

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



August 2018

Village Diary

Wednesday 1 st August	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am
Saturday 4 th August	Village Pub Night – Village Hall, 6pm-10pm
Tuesdays 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , & 28 th August	Core Fitness Class, 10.00am & 7.15pm
Thursday 11 th October	Next Meeting of the Music Club, 8pm
Saturday 13 th October	Harvest Dinner

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 1 st August	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 8 th August	Black bin
Wednesday 15 th August	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 22 nd August	Black bin
Thursday 30 th August	Blue and Green Bins

Editorial

August is the time to relax and recharge our batteries. July was such a busy month in the village, but the various activities all proved resoundingly successful. Starting with the Kingston Wood Open Garden and Afternoon Tea, this event attracted a good number of people – the glorious weather really helped – and many a piece of cake was devoured by those present. I have to say that the quality of the food on offer was excellent and I would know as, like many others, I sampled many of the wares! Next came the first meeting of Kingston's very own Music Club, followed in short order by the Church Fete at South Sea House on July 14th. Despite many competing events, as usual, the Fete proved a popular success and thanks go to the hard-working organizers. Thank you to Peter Reynolds, Torrie Smith and Jack Diggle for providing the photographic evidence of the July events in Kingston.

Many thanks also to Katherine Stalham who submitted this month's beautiful cover photo (and two equally resplendent photos included below), all of which catch our wonderful village at sunset.

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Vicar's Letter

It's not been a good year for gardening – it started off perpetually wet, but for many weeks now it's been perpetually dry!

Lawns, unless you have been watering them constantly, are now looking more like beaches, soil is cracked and hard, and in satellite photos, our normally green land is looking decidedly brown.

As many of you will know, gardening is not my thing. Some people are never happier than on their knees tending to a flowerbed, whereas I'm more of a "mow it, and hope it's grass" sort of gardener. And I haven't even had to do much of that this summer.

The Bible starts with a garden in Eden, where Adam and Eve are portrayed walking with God, and from the story of Eden onwards, gardens have always exercised a fascination over the human imagination.

They give us pleasure in many ways: green is the most restful colour – and at least the weeds are still showing it. They give us the pleasure of creating, and of enjoying another's creation, which is why Open Gardens are so popular.

That creativity has many different expressions in types of garden from the formality and minimalism of a Japanese garden, through the lines and symmetries of European formal gardens, to the abundance and informality of a cottage garden.

Whatever the type of garden, it can be a place for solitude or for gatherings, and it's a gathering we find at the other end of the Bible, when God's people are gathered into the New Jerusalem. It may be a city, but it's also a garden: the same tree of life and water of life which were in Eden are there too.

Gardening might be your passion, or just your spectator sport, but the gardens of Scripture can refresh you, whatever the weather.

They won't require you to get muddy, but they will, if you let them, bring you to your knees. If you embrace the story they tell of divine love and forgiveness, they will restore you, and lead you to walk with God afresh until you join the final glorious gathering when all creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ.

Revd. Steve Day

Church Services for August

Sunday 5th August	Holy Communion 8.30am
Sunday 12th August	Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Sunday 19th August	Family Service 10.30am

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

5 th August	Miki Ellar
12 th August	Henrietta Burbridge
19 th August	Joan Reynolds
26 th August	Kay Forsythe

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.

Kingston en fête: June and July 2018

Kingston was exceptionally busy during late June and July and the photographs included in this issue record some of the events that took place.

Thank you

The Rector, Nigel di Castiglione, and the members of Kingston PCC. wish to put on record their thanks to our hosts for our two fund raising events in July: Julian and Sarah Metherell at Kingston Wood Manor, and James and Janet Clear at South Sea House, and to all those many people who helped in so many different roles to make these occasions so successful.

Holy Matrimony

Alma Fridell and Aidan Crawshaw were married by the Revd Nigel Pearson on June the 23rd. Many congratulations to the bride and groom! See photos below.



Parish Council News

Parish Council responsibilities: Apart from their main duties as parish councillors, some members have additional specific responsibilities as follows:

James Clear: Chair, Open Spaces

Julie Conder: Vice-Chair, Finance, Webmaster, Facebook page, Kingston fibre broadband champion

Katherine Reid: Footpaths and Rights of Way

Speeding in Kingston: at the Annual Parish Meeting it was suggested that we should look again at the possibility of setting up Community Speedwatch in the village. It has been decided, following a suggestion put to the parish council, that if the 'right of way' priority at the crossroads could be changed to slow traffic down as it approaches the crossroads, this should have a major beneficial effect on speed in the village. It has been decided that the most effective way of achieving this might be a raised mini-roundabout, similar to the one at the junction of the B1046 and Long Road in Comberton. The parish council is now actively investigating this option and would welcome any comments from residents. As there are a number of disadvantages to the 'Speedwatch' scheme, it is felt that this option will be put 'on hold' while we look at the mini-roundabout possibility.

Living in harmony with your neighbours: Kingston is known and loved by most of us for the friendly nature of the residents, and general lack of friction and 'issues' arising between us. In the hopes that we can continue to maintain this happy state of affairs the Parish Council have asked me to list the following information and gentle reminders:

- Please clear up after your dog. Most people do, but there are still 'deposits' found here and there. Bagged poop can be disposed of in a normal litter bin of which there are three in the village: two near the crossroads and one outside the playground. It is not acceptable to just leave it at the roadside, particularly outside people's houses.
- Please do not park any vehicles on grass verges or greens. There is a helpful document with suggestions for places to park on the notice board and (downloadable) the village website: go to <http://kingstonvillage.org.uk/documents/miscellaneous/Parking%20in%20Kingston.pdf>
- If you are holding a party, with likely noise into the small hours, it is a courtesy to tell your neighbours at least a week beforehand. Please include households in a wide circle – sound carries, especially on warm summer evenings. For

those affected, please be tolerant! Noisy parties only occur two or three times a year in the village, usually on a Saturday, and usually to celebrate a wedding, milestone birthday or similar important event.

- If noise from your neighbours becomes a regular nuisance, you should first approach the neighbours to try and reach a reasonable solution. If this fails, you need to contact South Cambs District Council Environmental Health department. There is some useful information on this page: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/noise-nuisance>. They have a statutory duty to take action where appropriate, but will expect you to have approached the offending party first, and to keep a log of occurrences for a period of time.
- If you need to contact the Parish Council about any parish issue, please feel free to do so. Parish councillors are happy to be approached but the best way is through me as Parish Clerk by letter or email (kingstonpc.cambridge@gmail.com). The parish council will protect your identity if requested, but will usually not take any action on letters or complaints which are anonymous. In some cases I can deal with the matter myself, otherwise I will bring issues to the attention of the full council for discussion and action as required. You are of course very welcome to attend parish council meetings.

Planning: the following planning applications have been recently received:

- S/1804/18/FL First floor extension at 2, Field Row. The parish council agreed to respond 'support'.
- S/2433/18/FL New site access from Tinker's Lane to Town Farm barns, Tinker's Lane. The parish council agreed to respond 'support'.

Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk

If you are planning to come to the Team Social, please RSVP to the team office by **31 August**, to assist us with catering requirements. Many thanks.



TEAM SOCIAL

Sunday 9th September
Elsworth Rectory Garden
1.00pm - 4.00pm

Live music

Games/Activities

BBQ

An opportunity for people across the team to gather for fun, food & fellowship

Please bring your own, chairs, blankets, cutlery, crockery and drinks

Suggested minimum ticket donation £5

Parking: The lower field of the Rectory Garden
 Access from the corner of The Drift and Boxworth Road

Papworth Team Ministry
www.papworthteamchurches.org

How did World War 1 affect YOUR family?

We need your help to tell their stories.

11.00am on 11th November 2018 is highly significant in marking precisely 100 years since the signing of the Armistice signalling the end of World War 1 hostilities.

World War 1 affected every family in the UK and many, many, more around the world. Most people in the UK know that around one million British men, mostly very young men, died as a direct result of the fighting. What is less well known is that worldwide the war led to some 18 million deaths and 50 million wounded. Numbers that hardly bear thinking about. We must do all we can to ensure that nothing like that ever happens again.

A number of one-off events are being planned in the village to mark this very significant anniversary and as part of that we are hoping to stage a special exhibition in the Village Hall focusing on the impact World War 1 had on:

- The Families who lived in Kingston at the time
The Families who currently live in Kingston

The Impact on Kingston at the time.

We already know the names and have a certain amount of information about the men of Kingston who served in WW1. Between now and 11th November we will be doing further research not only about all who served but also about their families and, where possible, the impact of their departure for war on their families and the village.

So what about the impact of WW1 on your family?

We are keen to find out just what effect WW1 may have had on your family. Almost every family in Britain, and many from other countries all over the world, have stories to tell.

In my own family my father and two uncles served and one of those uncles was killed during the Battle of the Somme. In addition my father had to completely change his career plans as a result of the death of his elder brother and he suffered recurring malaria for the rest of his life.

If you already have relevant information about your family that is terrific and we do hope that you will share it with us and allow us to feature it in the exhibition. If you do not have any such information do please consider researching it and sharing anything you find with us. If you have no knowledge of researching such matters

and no way to find the answers within your family we will be pleased to offer help in how to proceed.

For those who served in the forces we are particularly interested in such things as; period of service, how old were they when they joined up, which regiment and battalion did they serve in, what were their family circumstances - how many siblings and how many served, were there any known impacts on the family left behind? What was the outcome of the war for those who served; did they survive, were they killed or injured, did they suffer long term health effects, significant actions in which they took part, medals awarded etc? Do you have any diaries, photographs or other records and artifacts you could share?

By the time we mount the exhibition in early November we would like, if at all possible, to be able to present a wide ranging perspective on how WW1 affected the families living in Kingston today as well as those who lived in Kingston at that time. I very much hope that you will be willing to contribute to this project.

Do please get in touch with me, preferably sooner rather than later as I am away quite a lot in September.

It does not matter if you only have very sparse information at present, we may well be able to fill it out as there is a vast amount of information available, much of it online now.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.


Torrie Smith

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PS I would really welcome some assistance with this project. If anyone is interested in helping me to research, prepare and mount this exhibition do please make contact.



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Power Cuts

UK Power networks is planning maintenance work in Kingston, including replacing some of the poles. Some information has been delivered through our letterboxes but I for one found it a little confusing and contradictory. I have been on the phone to them and established that the programme is as follows:

24 Jul	Working in Crane's Lane, Tinker's Lane and The Green south of the crossroads. No interruption to power expected.
25 Jul	Working as above, power cut expected to whole village. Residents should have received a notice about this but if not please contact me for details.
Mid Oct	Working in Field Road and Bourn Road. Power cuts expected – more details nearer the time.
End Oct/ beginning Nov	Working in Church Lane and The Green north of the crossroads. Power cuts expected – more details nearer the time.

Peter Stokes



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Village Hall Pub Nights - appeal for volunteers

This is an appeal for anyone and everyone out there, that might be interested in running a village hall pub night. As many of you know, these operate on the first Saturday of each month and depend on volunteers to go ahead. Perhaps due to the recent hot weather making many of us droop, we seem to be running a bit low on volunteers and so if anyone would like to throw their hat on the ring please could you get in touch.

"I have nothing to offer you but blood, toil, tears, and sweat", said Churchill, but fortunately things are nowhere near as tough as this for the prospective new volunteer at the Kingston pub night thanks to our recent significant upgrade of facilities! The pub opens at 6:30pm, the beers live in the fridge, there is a float for taking the beer and pizza money, and the modern oven means pizzas are not hard to cook. Plus there are always a few (slightly inebriated) helpers at hand at finishing up time which can either be 10:30pm or earlier if necessary.

We tend to find that it works best if one or two people do the "early shift" (opening up until 8:30pm) and then another one or two people do the "late shift". Cleaners come on the following Monday so the level of tidy-up required is, to once again contradict the great man, most certainly not "an ordeal of the most grievous kind".

Please do feel free to get in touch if you think you could offer up a couple of hours to help. To state the obvious, the pub runs on volunteers and so we really need people to come forward. Many of you have helped in the past for which we are very grateful, but now is the time to book your slot once again between now and the end of next year.

Please email _____ with a quick summary of which dates you could do between now and the end of 2019 (remember: first Saturday of each month; 6:30-8:30pm slot and/or 8:30-10:30pm slot) and any other questions, or just grab a member of the Village Hall Committee. Thanks once again for your help!

Chris Reid

The Epitaph Game

When I wrote in a recent editorial that “what I lacked in skills I made up for in enthusiasm”, it reminded me of a silly game we used to play called The Epitaph Game. This game had very few rules: statements were required that spoke to you in a self-deprecating, humorous and, therefore, non-serious way that could be used on your imaginary epitaph. It’s best played after a couple of libations. Twenty years ago my youngest son came up with a superb example. We were under-water swimming in a pool in Florida while making whale-like but rude-sounding noises. When he surfaced he remarked: “Dad, you’re fun but disgusting!”, a statement which was immediately logged for future use.

Other possible examples are the following:

- He was a legend in his own mind.
- Everything about him was small except his ego.
- He was vegetarian in his mind but not his body.
- His fame was limited to his front-room.
- He strove hard to achieve mediocrity.
- He was a giant among little people.
- His achievements were legion but could be listed on a postage stamp.
- He always expected the worst and was never disappointed.
- If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, it helped that all his friends were visually-impaired.
- Given his parsimoniousness, his funeral was surely cheap at half the price.
- To say that his achievements were average would be damning with faint praise.
- If someone’s glass could be called half-full, his was always empty.
- He read voraciously but missed out the hard words.
- He was a powerful man when he had the TV remote in his hand.
- When someone told him he was sexist, he put it down to his good looks.

When a recent participant on a TV programme mistakenly said about his to-be-renovated bathroom that “it was worse than it looked” (he meant to say that it wasn’t as bad as it looked), he was clearly gearing up for The Epitaph Game. If you have any examples please send them in. Remember, it’s important not to be serious!

Peter Holly

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
Aug 5	Trinity 10	10.30am FHC+baptism	8.30am HC		
Aug 12	Trinity 11		6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
Aug 19	Trinity 12	8.30am HC	10.30am MP		
Aug 26	Trinity 13	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
Sept 2	Trinity 14	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30 W4A	
Sept 9	Trinity 15	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
Sept 16	Trinity 16	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
Sept 23	Trinity 17	No service Bourn to Run		8.30am HC	10.30am Pet Service
Sept 30	Trinity 18	10.30am Harvest			

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

FHC= Common Worship/All Age Holy Communion

W4A/FS = Family Service

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

HOW TO PREVENT OUTDOOR FIRES

OUR TOP 7 TIPS...

1.



Ensure cigarettes are completely out

2.



Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation

3.

Put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place directly on grass



4.

Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground - the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire



5.



When camping, do not leave campfire unattended and make sure it is completely out before you leave it

6.



Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface away from grass, shrubs or fencing

7.



Talk to your children about the dangers of starting fires outside

Church fund raising

As the day for our biennial church fete drew near (14th July), it became clear that we were going to be competing for supporters with some very high profile events – the World Cup and Wimbledon finals – in addition to events closer to home and soaring temperatures. But undaunted, as ever, we gave it our best shot and were rewarded with profits unexpectedly approaching £1,500. The PCC is very grateful to everyone who contributed in so many different ways to make this possible – James and Janet Clear who provided their excellent and beautifully prepared venue once again, Tumi Hawkins who opened the fete, those who set up and dismantled stalls, donated items for sale, manned stalls or turned up to join in the fun. In addition to the scheduled activities, Woody Diggle gave rides in his cart and Sebastian Murphy sold his go-cart and donated the proceeds. Many thanks to all of you for your support. (Pictures on pages 14 & 15)

This has been a busy period of fundraising for the PCC, with the Kingston Wood Manor Open Garden on July 1st (pictured opposite) raising £740 and the Auction of promises in April almost £4,000, which will give a welcome boost to funds required for church restoration projects in the near future.

Linda Rimmer (PCC Treasurer)

Summer at the Museums: until 3 September

Discover summer adventure on your doorstep with Summer at the Museums. From pre-historic brains and art based fun, to adventures with Romans and computer wizardry, there are over 120 fun, low-cost or free, family friendly events to choose from.

Taking place across the region, Summer at the Museums aims to get you exploring new venues as well as revisiting old favourites in your local area. There will be events to get everyone, no matter what your age, enjoying, exploring and engaging with the collections.

For the full programme and booking details, visit www.museums.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/summer-at-the-museums

Most events are free or low-cost. 01223 353252



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Sunday
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Saturday
14th July





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**4 days of Activities and Entertainment for the
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Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th August

**At Papworth Everard Village Hall
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see you, please ring for more details:**

**Anne Pettifor, Tel 01480 880672 or
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Wimpole Estate Archaeological Excavation - Volunteer Opportunity

I'm getting in touch with you regarding an opportunity for people to volunteer on an archaeological excavation at the National Trust's Wimpole Hall Estate in south Cambridgeshire in August and September 2018.

Oxford Archaeology East will be excavating the site of a late Iron Age and Roman settlement at 'Lamp Hill' (south of the current overflow car park) ahead of the development of a new visitor centre and car park for the Wimpole Estate.

The minimum age for volunteering on this site is 16 years old. Volunteers will need to make a commitment for the full working week (5 days, except the week of the August bank holiday), and will be offered a place for one week during the five-week excavation (Monday 13th August - Friday 14th September 2018). Volunteer hours on site will be 10am - 3pm. There will be less physical roles such as processing artefacts and assisting with outreach activities, as well as excavation.

For more information and to sign up to be involved, please see our volunteer application form: <https://bit.ly/2KLInEI> The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 27th July 2018.

We are primarily publicising this opportunity to residents local to Wimpole in south Cambridgeshire.

Clemency Cooper

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Editor's note: I understand that readers will be viewing this article after the official deadline for applications but if you are interested my advice would be to go ahead and try to volunteer anyway.

Cambridge Folk Festival

at Cherry Hinton Hall, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, CB1 8DW
will take place between Thursday 2 and Sunday 5 August 2018.

Information and tickets from

<https://www.cambridgelivetrust.co.uk/folk-festival>

**Summer Art Exhibition
by
Cambridge District
Art Circle**

Sat 25 - Mon 27 August
10.00am-5.30pm

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Kingston residents: Before 7pm - £5. After 7pm - £7

Non residents: Before 7pm - £10. After 7pm - £13

Enquiries: Sarah Wright (secretary)

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Plan to make A428 Single Lane at Girton interchange

Highways England is to make the eastbound A428 to A14 link a single lane at the Girton interchange. Initially reduced from two lanes to one to allow for working space during the construction of the new bridge over the A428 at the junction with the A14, Highways England now say traffic modelling shows the capacity of the A428 can be met by a single carriageway and the project team intend to keep it as single lane permanently.

A Highways England spokesperson said: "We are happy to clarify that there will still be two lanes on the link from the A14 to the M11 when the A14 upgrade is complete. The link from the A428 from Cambourne to the eastbound A14 will have one lane in the future, as the vast majority of traffic at this location will be using the new road."

Harvest Folk at the Farm

Sat 27 Aug - Sun 2 Sept
2.00-4.00pm

at

Wimpole Estate Home Farm,
SG8 0BW.

A week of folk music by local
bands in the Great Barn.
Booking not needed, free
event (admission applies).



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Bourn to Run

Sunday 23rd September 2018

Every year Bourn to Run raises vital funds for the Village School, Church and Sports & Social Club. It's our 10th anniversary race and we want it to be the biggest and best yet. **Can you spare a few hours on the day to help make it a success?**

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

Register to run at www.bourntorun.com

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Book of the Month

War in Val d'Orcia by Iris Origo (Penguin)

Small is Beautiful

During my research on the last months of the war in northern Italy and reading James Holland's "Italy's Sorrow: A Year of War, 1944-45", I came across several references to events in the Val d'Orcia in southern Tuscany which had been recorded in diary-form by Iris Origo. Born in England to an English mother and American father, Iris became an Italian resident and one of the only (foreign) eye-witnesses to the German occupation of Italy from 1943 onwards and her diary of these events published in the 1950s became a best-seller in the country of her birth. Something then rang a bell with me and I realized that, hidden away on my book shelves, was an original copy of this book. It's a humble book – a little orange and white Penguin publication from the 1950s – written humbly by a superbly humble writer. Small is beautiful (to steal Schumacher's phrase) is very much the order of the day here.

After a peripatetic, privileged upbringing living in California, Switzerland and Italy, Iris Origo married her husband Antonio in 1922 at which point they moved to the large estate of "La Foce" which was in dire need of renovation. Working on the house and gardens took virtually twenty years, the same years as Mussolini's rise to power in Italy. While not openly opposed to Mussolini's fascist regime, at the outbreak of war Iris went to Rome and volunteered to work for the Italian Red Cross. Two years later she returned home and found her mission: taking in refugee children, victims of the Allied bombing of Genoa and Turin. She housed, fed, schooled and provided health-care for two dozen children, but then life became much more complicated. The fall of Mussolini and the armistice agreed between the new Italian government and the Allies meant that freed prisoners-of-war, refugees, partisans, and Italian deserters all turned up at the gates of "La Foce" and all looking for help and sustenance. With the German invasion of Italy to bolster the Italian collapse, this placed Iris and Antonio in an invidious position: they were sheltering sundry folks at the possible cost of their own lives.

It is these events that Iris describes in her diary, but not in any portentous way; in fact, the opposite. She relates events in a very matter-of-fact, succinct and non-sensational way. Indeed, in the new introduction to her re-published diary written by social historian and family friend, Virginia Nicholson, Iris's writing style is described as the epitome of the "less is more" approach.

As an author, Iris Origo will not satisfy readers who seek demonstrativeness and extravagant description. She writes with the greater gift of literary temperance. In this diary, less is more.

As Nicholson illustrates, the birth of Iris's second daughter gets two short sentences (Iris is more interested in talking about an injured soldier in the next hospital room to hers) and her mother's death is only mentioned in passing. This is not because she doesn't care; she cares very much. But she has a story to tell and her stringency with words also had a strategic element: keeping a diary in itself was a punishable offence. As a result, her writing is dispassionate yet compassionate. Living in a climate of fear and retribution and perpetually succumbing to the rumour-mill, Iris relates events on a day-by-day basis (sometimes events intervene and she jumps a few days) with the reader getting a clear picture of the vicissitudes of life on the farm. Her diary tells of crises, small and large, and the war of nerves that resulted from no-one being turned away from their gates; it dates from January 1943 when the refugee children arrived to the summer of 1944 when the war suddenly came to their doorstep. After the fall of Rome to the Allies, the German retreat through Tuscany came straight through "La Foce". The Origos had been bracing themselves for this eventuality for some time but the experience of ravaging, defeated and ill-fed German troops coming through their land could not have been foreseen. German paratroopers, it is said, come through the estate like a swarm of locusts and the residents discover what it's like to be in the middle of a war zone, with shelling coming in from both sides. At one critical juncture, the entire household (including all the children) is told to leave as the house becomes a fortified position to cover the retreat. They form a straggling line of fleeing adults and children and walk some fifteen miles to the nearest settlement. Exhausted and afraid, they are buoyed by the villagers coming out to help them cover the last few yards, prompting Iris to write, "Never was there a more touching welcome". Surviving in local houses that night, Allied troops appear the next day and their war is over. And there the diary ends.

This is a small book covering big events. Iris's under-stated writing style perfectly matches her subject, the day-to-day experiences of one small group of residents caught up in the complexities of the final years of the war in Italy. Yet the goal she set herself - she wanted her adopted compatriots to be seen as brave, loyal, merciful, and generous - was achieved in spades. And since its publication in the 1950s, her diary has been hailed as a minor classic and a new version is now available from the Pushkin Press. However, I'm going to stick with my little orange and white Penguin edition.

Peter Holly

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Update from Bourn Primary



The Summer Term is always very busy but this year, with the added 60th Anniversary celebrations, it was even more hectic than usual. We planned a week of commemorative events culminating in two very different musical concerts: one held on the Friday morning, attended by Heidi Allen our local MP, and another on the Friday evening. Both concerts were very impressive, providing a fine ending to an eventful and memorable week. Amongst other highlights, the BSA organised a barbecue and fete which raised £1,360 for the School.

Sports Day, held in early June on a warm but thankfully not too hot day, was great fun. We held a Parents' race for the first time in at least 17 years and had so many eager volunteers that we had to hold several heats.

The Year 6 pupils performed admirably in the SATs tests and we are all very proud of their achievements. They worked very hard to prepare for that final hurdle and their success was well deserved. The leavers held a Year 6 Fete to raise funds for the School and there were many stalls and activities provided for the rest of the children to enjoy. This event was part of an enterprise project where each group were provided with £5.00 as a 'start-up fund'. Fortunately the projects were all very successful and I was able to recoup my money!

At the beginning of the term, Year 4 paid the usual residential visit to Grafham Water and Year 5 went to the International Space Centre in Leicester. Our Reception children had a lovely day at Shepreth Wild Life Park and the Year 6 pupils spent a week at Rock UK in Northamptonshire, taking part in adventurous activities

Mr Bray, who has been our Deputy Head Teacher for the past five years, left at the end of term to take up a headship in Shrewsbury. We will miss him tremendously; he was a huge contributor to the School's success during his time at Bourn: a highly accomplished teacher, an important role model for the children and a great support for me.

I too have decided to leave Bourn Primary. Next term will be my last at the School. It has been a very difficult decision to give up my leadership of this wonderful institution, as I have worked at Bourn for almost 2 decades and have been Head Teacher here for the past 17 years. I was offered a position with The Diocese of Ely, which supports the education of children in schools across Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, and felt that the opportunity to apply my knowledge and experience in a wider setting was too good an opportunity to pass up. The Governors have started the process of appointing my successor and I am confident that Bourn Primary will have no difficulty in attracting applications from appropriate candidates.

Members of the local community are always welcome at the School and information about our activities and events can be found on our website: www.bournschool.co.uk

Christine Page, Headteacher

Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter

As I write, the sun seems to have been shining for weeks and the England football team have made it through to the World Cup semi-finals. Summer has arrived – come on England!

In my last newsletter, I explained the action I had been taking to respond to the appalling train service being provided to constituents by GTR trains. Since then, I have continued to keep the pressure on GTR and the Department for Transport – I have raised further questions in the House, including raising the issue at Prime Minister's Questions and just last week questioning the Rail Minister again about the chaos. My website - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/gtr> - has a dedicated page on the GTR issues and continues to be updated regularly with new information.

Details of the compensation being offered to passengers are now being announced. The compensation will be designed to refund season ticket holders up to one month where they have suffered severe disruption. This is what I called for in my question in the House in early June as soon the problems became apparent.

However as the chaos has continued for far longer than we could have anticipated, I have been asking for more than that. I believe it must also compensate non season ticket holders and factor in the consequential loss suffered by commuters, such as increased parking charges, taxi fares etc. Along with other MPs, I have written to GTR and I am also in touch with the Office of Road and Rail about this too.

As GTR try to get to grips with the dismal service they have been providing, their new emergency timetable will go live on the 15th July. If GTR cannot deliver their assurances that their services will improve then they must lose their franchise – Government agrees.

I am very sorry that GTR's failures have resulted in so much inconvenience and upset to so many. I continue to be very grateful to the constituents who have contacted me and to the Royston and Villages Rail User Group who have been such a strong advocate for rail users.

Last month, I was pleased to meet with local farmers and the National Farmers Union to talk through a number of issues. Agriculture is such a vital part of our local economy, so when Government launches the new Agriculture Bill shortly to shape farming outside of the EU – it must listen to the needs of our famers. They play a critical role in producing our food, looking after the environment and supporting our rural economy.

I'm also working hard to find a way to amend the law to strengthen police powers to deal with hare coursing. This crime is abhorrent and devastating for those affected

and the current legislation is out of date and no longer fit for purpose. My reward will be accepting three offers to help with harvest! So many combines, so little time.....Thriplow, Eltisley and Boxworth, I've got my wellies and secateurs ready!

Last month, it was lovely to be able to join the Cambourne Eid Fair and the Meldreth fete. Although much of my week is spent in Westminster, I am always pleased to get back home for some light relief and to support local communities.

Things got a bit competitive at the Meldreth fete! I joined the ladies team for the tug of war and I am delighted to report that for the second year running, we won! (It was never really in doubt...) You can't beat a bit of friendly rivalry and I'm already in training for next year!

The Cambourne Eid Fair was another great community event – fabulous (spicy!) food and a real sense of celebration. Well done to everybody involved in making this such a success!

Looking ahead, I'll be meeting with Royal Papworth Hospital to discuss the future use of the site after they move to Addenbrooke's. I know this remains an important issue for people in the village and I'm keen to discuss all the options for the future use of the site with them. I'll provide an update on this in my next newsletter.

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next "drop in" surgery will be on Saturday 4th August (11am -1pm) at Steeple Morden Village Hall, 29 Hay Street, Steeple Morden SG8 0NQ where no appointment will be necessary. The following surgery will be by appointment and will be in Barrington (venue will be confirmed on my website) on the 7th September between 3 and 5pm. If you would like an appointment, please give my office a call on 01223 830037.

More details can be found here:

<https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries>

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

See you next month!

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Kingston Music

Kingston Music Club was successfully launched on Thursday evening July 5th when Peter Holly played songs drawn from his vinyl collection that had meaning for him during the time period, 1957 to 1975. Artists covered included Buddy Holly, Lonnie Donegan, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Fairport Convention, Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac, Kate and Anna McGarrigle, Ry Cooder, and Elvis Presley. Other meetings are now being planned. In the meantime, Joan Reynolds has reminded us what Plato, the Greek philosopher, told us centuries ago:

Music is moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gaiety and life to everything.

So if your soul or your mind or your imagination or, indeed, your life need fixing, the Kingston Music Club is the place to be. Plato would be proud of you.

Please Note: the next scheduled meeting of the Kingston Music Club is October 11th at 8pm.



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