

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



July 2017

Village Diary

Saturday 1 st July	Village Barbecue (replacing the Pub night)
Wednesday 5 th July	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10:30am
Saturday 8 th July	Gift Aid Day for Kingston Village Church/Cream Tea Party on the Orchard

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 5 th July	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 12 th July	Black bin
Wednesday 19 th July	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 26 th July	Black bin

Editorial

Summer is heating up. By the time you receive your copy of this magazine we'll be entering a busy week for Kingston residents. On Saturday July 1st, the Village Barbecue takes place at Southsea House starting at 5.30pm. Hopefully you bought your tickets beforehand. Then the following Saturday, July 8th, the Church Gift day and Village Cream Tea take place at the Church on Rectory Lane and the Village Orchard. Featured events include the cream tea (starting at 3.30pm), a tug-o-war, tours of the church tour and teddy bear parachuting. Both events are highlights of the Kingston calendar and should help us start off summer in fine fettle. Sandwiched in between (on Wednesday July 5th) is the monthly Coffee Morning which is proving a real success. A word of thanks to all villagers who are stepping up and contributing to the magazine. This month the lovely cover photo is provided by Heather Ginn and major articles are the work of Simon Draper, David Green and David Heath. When I first became editor I requested your help in making the magazine a success and it is very gratifying how many of you have stepped up and answered my challenge. Many thanks neighbours!

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Vicar's Letter *"You can't be serious!"*

I am!

Do we groan "The church is always after my money!" or do we want to hide with embarrassment because we only have a few coins to throw in?

Throughout the Bible practical giving brings together how we resource the provision of ministry with making an offering back to God, expressing our thanks for his generosity towards us.

From earliest times the offering of sacrifices and burning of incense enabled the giving of an offering to be a natural part of worship. This influenced the beliefs of God's people in the Old Testament:

- The law of the first fruits in Deuteronomy 26v1-11 is an **act of thanksgiving** for God's provision and an **act of proclamation** re-telling the story of their rescue from Egypt.
- In Numbers 18v21-32 the tithe was for the maintenance of the Levites – this established a value of **financial support for local church leadership** which in 1 Corinthians 9 becomes that those who share the good news get their living from the gospel.
- King David's prayer of thanksgiving, 1 Chronicles 29v10-20, as material gifts were given to build the first Temple is echoed in many churches today as financial gifts are received.

This was carried over into the life of the early church. Acts describes people giving to share in a communal life; those having much used what they had to support the needs of others. In 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 Paul writes of **a collection for poor people**. Giving in the context of worship reflects the importance of generosity in the community. In the centuries since almsgiving has long been linked to the offering.

In summary: Giving often indicates the level of our loyalty and respect for God, and how we are responding to his kindnesses towards us. Since we know "where our treasure is, there our heart is also", offering money gives another opportunity for offering ourselves back to our generous God.

I believe the passing of the bag is a moment we can make more of – whether we give cash, with a cheque, as an on-line contribution or by standing order; and because our churches are for all the people of the parish, it is something that can involve many more people than we are likely to see in church this weekend. Why not become a cheerful giver!

Nigel di Castiglione, Team Rector

Church Services for July

Sunday 2nd July	Holy Communion 8.30am
Sunday 9th July	Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Sunday 16th July	Family Service 10.30am

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

2 nd July	Christine Stone
9 th July	Christine Allison
16 th July	Janet Clear
23 rd July	Miki Ellar
30 th July	

Home Communion

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

Retirement of Nick Petty

Nick Petty, of Comberton, began looking after Kingston churchyard 34 years ago, at the invitation of the late Charles Mellor, then Churchwarden. He has served under no fewer than 5 different Rectors during this exceptionally long period. Earlier this year he announced that he wished to retire but kept the job on so that we might find someone to take on the role. (Rashid Khan of Crane's Lane stepped forward in May.) Nick always did far more than simply cut the grass, but has looked after every aspect of the churchyard whilst of course always finding time to deplore the state of current affairs and engage his passions for Coventry City FC, contract bridge, and the music of the 1960s US West Coast. Kingston PCC is extremely grateful to Nick for his many years of faithful service and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

Church Gift Day 2017

The Church's Gift Day will take place this year on **Saturday 8th July**: see the insert for further details. Many thanks in advance to all those who respond to this call on your generosity.

Kingston Barbecue 2017



Saturday 1st July

(incorporating Kingston Pub Night)
at Southsea House

Entry from 5.30 pm, food from 6 pm, bar closes at 10.30 pm

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Adults £10, 6-14 years £5, 0-5 years free

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Ticket includes a selection of barbecued meats*, delicious homemade bread, salads & puddings

* Vegetarian options available: please specify any dietary requirements when booking your tickets

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Licensed bar serving wine, cocktails, real ale, lager and soft drinks



Tickets available until Sunday 25th June from:

- Corinne Easy,
- Henrietta Burbridge,
- Katherine Reid,

Owing to catering planning, tickets will unfortunately
NOT be available on the door



Gift Aid Day & Teddy Bear Parachute Jump – 8th July 2017

#kingstonteddybearsdemandtojump has been trending on Twitter the past month as Teddy Bears of Kingston get ready for their biennial leap out of Kingston's Church Tower. This will be combined with Gift Aid Day, the Church Tower opening and the Parish Council Village tea as with previous years.

- Tower open 2-5pm – spectacular views of Kingston and surrounding countryside
- Tower climb for over 12's only
- Prepare your parachute 2-5pm in the Church – all materials provided, just bring an intrepid Teddy-bear
- Teddy-bear jump 5:15pm
- Gift Aid donations welcomed in Church 2-5pm or direct to Linda Rimmer (see separate insert in magazine)



Church nave ceiling

A small area of plaster fell from the north side of the nave ceiling last month and so the area below has been roped off as a safety precaution. This will not affect our planned services, which can be held in the chancel. We intend to hire a scaffold tower to examine the ceiling and can only hope that the problem is not more widespread.

Orwell Literary and Arts Festival visits Kingston

The title for this year's Orwell Literary and Arts Festival was 'Clunch, Clay and Coprolite', focusing on the theme of legacy and landscape. The book chosen for the festival's participants was J L Carr's *A Month in the Country*, a novel narrated in retrospect by its protagonist, a shell-shocked first-world war veteran who spends the idyllic summer of 1920 in rural Yorkshire, where he works alone in a church, uncovering a medieval wall painting, becoming unexpectedly immersed in the local community and falling surprisingly in love, at the same time thinking deeply about the nature of happiness and spiritual belief. The book won the Guardian Fiction Prize in 1980 and narrowly missed winning the Booker Prize that same year; in due course it has become a Penguin Modern Classic. In 1987 it was made into a film starring the very young Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh and (the late) Natasha Richardson. Bob and Jane Carr, J L's son and daughter-in-law, both archaeologists and the proprietors of the Quince Tree Press, spoke at the 'Literary Lunch' in Orwell on the 21st June. On the 22nd, as part of the Festival, about 20 people from Orwell (with a few also from Wimpole and Barrington) visited Kingston to look at our wall paintings. Many thanks to Janet Clear and Joan Reynolds for laying on refreshments for this event.

P.R.

Cambridge Summer Music Festival : 13-29 July 2017

World-class music in beautiful settings: 37 events with classical, jazz, folk and world music, solo recitals, chamber ensembles, bands, choirs, orchestras plus Music for Kids—something for all tastes and ages. Full details at www.cambridgesummermusic.com

Cambridge Open Studios 2017

This year 350 artists at 221 locations will exhibit fine art, photography, pottery, glass making, sculpture, illustration, textiles, jewellery and furniture making. All are free to visit. Studios are open from 11am - 6pm on weekends in July. (Wysing Arts on 8 July) Details can be found at <http://camopenstudios.co.uk/>

Burwash Manor at Barton has an artists' marquee with 18 local artists exhibiting their work on all four weekends in July. The exhibition is open from 10am- 6pm.

Farming around Kingston before and after Brexit

If our local bakery in Kingston had existed prior to 1973 (the date of the UK's entry into the EC), it is almost certain that the bread would have been made from North American or Canadian wheat. East Anglia produces very high yields of wheat but high yields are associated with lower gluten content and, in the case of varieties available at that time, gluten of poor quality.

Once the UK became part of the European Community, tariff barriers to imported wheat were put in place and American wheat became too expensive. This trade barrier created an incentive for plant breeders to develop new bread-making varieties. After moving from Scotland to work at the NIAB (National Institute of Agricultural Botany), one of my first tasks was to organise a test programme for bread-making quality. Some of the new varieties which failed to make the grade for quality were, by way of compensation, very high yielding. The best of the new varieties were very quickly taken up by farmers and, as a result, wheat became the dominant and most profitable crop in areas suitable for its cultivation, including Kingston.

A second EC-driven achievement was improvement of the oilseed rape crop to meet new quality standards. There are two products obtained from oilseed rape, an oil used for human consumption and a residual meal (used for animal feed) left after the oil has been extracted. The use of the meal was originally limited by the presence of toxic mustard-like substances (glucosinolates). Plant breeding organisations, including the world-leading Cambridge Plant Breeding Institute started to develop low glucosinolate varieties which were then screened by NIAB. The best new varieties produced a meal more suitable for animal feeding and hence greater profit for growers. Erucic acid, a toxic component of the oil used for human consumption, possibly erroneously implicated in heart disease, was also a target for plant breeding and it too was successfully eliminated. As an interesting aside, in screening for the oilseed rape toxins NIAB made use of a medical technique employed for managing blood glucose in diabetic patients – totally different areas but an example of how a centre for science such as Cambridge encourages the transfer of ideas.

With the new varieties offering better financial returns, fields around Kingston became dominated by wheat and oilseed rape.

The examples given above show that currently the way our land is used is very much a result of EU regulations. What happens in the future will, of course, depend on UK Government policy. I suspect things will carry on much as now for a few years but after that, against a background of globalisation and easy access to

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
July 2	Trinity 3	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	Afternoon Baptism
July 9	Trinity 4	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
July 16	Trinity 5	8.30am HC	10.30am MP		
July 23	Trinity 6	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
July 30	Trinity 7	10.30am Team Service HC at Caxton			
Aug 6	Trinity 8	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC		
Aug 13	Trinity 9			10.30am MP	8.30am HC
Aug 20	Trinity 10	8.30am HC	10.30am MP		
Aug 27	Trinity 11	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

W4A/FS = Family Service

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)


FHC= Common Worship/All Age Holy Communion

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

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imported food, I cannot see any UK Government continuing with the current level of farm support. Unfortunately (in my view – some may disagree) the plant breeding capability of the UK has been eroded due to a rejection of GM technology (the Cambridge Plant Breeding Station was privatised and has since has been closed down). Hence adaptation to the new political environment through technological change may be more problematic than in 1973. We may however expect to see more specialisation with farmers trying new crops, more mixed cropping, automated cultivation methods and an increase in woodland and environmental schemes. One way and another the landscape surrounding our village is likely to change.


Simon Draper




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Village Cream Tea and Church Gift Day

**Saturday 8 July on The Village Orchard,
and at The Church, Rectory Lane**



- ✿ Cream teas at The Orchard
3.30pm—5.30 pm
- ✿ Tug-o-war
- ✿ Church tower open from 2.00pm —
Kingston's highest point! (12+ only)
- ✿ Teddy Bear parachuting from the
church tower from 5.15pm. (Just bring your teddy and
make his parachute in the church from 2pm.)
- ✿ Everything is free! — please donate generously to the
church





Fibre broadband update for Kingston

Fibre broadband has gone live in Kingston, which means most residents can upgrade to superfast speeds – bringing all the benefits of fast Internet access for work, leisure and learning.

The Connecting Cambridgeshire broadband programme, led by Cambridgeshire County Council has confirmed that Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) has been rolled out to this area.

FTTP, where a fibre optic cable runs all the way directly to your home or business from the exchange, is a future-proofed technology, which can support superfast speeds of 24Mbps and higher (up to 300Mbps in some areas).

But it's not automatic – you need to check with your Internet Service Provider (ISP) or use a broadband comparison website to see if you can upgrade to a FTTP broadband package.

This is a relatively new technology so not all service providers offer FTTP services yet. Andrews & Arnold, BT, and Zen are currently the main ISPs offering FTTP services, although other providers are expected to come on stream soon.

It's a complex technical process and there have been some teething issues so please email [Connecting Cambridgeshire](mailto:info@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk) if you have any problems upgrading with one of these ISPs. A small number of harder to reach premises will be covered in follow-on phases of the programme

With FTTP, the fibre has already been rolled out to a point close to your premises. Once you've placed your order, an Openreach broadband engineer will install the last link of fibre into your home or business and advise on internal connections.

You can choose the fibre services package and speeds you need, regardless of the technology. With FTTP, you can upgrade to higher speeds, which may cost more, or you can order superfast speeds (24 Mbps+) at the same prices as Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) customers.

Residents who choose not to upgrade to fibre broadband will continue to receive their telephone and slower ADSL broadband services via the existing copper lines.

You can find more information about [FTTP](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk) on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk together with advice on Getting Superfast.

(Forwarded by Julie Conder)

The Deep Lock Incident

I regret that Kingston is such a long way from the nearest canal route for memories of our explorations of the countryside network of the almost hidden network of the watery highways of the past never fade. Once hooked on the never ending, mostly peaceful, man-made rivers through unknown country one never wants to let go.



Even today the sight of a flight of black and white painted lock gates fills me with nostalgia!

When my wife, Ann, and I started our series of narrowboat journeys in the late sixties we were scoffed at for indulging in such an odd way to spend our holidays, but today, thanks largely to the restoration efforts of

dedicated enthusiasts, many people have discovered the joys of the waterways world. The following brief episode perhaps catches the flavour of that world.

In 1974 we were exploring the delightful Southern Oxford canal with Bert, my brother, his wife Jill and young Joanna, aged eight and had moored overnight close to the Somerton lock. In a canal side pub the previous evening we had become aware of a small group of actors who had been touring canals and performing musical plays about waterway history. Next morning we were happily preparing for the next leg of our journey when a distraught sounding lady wearing a turban over her hair curlers came along the towpath, desperately hanging on to the lead of a large but eager looking dog. The lady stopped briefly and breathlessly shouted across to Bert and I on deck, "Would you gentlemen be willing to come and help the actors who are stuck in the lock?" This strange request required amplification and I was relieved to learn that these Thespians were in their narrowboat and no one had fallen in the water. In fact a seventy foot converted narrowboat was in deep, in more senses of the word, trouble for it was trapped in the Somerton Deep Lock which had a fall of twelve feet and the deepest on the Southern Oxford!

The distraught lady was merely conveying a message shouted at her as she trotted involuntarily past the lock. Her explanation to us was a trifle incoherent and flung

over her shoulder as her canine friend, with no time for social chit chat, dragged her off along the towpath. Ever valiant, Bert and I set off to help whilst Joanna, scenting entertainment, followed with enthusiasm. At the lock side a voluble gent pranced about shouting ineffective orders to umpteen individuals swarming all over a huge, gaily painted, vessel far below. The latter was apparently marooned at the bottom of the empty lock. The aforesaid gent was an eccentric looking character with side whiskers and dressed in a sort of tartan smock. Further he was inclined to be bossy and lost no time in instructing Bert and I in our duties. With him was a diminutive, curly headed, fellow in a flowery shirt and flared trousers and they appeared to form the complete lock operating party, the rest of the party having stayed on board. A combination of the substantial size of the narrowboat, the current shortage of water in the canal plus, perhaps, the combined weight of the multitude of actors left on board seemed to have rendered the craft reluctant to move out of the lock!

The 'shore gang' had been trying to tow the craft out by ropes, so far, without success. When Bert and I arrived more ropes were conveyed to us with some difficulty and our added muscle from a different angle solved the problem. A few protesting squeaks and grinding noises gave way to cheers from the



ship's company below as the bow moved out slowly into deeper water. Joanna was a delighted witness to the whole escapade

There is a surprising postscript to this little story. It was but a few weeks ago that I happened to see part of a programme on television when an attractive young lady said that she was a member of a group of performers who travelled around canals by narrowboat giving local shows describing in words and music the history of canals. When questioned by her interviewer she said the group had been in existence no less than forty years!

I trust that by now the group had become more skilled at operating the locks!!

Dave Heath

Finding My Family – 23rd JUNE 2017 by D W Green

I last visited Kingston as a rather bored 15-year-old around 1967 with my parents and two elder sisters. I recall travelling there and back in the day from Worcestershire, to see places where my father, Granville Green, was born and grew up from 1909 before moving to Catley Park in Linton in 1920. I don't recall much advance planning or meeting anyone in Kingston and the final visit to Catley Park which was almost a ruin, left us all a little down. I now see how important it was to him to track his childhood memories perhaps because his father, Edwin, had died that year. Edwin married Emily Hemmant in 1904 when he took the Library (Moat) Farm tenancy in Kingston.

The Green family moved from Yorkshire in around 1885 following agricultural fortunes and moved away from Cambridgeshire to Worcestershire for the similar reasons in the 1920's. Some of you will recognise the adage of 'Horn to Corn' and 'Corn to Horn'. They appeared to immerse themselves in local politics and religious activities whilst in Cambridgeshire, but it's hard to judge if it was any more or less than others.



William James Green



Edwin & Granville Green and family c 1960

Fifty years later I also planned a visit, with my wife Cari, to 4 farms the family tenanted from around 1885 to 1925 where 3 generations of Greens farmed (William, Edwin and Granville) and, in conjunction with some really helpful family history contacts we were made to feel very welcome by the various current owners. These farms were at Knapwell, Caldecote, Kingston and Linton. The planning of such

a visit to meet so many people was down to the ease of modern communications simply unavailable to a previous generation together with people's generosity of time and common interest. I really 'get' the thought of meeting ancestors of people who might have lived in my house, linked by some old photographs and I am grateful for their interest.

Our visit to Library (Moat) Farmhouse, Kingston was made possible via an internet search which showed an archaeological survey that the current owners had done recently. The farm was known as Library Farm around the turn of the C20, I understand (from James Clear) that Queens College Cambridge owned the farm and it may have been sold by them into private hands around 1920. He has only known it as Library Farm. I understand that the name Library Farm may have a connection to a college library benefactor and the 'Moat' name may have been before. The moat was built as more of a fashion statement rather than having any defensive purposes and still exists in many parts around the house.

The Clear family farmed there from the 1700's to possibly 1904 when my Grandfather became the tenant. The farm was sold in 1958 when it consisted of 88 acres, 2 roods and 5 poles. I don't know when the land and farmhouse were divided but it appears that some of the barns remain on a different property although work in progress.

If I have some of the history incorrect on the farm I apologise, but it's been fun 'walking in my father's footsteps'.

Below are a few photographs that I have but they are largely farm horses, although one of the farm is of a painting dated 1907 signed 'DS'. Can anyone identify the artist/initials?



Library Farm Painting 1907



Library (now Moat) Farmhouse in 2017



Horses at Library Farm c 1920



More horses at Library Farm c 1920



Our family were strong 'non-conformists' and Kingston Chapel was their place of worship. I have a certificate dated 1946 thanking Edwin for over 50 years of service to Methodism, primarily as a lay preacher which would have covered his time at Kingston. The chapel is now an artist's studio.

Kingston Chapel taken by Granville Green in 1967

On leaving the village we stopped, rather speculatively, at the old school which is now your Village Hall after seeing someone outside what was the old school mistresses house. They chatted to us and even opened up the hall and the old school section was instantly recognisable as Granville's junior school. It's quite surreal imagining him sitting there, largely during the First World War in learning mode. Photograph below of GG at school.



Kingston Village Hall 2017

Granville Green (with X) c1916
at Kingston School

I had an introduction to a Grace Swindells (nee Hagger) via a Local History Society based around Caldecote who apparently knew my Gt. Grandfather, William, who had died in 1930! This was greeted by me initially in disbelief but we met Grace and her daughter on our visit and it's true as she recollects 'sitting on his knee' as a 5-year-old when he was 75 in 1925. Her father worked for William Green at Highfields Farm, Caldecote and Grace's mother told her that she spent some time at Library Farm, Kingston, as a nursery maid for my father. Living family history at its best!

*David Green and Grace Swindells 2017
(who knew my Gt Grandfather)*



Primarily this is a family history article but I hope some is of general interest to you. For any family historians amongst you and if you have information to share with me please contact me davidwgreen1@aol.com

I hope you enjoy this article for your Parish magazine based on what is a beautiful village that you all live in or near. My family were 'just passing through'.

MARK STEELE

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Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter (June-July 2017)

It's been two months since my last newsletter and in that time I'm honoured and so pleased to have been voted to remain as your Member of Parliament. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote.

With the election over, I was delighted to get back to it with a visit to meet the pupils and Principal, Chris Tooley, of Netherhall School in Queen Edith's. The School has worked exceptionally hard to gain its recent 'good' rating by a local authority evaluation and during my visit I could see how passionate the pupils and teachers were about their school and their journey towards excellence. I don't think I have ever been so impressed by the standard of art work adorning the walls in a school, truly worthy of being in a gallery. The visit concluded with a "Question time" style session with a group of very politically engaged and bright students. Just as I thought hustings season was over, these were tough questions! All schools are welcome to come for a tour of Parliament, so I hope these young people and hundreds more from across South Cambs will come down. You can find more information here www.parliament.uk/education/visit-parliament-with-your-school/.

In a swift move from secondary education to primary, I have also recently had the pleasure of setting off the Caldecote Primary School Fun Run, on what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year! I was more than a little relieved to be given 'opening' rather than 'running' duties and was full of admiration for those who managed to complete the course, raising vital funds in the process. How the parents and teachers completed a 3k, never mind a 10K or the half marathon in that heat is staggering! Thank you to Karen Stanton, the Head Teacher, for inviting me and not making me run! The Fun Run raised over £1,400 which will be used to buy some much needed education sports resources for the school.

I'm getting closer to my target of having visited every school in the constituency; if I haven't reached yours yet, please contact my office to check that a visit is on the cards. I love meeting our young learners and gain a great deal from speaking to the professionals involved in their care and education. The visits always strengthen my resolve to secure fair funding for our schools. I deliberately try to keep these newsletters apolitical, but please let me say, that particular battle is not yet over.

As we look into the months and years ahead, many of my priorities will remain the same. I intend to continue leading on key infrastructure projects for our constituency, including the Foxton Level Crossing, A505 upgrade (M11 to A11), A428 improvements, Oxford to Cambridge rail and a train station at Addenbrooke's. I want to work closely with local communities and our new Mayor to see what improvements might be possible to improve local transport, focusing not just on new areas of development such as Cambourne, but also connecting our rural and often isolated villages.

I'll work in partnership with councils and housing associations to deliver more affordable housing for local people and families as we need this urgently. We have to be smart about identifying little scraps of land where we can build an affordable home or two, because every home matters for those who are currently priced out of the market.

But we also have a new challenge, and that is to ensure the needs of South Cambs are listened to by those at the Brexit negotiating table. We are a very important part of UK science, innovation, academia and agriculture so have a valuable role to play in ensuring Brexit is a success for all. We draw upon so many European and international talents in our constituency and need this recognised in the ultimate settlement.

Looking ahead to the Summer, I will be visiting local fêtes and fundraising events, so if you see me struggling to choose a tombola ticket, please come and say hi!

Finally, I'm in the process of planning my surgery dates and venues for the rest of the year, but please note the next two will be held in Girton on 1st July and Duxford on 29th July. Full details are on my website, under the surgery tab. Further information and news stories can always be found on my website www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk and you can email me on heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk. As always, you can also phone my Westminster Office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01954 212707 to raise local concerns.

Balsam Pulling 2017

Every year the Wildlife Trust and Countryside Restoration Trust pull Himalayan balsam along the Bourn Brook, which would not be possible without the help of local volunteers. The dates for this year's balsam pulling (and some background to our work on the brook) can all be found here:

<http://www.wildlifebcn.org/bournbrook>

We would be very grateful if you could pass this information on to anyone who might be interested or able to help out. As well as volunteers for the work parties, we are keen to find anyone who regularly walks a section of the brook who could either pull balsam there or report on where and how much there is. For a volunteer's-eye view of balsam pulling have a read here:

http://www.wildlifebcn.org/sites/default/files/balsam_at_bourn_brook.doc

We are, slowly, making an impact on the balsam, thanks to a lot of hard work, but we always need more volunteers.

Wildlife Trust and Countryside Restoration Trust

A short, prayerful service of **Holy Communion**



is celebrated

Wednesday at midday
in **Bourn Church**

Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.

Longstowe 800 24.09.17

Many readers will be aware that St Andrew's Church in Toft celebrated the 700th Anniversary of its foundation in April this year with an ambitious programme of exhibitions and events. St Mary the Virgin, Longstowe will be marking its 800th Anniversary with a special service on the 24th September at which the Bishop of Huntingdon will preside: Kingston's church members and friends are warmly invited to attend this historic occasion. I'm not sure how these dates are calculated. So far as I am aware the earliest documentary evidence for the existence of our church in Kingston dates from 1092, so those planning ahead longer-term might note that, on that basis, our 950th anniversary will fall in 2042.

P.R.

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