

*Kingston Parish & Church  
Magazine*



**August 2024**

### **Village Diary**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August from 6.30pm	Pub Night in the Village Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 1 – 1.30pm	Library Van at the crossroads
Tuesdays at 10-11am	Boogie Tuesday at the Village Hall
Wednesdays at 10.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning
Fridays at 10.00am	Pilates at the Village Hall

### **Wheeler bin collection dates**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Black bin
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Black bin
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Blue and Green bins

### **Editorial**

I've been suffering bouts of FOMO (fear of missing out) when I look at all the many events happening in Cambridge this summer. We really are spoiled for choice. Everything from Shakespeare at several college gardens to the annual Music Festival and also Open Studios and the Comedy Festival. I have cultural indigestion, not to mention chronic indecision over what to dip into. And now that the school holidays are upon many of you, there is also a range of activities for children in many museums and other settings. Be on the lookout!

Kingston also has that annual upcoming event (for which much planning has already begun), the Village Hall Committee BBQ in September. This is always an opportunity to meet up with friends and villagers for great food in a lovely setting. And, as it is the Committee's main fundraising event of the year, I would encourage all of you to support it and buy your tickets now. See the ad in the magazine for prices, time and date.

Finally, the Parish Council would like to draw your attention to two items in this month's magazine. We would like to have your views on our possible application for a 20-mile an hour speed limit in the village and also to make people aware, if they aren't already, of our ongoing efforts to secure another company to cut the grass and verges.

**Miki Ellar** miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568 706106

*Cover photo: courtesy of Tony Smart*

## Vicar's Letter: Where was God?

Social media has been full of discussion about whether the tilt of his head was a nudge from God that saved Donald Trump from the assassin's bullet on July 14<sup>th</sup>? Those who say NO are generally a mixture of those who tend to think there is no God and others who say they believe in God but see him as wholly detached from events and activities in the world— which is a version of Deism which was popular in the English thinkers of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century. Others, suggesting God was at work protecting Donald Trump in that moment, typically see him as some sort of messiah for the US today and this is evidence of a high calling on his life.

Christians are open to the idea God can and will intervene in this world's affairs but we see the more dramatic examples as occasional and verifiable only with hindsight. This is the way we have come to understand the great deliverance of Israelites from slavery in Egypt and the significance of Jesus life, death and resurrection. It intrigues me how often a religious slant is found in many news bulletins and profiles. It has come into feature articles about some high profile soccer players as they prepared for the Euros final. It is being tossed around as something that touches on one of the new government proposed pieces of legislation – intent on banning what is known as 'conversion therapy'. Despite our enhanced education and highly developed technologies, the people groups and cultures of the world have not managed to secure the 'death of God'. Of course, there is a danger that religious perspectives or lines of thought are only introduced or given airtime as and when they suit the more political or economic goals of those promoting them. A more positive spin is to realise human beings are innately spiritual; thus, to make room for the spiritual becomes an intrinsic element of human thinking and reflection – in looking at our successes, failures, impact and outcomes in a properly rounded way. In the next few weeks some will find more space to relax, take holiday and a break from the rhythm of regular commitments. Such times for me are an opportunity to read books I have bought or borrowed but not made the time to read since the last holiday! One I enjoyed recently is 'The reason for God: belief in an age of scepticism' by Timothy Keller. It is the fruit of responding to questions put to him as a pastor/minister with a huge congregation of younger adults, typically under 40 years old. If you're looking for something to make you think and are prepared to let your more spiritual side have room to breathe, I commend it!

***Nigel di Castiglione, (Team Rector)***

## Kingston Church Services for August

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August      Family Service 10.30am**

The church is open every day.

**Papworth Team Services**\_(FS=Family Service, HC=Holy Communion, MP=Morning Prayer)

During August we are running a smaller pattern of worship gatherings - to give our hardworking Ministry team a breather! The main gatherings will be as Team Services, all commencing at 10.00am:

August 4<sup>th</sup> August 10am at Eltislely (+ 6pm Evening Prayer at Knapwell)

August 11<sup>th</sup> August 10am at Papworth Everard (+ 10.30am MP at Longstowe)

August 18<sup>th</sup> August 10am at Conington

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 Team Service at Bourn

**Midweek HC** at Bourn Wed 28<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00 noon

The website [papworthteamchurches.org](http://papworthteamchurches.org) has up to date service information for all churches in the team. It also has the Zoom link for the Morning Prayer.

**ZOOM Chapel Morning Prayer** (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)

**Telephone service** on Mondays at 5.00pm (except Bank Holidays)

### Church cleaning

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	vacant
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Donal & 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

4 <sup>th</sup> August	Miki Ellar
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Christine Allison
18 <sup>st</sup> August	Annabel Diggle
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Christine Stone

## GIFT DAY SATURDAY JULY 6<sup>th</sup>

Very many thanks to all those who so generously responded to the church's Gift Day appeal. The PCC expresses its gratitude to the Parish Council which organised the Village Picnic in the Village Hall to coincide with this event. To date we have received £4,260 in donations, much of which has been Gift Aided. This is a very useful sum of money which should ensure our survival for another year. It is not too late to add to the appeal.

With sincere thanks again,

***Nigel Pearson, Kay Forsythe, Peter Reynolds, Linda Rimmer, Lee Steele.***

## TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTING

A strong south-westerly wind did not deter four parachutists – two bears, a giraffe and a rabbit – from braving the drop from the north face of the church tower on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Elizabeth and Jimmy Diggle and Hudson and Kit Pirie for taking part, and to Jack Diggle for presiding from the tower parapet.



*Top right: Lumpy the giraffe*

*Left: Biscuits descending gracefully*

*Right: Hudson and Kit await below*

*Photos by: Harriet Pirie*



# Kingston BBQ

**Saturday 7 September at South Sea House**

**Doors 5.00pm Food from 6.00pm**

**A selection of barbecued meat\* with bread roll  
and salad accompaniments**

**Delicious desserts**

**\*Vegetarian/vegan options available**

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Tickets available until 31 August from Suzy Stokes (07707 863542) or Femke Cole (07901 020632) or you can order and pay for them on line: scan this code with your phone. Your tickets will be emailed to you in a day or two.

No tickets available on the door.



## 20 MPH Speed Limit in Kingston

We would like to ask people living in the parish for their views on the proposal to ask for a 20MPH speed limit in the village.

It has been brought to our attention that although we installed speed bumps several years ago there are still instances where traffic travels at inappropriate speeds through the village.

We would therefore like to ask people for their views either for or against the proposal to request a 20MPH speed limit for all roads in the centre of the village currently covered by the 30MPH limit.

Could you please send an email with your views on the proposal and any comments to:- [clerk@kingstonvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kingstonvillage.org.uk)

If you do not respond we will assume you are in favour.

Thanks everyone for your help.

***Kingston Parish Council***

## VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING

We have sadly been advised that our current contractor who has looked after our grass cutting services in the village for many years has had to close. We are in the process of going out to tender to find an alternative company that will provide grass cutting services to the village and this may take a little time to finalise.

In the meantime, we have been very fortunate as several people from the village have volunteered to help keep areas of grass in the village tidy in the interim. We are very grateful to them all for their help.

We have managed to source a temporary contractor to cut the grass on the village greens and have also arranged to hire a lawnmower to cut the grass in the village play park to ensure it is accessible for children over the summer period.

We have unfortunately found it difficult to arrange for anyone to cut the grass verges in the village and some other areas in the parish, as this requires specialist equipment. We would like to ask everyone if they would be able to help by looking after the verges which adjoin their properties over the next few weeks until we have secured a new contractor who has the necessary machinery.

We would like to reassure everyone that we are working hard to find a replacement contractor and will provide updates on the topic using the parish magazine to keep everyone informed of our progress.

***Kingston Parish Council***

## Concert 'The Galant Flute' June 21<sup>st</sup>



*Rosie Bowker, Gwen Owen Robinson, Joanna Patrick and Hartmut Kuhlmann*

The sixth Harcamlow concert – the second of 2024 – was another outstanding success. This was a performance of four flute quartets, two by Mozart, one by François Devienne and one by Franz Danzi. These last two were revelations for an appreciative audience about forty strong in number. The genre, featuring violin, viola, cello and flute, was popular in the later C18 but perhaps not so well known today. ‘The flute quartet straddles the baroque and classical period. It is an iridescent transitional phenomenon, playing with the leftovers of the baroque concerto, experimenting with emerging musical structures, and, above all, showcasing the virtuosic splendour and versatility of the flute.’

Rosie Bowker was the remarkable flautist, performing on a replica of an instrument made in Dresden in 1790. Rosie is much in demand as a freelance musician, playing for example in The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and The English Concert; she is also a founder member of Pocket Sinfonia, performing throughout Europe. Joanna Patrick played viola: she is an exceptional young musician specialising in the baroque, and plays with The Academy of Ancient Music, The BBC Symphony Orchestra, the London Symphony Orchestra and Ensemble Mozaïque. The quartet was completed with our own Gwen Owen Robinson on violin and Hartmut Kuhlmann on cello: they describe themselves as amateurs but are accomplished



musicians by any standards. We are very fortunate to have what can only be described as world-class music making in Kingston and we must record our gratitude once again to Hartmut and Gwen Owen for organising this concert.

Paul Wheeler gave the vote of thanks and said something that bears repeating: that it is a joy to listen to this wonderful music, so beautifully performed, in a time of conflict and division in so many parts of the world. But that this music was itself composed at a time when the world was just as troubled with war and strife; and so there is always hope.

The next Harcamlow concert is due to take place on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, when The London Haydn Quartet will perform Mozart and Haydn string quartets. Subscribe at [www.harcamlow-music.org](http://www.harcamlow-music.org) for updates.

**Peter Reynolds**

## Bat Punt Safaris

A unique experience that begins just before dusk. Hand held bat detectors pick up bat echolocation as the punt drifts down the river and a Wildlife Trust guide interprets the type of bat from the clicks and squeaks, and identifies the other sounds of the riverbank - from herons and tawny owls to roosting wading birds and the occasional passing fox. During late July into August mother bats fly in tandem with their bat pups. Find out more and book at <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/bat-punts> or call Scudamore's on 01223 359750.



The poster for 'Bourn to Run 2024' features a red border and a light blue background. At the top left is the 'Bourn to Run' logo, a circular emblem with a red horse and a yellow sun. To its right is a green circular badge with '3KM' and '10KM' in white. The main title 'BOURN TO RUN 2024' is in large, bold, red letters, with 'SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER' below it in smaller red letters. The background shows a stylized landscape with green hills, a white windmill, and silhouettes of runners. At the bottom left, it says 'Multi-terrain course' and 'Register now at: www.bourntorun.com'. Below that, it reads 'IN AID OF BOURN PRIMARY ACADEMY AND BOURN SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB'. On the right side, there is a QR code and the text 'IN ASSOCIATION WITH: BOURN QUARTER'.

## Introducing ‘How Are You South Cambs’

Connecting with others, getting active, learning a new skill, being creative, seeking professional support, exploring the outdoors, volunteering – all these things (and more) can improve wellbeing...but it isn't always easy to know what is on your doorstep or to feel comfortable trying something new.

**How Are You South Cambs** is a website that brings together everything local in the district (including Royston) that boosts mental wellbeing. Just like our physical health, we all have mental health and we all need to look after it – what that looks like for each of us is unique. The How Are You South Cambs website gives you the factual information you need to find a wellbeing boost, alongside videos, photos, quotes and a description of what to expect when you go for the first time. If you are on Facebook, give the How Are You South Cambs Facebook page a follow too @HowAreYouSouthCambs

We're also keen to discover, share and support what is good for wellbeing in South Cambs and Royston – what it is you value for your health and wellbeing. If you know about something that we should know about, please contact Charity Green (the How Are You South Cambs Coordinator) on [HowAreYou@cpft.nhs.uk](mailto:HowAreYou@cpft.nhs.uk) – she'd love to hear from you.

*H.A.Y. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough is brought to you by Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust.*



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Our Team Administrator, Revd. Chris Westgarth, works in the office normally on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings, serving the parishes of Bourn, Boxworth, Caxton, Conington, Croxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Graveley with Papworth St Agnes, Kingston, Knapwell, Lolworth, Longstowe, Papworth Everard, Toseland and Yelling.

For enquiries about weddings, baptisms, funerals and general parish matters, please contact Chris (as above), visit the website or speak to one of our clergy.

> The Revd Nigel di Castiglione, Team Rector – 07770 697240 - 01954 267241



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**Daily Raffle**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 10am - 3.45pm**

**At Papworth Everard Village Hall - (transport available)**

**£15 per day, includes a 2 course Lunch**

**If you haven't been before it would be lovely to see you,  
please ring for more details:**

**Anne Pettifor: Tel 01480 880672 or Judy Pearson: Tel 01954 719351**

**This event is supported by the Papworth Team Ministry**

## Childerley Road Run

Sunday 23 June saw this annual event, organized by the Cambridgeshire Vintage Tractor Club, from Childerley Estate and back via all the intervening villages. Some 120 tractors took part to raise funds for Addenbrookes Charitable Trust. Many thanks to all those who turned out to support the event and make generous donations. An update on the total amount raised will appear in the September magazine.

### *Charlie*



*Ray Parcell, Cambridgeshire Vintage Tractor Club, leads the tractor run through Kingston*

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Open Eco Homes 2024, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, showcases the future of sustainable living with a focus on all-electric homes. This autumn, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in free expert-led talks and tours of eco-homes across Cambridgeshire, including Histon, Willingham, Stapleford and Great Paxton and more locations, featuring cutting-edge technologies such as heat pumps, solar PV, batteries, EV charging, and more.

Open Eco Homes event offers a unique opportunity for individuals to gain insights into making their homes more environmentally friendly, while also considering the economic costs and advantages of such improvements, with early-adopter hosts eager to show you around their eco homes and share the fascinating stories behind them, including their triumphs and setbacks.

This year's programme will feature a diverse array of technologies aimed at improving home energy efficiency and sustainability in-situ in host's homes. For example, there are homes with air source heat pumps, used for heating and cooling homes more efficiently than traditional systems. Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and battery storage systems are also common, allowing homeowners to generate and store their own electricity. Other features in this year's homes include mechanical heat ventilation and recovery systems, advanced insulation, natural materials, draught-proofing, high-performance windows and doors, and rainwater harvesting.

With 9 trailblazing homes opening their doors, there is an opportunity for everyone to find out something that interests them.

The event will also feature a series of talks when expert speakers from across the UK will offer fresh insights on topics for anyone interested in sustainable living, whether merely eco-curious or considering a full home retrofit in one of Cambridgeshire's ancient villages and towns.

Eco-home tours and talks are available both in-person and online. All events are FREE, but advance booking is required. Come along and be inspired to start your journey to a greener home.

For more information and to book your place, visit

<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-you-can-do/open-eco-homes-events/>.

OEH's 2023 programme attracted 474 participants. Videos of previous tours/talks have attracted over 120k views: see <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/open-eco-homes/tours-on-demand/>

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Enquiries: Sarah Wright (secretary)

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0787 999 1068

## The Cambridge Criterium

Sun 25 August 10.00am - 5.00pm

A free-to-attend event with an open ride for the public on traffic-free roads, amateur and novelty races, and races for elite and professional cyclists using a condensed, traffic-free 2.6km circuit around Jesus Green.

Plus, an event village on Jesus Green with street food vendors, music and industry exhibition stalls. See <https://www.visitcambridge.org/event/the-cambridge-criterium/> for details and booking links.

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