout and frontiersman, Kit Carson, was up to his ears in skulduggery in California helping to prepare the way for a pro-American rising against the Mexican regime. This is how the book opens: the army is on the march, the Navajo are lying in wait, and Kit Carson is embroiled in underhand dealings. It's a complex story of deceit, subterfuge, and political chicanery, fascinating in the telling by Hampton Sides who turns out to be a brilliant writer.

Kit Carson is an intriguing character. An illiterate mountain-man, he combines integrity with duty (he was described as a “straight arrow”); he's a friend of the Indian tribes yet is their chief executioner when needs be. In fact, he's a natural born killer, says Sides, avoiding the same fate himself on many occasions through a combination of luck and native instinct. He'd been wandering around the West for many years and knew the terrain like the proverbial back of his hand. Now, however, he was officially employed as a scout by American forces worming their way into California and British interests in Oregon. For two years he hasn't seen his wife in Taos. Many of the other characters involved are equally larger than life; Kearny himself, Narbona, and the utterly corrupt Governor of New Mexico, Manuel Armijo, who, as soon as the American forces appear across the desert, leaves with his loot for places south never to be seen in New Mexico again. So Santa Fe falls and Kearny consolidates the American gains. Months later he leaves with a smaller force, heading to California where he hopes to finally eject the Mexicans from the territory. Along the way he meets up with Carson who is hired as his scout. Meanwhile, the Navajo tribesmen look on, biding their time, highly suspicious of the motives of these American usurpers. In fact, the American land-grab led to a

decades-long battle between the invading forces and the Navajos, fiercely resistant rulers of a huge swath of mountainous desert wilderness.

It's an epic, haunting and panoramic story. This is how the west was really won.

Peter Holly

Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone for honouring my retirement as Parish Clerk in such a special way at the Kingston Cream Tea Party on The Orchard on Saturday 18 September. For those of you who weren't there, Julie Conder (Deputy Chair of Kingston Parish Council) made a very nice speech, standing in for James Clear (Parish Council Chair) who was absent due to a special celebration of his own. I was then presented with the following items:



- A rolled up official-looking document, beautifully tied up in red ribbon, which proved to be the Freedom of the Parish of Kingston, conferred on me by the chair of the Parish Council on behalf of the parish
- A huge card, signed by many of you, with lovely messages of goodwill
- A gift, in the form of a power mitre saw, which I will put to good use almost immediately. This tool fills a serious gap in my otherwise fairly comprehensive kit of woodworking tools. If you don't know what this is, see the picture above. You may be none the wiser.

I am deeply touched and very grateful for all of these, and will treasure them, use them, or both, as appropriate, for many years to come.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 20-odd years as Parish Clerk, but it was time to move over for a younger person. If you do not already know her, I hope you will soon make the acquaintance of Mimi Wheeler, my successor, who lives with her husband Charlie and two children, Olivia and Will, in Kingston Wood Farm estate. Mimi is an experienced businesswoman with formidable administrative skills, as well as a delightfully friendly personality, and is already showing herself more than capable of supporting Kingston Parish Council as its new Clerk.

Peter Stokes

Record Corner

Plastic Perfection

Last month I celebrated the return of silly songs during the punk/post-punk boom of the late '70s and early '80s. Now I want to come at this phenomenon from a slightly different (and less silly) angle. Rock music had largely been a grandiloquent, middle class affair, but there was a strain in music from the '60s onwards that was more lower class in origin and culture – the stuff of mods, scooters, parkas, and reggae music – which was further detonated by the punk explosion. The early recordings by the Who had explored this spirit. As the immortal line goes from their 1965 single, "Substitute", "I was born with a plastic spoon in my mouth." No silver spoon here. And that's the point. Musicians were approaching their working class roots in a complex mixture of pride and regret, tongue-in-cheek and cheeky humour, not feeling that they somehow belonged to their new (middle class) world of pop fashion. The substitute character in the song wears a "plastic mac" and there starts the obsession with anything plastic as a cultural metaphor for anything mock-y, anything false and fake, anything not quite pukka. The character knows he's not from the right background, that he wears the wrong clothes, and can only be a "substitute for another guy."

In the punk era this spirit returned in spades. In a golden track from the period, "Saturday Night (Beneath the Plastic Palm Trees)" by the Leyton Buzzards (a nice pun in itself), the East End band used the same plastic metaphor to represent what they and their ilk could afford – not the Ritz, but dancing to soul and reggae music amidst the plastic trees at their local dance hall on a Saturday night. You could write a Ph.D thesis about the social significance of this record. As the song goes,

Saturday Night beneath the plastic palm trees
Dancing to the rhythm of the Guns of Navarone
Found my Mecca near Tottenham Hale Station
I discovered heaven in the Seven Sisters Road.

Proud Londoners, their Mecca was attending the local Mecca dance-hall which was the high-light of their week. Dancing, having a drink, trying to find a girl – all under the spell of the plastic palm trees. Tottenham's Mecca Dance Hall had opened as a roller skating rink in 1910, later becoming the Tottenham Palais (for dancing) and the Tottenham Royal. The Who among others played there in the 1960s. There were similar dance-halls throughout the London area: the Locarno in Streatham, the Rivoli Ballroom in Brockley, South London, the Hammersmith Palais and the Astoria, all of which, according to one commentator, had contributed to the "democratization of pleasure."

In 1982, Ray Davies of the Kinks paid special homage to this culture with his recording “Come Dancing”. As one reviewer said, “Come Dancing is a bouncy, catchy, almost silly little song with one of the saddest back stories I’ve ever heard.” Almost silly, maybe, but the reality was that Davies’s older sister, Rene, in order to escape her abusive marriage in Canada, came home, went dancing at the Lyceum (previously her favourite thing to do) and dropped dead from a heart-attack on the dance floor at the age of 31. It happened on Ray Davies’s 13th birthday (21st June, 1957) and she’d just presented him with his first guitar. According to its composer (Davies), the song was written from the perspective of an “East End barrow boy” (a spiv) with the boy’s sister going on dates at the local Palais dance hall. As the song goes, “The day they knocked down the Palais, my sister stood and cried...Now she lives on an estate.” If only. The song is Ray Davies at his warm, nostalgic and British best – a real celebration of the dance hall culture.

But I digress from a digression. The Leyton Buzzards record is the apotheosis of the dead-pan, tongue-in-cheek homily to life in London; it might not be the Ritz but it’s their music venue, their dance hall, their music, their Saturday night. And you know what, those plastic palm trees are theirs too.

In the darkness of the dance-floor, with the lights playing on them, they look pretty majestic. Fake maybe, but very real. The record even reached no. 53 on the UK charts.

Another contemporary record that explores the other side of the same coin is the Cure’s “10.15. Saturday Night”. This is a darker picture of teenage ennui, with the central character with nowhere to go on a Saturday night. If only he’d known about the dance hall in Brockley, a stone’s throw from Robert Smith’s home in Crawley. He probably did. Not his style.

Peter Holly



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Wildlife And Planning

Proposals for significant new housing and infrastructure development are bypassing critical safeguards for the environment and The Wildlife Trust BCN is calling on Government to rethink its plans.

The Wildlife Trust BCN aims to create a wilder future by protecting and restoring wildlife and wild places across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, for the benefit of both wildlife and people.

Government plans for rapid growth and development between Oxford and Cambridge, known as the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, risk damaging impacts on nature and climate unless they urgently rethink their approach. The Trust has joined forces with the RSPB, The Woodland Trust, Berkshire Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust and CPRE to take a stand.

Proposals for increased house building and infrastructure development – including new towns – are bypassing critical processes for safeguarding the environment. The Trust is asking people to respond to a public consultation on ‘the Arc’ to tell Government that we all want to see nature and climate prioritised and prevent unsustainable and damaging development. It is vitally important that economic growth and development do not come at the expense of nature.

The Government consultation on the vision and priorities for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc runs until 11 October. You can register your response at <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/news/calls-urgent-government-rethink-oxcam-arc>

Go Green For The Queen!

Next year marks 70 years of the monarch on the throne, and to celebrate the anniversary and create a lasting legacy a UK-wide tree planting initiative named The Queen’s Green Canopy (QGC) has been established.

The unique scheme involves inviting people to “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee,” with everyone encouraged to plant trees from October - when the tree planting season begins - through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage the planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen’s leadership of the nation, which will benefit future generations.

Find out more at The Queen’s Green Canopy website (queensgreencanopy.org)

Local councils are encouraging the use of sustainable tree guards for planting projects rather than traditional plastic guards which have a negative impact on the environment. You can find out more at <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/research-and-evidence/plastic-tree-guards/>

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In a recent sports event in a stadium in Miami, Florida, a cat fell from the upper deck and was saved by fans below who broke its fall by holding out a flag. The ungrateful (but terrified) cat managed to badly scratch one of its rescuers before racing off to freedom and its afternoon nap.

In another falling event, in Palma Mallorca, a toddler, named Santino, survived a fall from the fourth floor of his building by bouncing on a clothesline onto an adjacent awning. Rescuers found him sitting up with only a couple of bruises to show for his troubles.

An Australian, Daniel Scali, has just set the world record for plank holding. The 28-year old from Adelaide held up the plank for over nine hours, beating the previous record by an hour.

In Brighton, marathon runners were forced to go an extra distance when the course was wrongly measured and 568 metres added. One runner felt especially aggrieved as he was overtaken and beaten into second place during the extra metres.

During the recent Tour of Britain cycle race near Edinburgh, a 12-year old cyclist Xander Graham raced on the pavement alongside the professional riders, outstripping them along the way and earning himself a water bottle from one of the competitors. This impromptu feat was broadcast live to TV audiences around the world.

You've heard of rain stopped play, well this was a case of dog-stopped-play. During the Womens All-Ireland T20 Cup semi-final match a furry pitch invader, named Dazzle, stole the ball and raced off with it, only to be eventually corralled by its embarrassed owner. When the ball was handed back, one of the commentators was heard to say "it will have to be cleaned"!

www.visitsouthcambs.co.uk

Local residents are being encouraged to use this new website to explore, discover and enjoy what South Cambridgeshire has to offer in terms of activities, places to eat, cultural attractions and green spaces.

The new website also provides B&B, camping, hotel and self-catering listings, making it easier for visitors to the area to find a place to stay to make the most of the district. It has search filters to find different types of accommodation, independent shops, things to do and places to eat.

The website has received funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020.

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