

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



July 2018

Village Diary

Wednesday 4 th July	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am
Saturday 7 th July	Village Pub Night – Village Hall, 6pm-10pm
Tuesdays 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th & 31 st July	Core Fitness Class, 10.00am & 7.15pm
Sunday, 1 st July	Kingston Wood Manor Open Garden & Afternoon Tea, 2-5pm
Thursday, 5 th July	First Music Club Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30
Saturday, 14 th July	Kingston Church Fete, 2.00 – 4.30pm
Sunday, 29 th July	Kingston Barns Open Afternoon

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 4 th July	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 11 th July	Black bin
Wednesday 18 th July	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 25 th July	Black bin

Editorial

With the highly successful Village Hall Phase 2 Grand Opening behind us (see the press release below), it's now time for everything that July has in store for us, and judging by the long list above it's going to be quite a month.

Starting with the Kingston Wood Open Garden and Afternoon Tea on Sunday July 1st and the Kingston Church Fete at South Sea House on July 14th, there are several other activities to keep us busy all month. If you eat too many cakes at these events, you can always attend the keep fit classes on Tuesday mornings and evenings to burn off your excess baggage!

Once again, David Heath supplies the cover photo (it shows red alder which he says is the uncommon variation of the common white flowered variety and makes a very attractive shrub). David also provides one of his much appreciated humorous set of stories and several contributors provide articles of local interest. Indeed, there is much to digest in this issue, so please enjoy reading your copy of the Kingston magazine.

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Vicar's Letter

Jesus didn't give many commandments, but of the few he did, probably "love your neighbour as yourself" is the most famous - those of more mature years might even remember a television programme named after it!

But what does it actually mean? What are we supposed to do to those we encounter that qualifies as "loving" them?

Recently the church celebrated the life and work of the apostle Barnabas. His 'real' name was Joseph, but the other apostles nicknamed him Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement". Like any good nickname, it captured something true about him, so it stuck.

He encouraged the other apostles by giving generously out of his wealth.

He encouraged Saul (who became St. Paul) by welcoming him despite his past, when others shunned him.

He continued encouraging Saul by recognising his gifts, and including him in important work.

He encouraged Mark (who eventually wrote the Gospel) by keeping on believing in him despite early doubts and fears.

In all of this, Barnabas was actually obeying the commandment to love his neighbour as himself. He encouraged others to go beyond their fears and perceived limitations, and so to achieve great things.

We all know how good it is to receive encouragement, but we also know how easy it is to miss out on the opportunity to give it. Loving our neighbours as ourselves means doing to others what we would like them to do to us, including giving them the encouragement we would like to receive.

So let's be try to be Barnabas and Batnabas - sons and daughters of encouragement. Let's be generous to those in need; let's reach out to those who are marginalised, or afraid, and to those who others would rather avoid; let's try to pick up those who have fallen and give them back faith in themselves.

It only takes a moment to encourage someone, and doesn't cost anything, but it can make someone's day, and perhaps even change the course of their life!

Rev. Steve Day

Church Services for July

Sunday 1st July	Holy Communion 8.30am
Sunday 8th July	Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Sunday 15th July	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

1 st July	Linda Smith
8 th July	Lee Steele
15 th July	Christine Stone
22 nd July	Christine Allison
29 th July	Janet Clear

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 WOOD MANOR OPEN GARDENS JULY 1st 2 – 5pm

By kind invitation of Julian and Sara Metherell all are welcome to visit the gardens at Kingston Wood Manor on the afternoon of the 1st July. Teas and refreshments will be served. Admission £5; children free. (No dogs please.) All proceeds will go to Kingston Church Restoration Fund. Further information from Janet Clear or Lee Steele.

Departures and Arrivals

Sean Cunningham Farran (Kingston Studio, Church Lane – the old Chapel) is currently working abroad. We extend a warm welcome to Elinice Taborda and Nik Adams who have moved into Kingston Studio while he is away. We hope to see them at village events in the near future.



Roll Up, Roll Up

**Come and visit Kingston Church Fete at
South Sea House on 14th July 2018**

Gate opens at 2pm.

**Fete officially opened by Tumi Hawkins DC
at 2.30pm.**

Show your skills at the Games, including the Coconut Shy and Plate Smashing Stand.

Guess the Weight of a Lamb, with a prize for the nearest guess.

The Fancy Dress Parade Theme "Alice in Wonderland"

Judged by Tumi Hawkins at 3.30pm

Browse around the many stalls, including Jill's Art Stall.

Chance your luck on the Raffle, with a variety of prizes to choose from.

Finish the afternoon relaxing with Tea and Cake in the Thatched Barn.

If you would like to donate to the following Stalls,
all will be gratefully received by:-

Books	Peter Holly & Kay Forsythe
Bottle Tombola	Jack Diggie
Bric-a-Brac, Nearly New & Toys	Joan Reynolds
Cake & Produce	Suzy Stokes Linda Smith
Jewellery & Beauty Box	Joeeta & Jessica Murphy
Plants	Peter Reynolds Marion Leslie
Raffle	Lee Steele
Plate Smashing Stand all old crockery – No glass	Jack Diggie

The PCC would like to thank all who have volunteered to help run this event and for the generosity of everyone donating towards the Stalls etc.

We couldn't do this without you.

Kingston Church Fete Bric-a-brac

Please bring any household items, ornaments, pictures, clothing or toys for the Nearly New, Bric-a-Brac and Toy Stall to South Sea House between 10.30am and 12 noon on July 14th. If wished items can be collected beforehand by arrangement or can be left at "Pincote", Crane's Lane. Just ring . Only saleable items in good, clean condition please!

Thank you.

Joan Reynolds.

Books, Books, Books

Kay and I are in charge of the book stall at the Church Fete on July 14th. We are hoping that you have lots of books that we can sell on the day. High brow, low brow, all are welcome! If you would like us to collect your spare and unwanted books, DVDs and music (CDs and records) please don't hesitate to call us on 01223-264556. You can always drop them off at 2 Field Row. Many thanks! Peter Holly

"Booze and Old Crockery" Collection – Afternoon of Sunday 8th July.

In preparation for the village fete on July 14th, Chris Reid and Jack Diggle will be collecting bottles for the bottle stall and any old crockery you are looking to dispose of for the plate smashing stall. As always, your generosity in giving bottles (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) is hugely appreciated. If you are not around on Sunday 8th but want to donate feel free either to bring round to the Moat House one evening or bring along on the day of the fete itself.

Thank you,

Jack Diggle

Kingston Fete plant stall

Plants of any kind may be brought to Pincote, Crane's Lane, by the 8th July, preferably potted up and labelled. Also wanted: old garden tools and terracotta pots etc. Many thanks, Peter Reynolds.

William Henry Lovell 25th November 1924 – 9th April 2018

Rebecca Kinsey's address given at the Memorial Service at St Mary's, Fairford, on the 17th May.

William Henry Lovell. He wrote a recognisable and emphatic 'W. H. Lovell' in his signature; on answering the telephone a deep voice would announce 'Lovell here'; he was 'Bill' to family and friends; but to us, just plain 'Daddy'!

Born in Outwell in Norfolk, the third child of four, he had a strict, traditional upbringing, his father being a Police Sergeant and the head of the family, but his mother being the heart of the home. Raised and schooled in Rotherham, he left the Grammar School at the age of 16 and was employed by a local engineering firm as an apprentice: they were very good to him, allowing him time off to study engineering at Rotherham Technical College, which is where he would later take up employment. He was a keen athlete in his youth, winning many trophies for his endeavours with the Rotherham Harriers, including Yorkshire Junior Championship for cross-country running. Finding suitable footwear must have been a challenge in those days for his huge size 13 feet. He was a man of great stature, standing at 6' 3" so his enormous feet were not out of proportion with the rest of him.

Mum and Dad had known each other from school days, but first connected when they were both members of the Clifton Methodist Chapel. Love blossomed through their youth and they were married in March 1949. Their early married life was spent in Rotherham where their first daughter Susan arrived. Soon after, Dad was offered a position lecturing at Cambridge Technical College where he remained until he retired at the age of 58 as Principal Lecturer in Mechanical and Automobile Engineering.

Mum and Dad initially lived in Knapwell, and Mum still shudders to this day at the thought of it, as the rented thatched cottage was isolated and missed today's modern facilities of electricity and only had cold running water – but they managed! Along came their second and third daughters, Janet and Kathryn. With the expanding family, Dad had purchased a plot of land with the help of the bank of Mum & Dad and, with the assistance of friends from college, built their first home together, Cedar House, in Coton. They moved to their new home in 1954, complete with much needed modern conveniences for its time. There they remained for many years, adding to the family with Gillian and finally 10 years later, me! Rebecca. Five daughters! Enough to keep any man on his toes, and I'm sure we all did. Life with Dad was not always an easy one – this is not unique to our family alone as I'm sure many of you will acknowledge – he was a stubborn,

fiercely traditional, a 'do as I say and not as I do' sort of man: it was his way or his way. But this has made us the strong, independent, successful women that we are today. Although it was an unspoken word, we know he would be proud of all that we have become.

Two years after my arrival, the family moved to Tinkersfield, Kingston, in 1967, another self-build, a place where we know his heart lay. A place that to the day they left, over 40 years later, remained a 'work in progress' as he was always tinkering, building, making, designing and creating, all with the smell of St Bruno tobacco wafting from his pipe. Everything he did was self-taught – it was his passion. Something all of his daughters have pursued, as we are all creative in our own fields.

Both Mum and Dad integrated well into the community spirit in Kingston with Dad installing the central heating system in the village hall, crafting a church gate from oak and building a wall for the village church. I particularly remember warm sunny days spent at the church fete where we all had an active part to play in its success.

Music was another passion of his and he was an accomplished cellist. He would often meet with musical friends at Tinkersfield and play together well into the evening. Each of us was encouraged to take up a musical instrument: sadly we all failed him in that challenge (although we all have done or still participate in our local choirs, so music is in our bones too.)

It took a while for us all to fly the nest with the difference in ages – by the time I left, Mum and Dad were already grandparents as Susan and Janet were married and had started families of their own.

On his retirement, Dad had a lot of time on his hands. Never one to sit still for too long he busied himself even more in his creativity, expanding his overflowing workshop into a barn in the adjoining field, built with his own fair hands of course, to store his ever expanding stash of wood, tools and various curiosities. Dad never seemed to embrace domestic skills though, despite having five daughters to encourage him and Mum keen to relinquish some cooking duties occasionally: the closest he came to domesticity was the odd bit of washing up. He soon got bored of that and quickly installed a dishwasher to relieve him of those duties.

In 2012, Mum and Dad finally moved to Tile House, Fairford, a move Dad admitted was a huge wrench leaving Tinkersfield, but one that he eventually conceded was a good move for them both, making it easier for them in their twilight years. Along with their treasured possessions they brought Tinka, the

last of Dad's beloved dogs. Throughout our childhood we had always been surrounded by dogs – always Labradors of varying colours, and too many to name. If you had four paws you had a special place in his heart.

Shooting and fishing also featured as another of his pastimes, and I'm sure Mum has lost count of the number of game birds she's plucked and prepared or the number and variety of fish cooked. We were never short of a pheasant or two in the freezer and I'm surprised any of us have any teeth left after biting into lead shot whilst consuming Sunday lunch.

Anyone who visited Tinkersfield and latterly Tile House, will have known that Dad was a collector of 'things'. Nothing specific, nothing of huge value, just 'things' that only Dad could have found useful. In fact in a recent tidy up I found hundreds of batteries of all shapes and sizes that fit nothing in particular but Dad would have obtained these 'just in case'. Should anyone today require an obscure battery size, for an obscure appliance, please see me after as I'm sure we can do a good bulk deal.

So, here we are celebrating Dad's life and all that he was. His legacy will go on in his surviving wife Joyce, our mother, in his daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren: we give thanks for his life.

Rebecca Kinsey

Remembering Bill

Bill Lovell made a strong first impression: he was tall and strongly built; there was something austere about him, even slightly intimidating. But this impression would be misleading. He was in fact a remarkable man who gave so much to our village, and he was a kind and loyal friend.

The Lovells came to Kingston in 1967. Tinkersfield was a two-up two-down C19 brick cottage, which Bill transformed into a large, comfortable modern house, undertaking the design and build himself. Bill was a cousin of the Crows of Bourn and so already had a connection with the area. He and Joyce put down deep roots in Kingston and became involved in many aspects of village life: they were keen supporters of the Neighbours' Group; they faithfully attended Family Services at church; and they helped to make the redundant school into our Village Hall. Bill was one of the founders of Kingston's Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and became its coordinator, liaising with the local police and keeping everyone up to speed – he was an early adopter of information technology. With Jim Burnell he rebuilt the south wall of the churchyard stone by stone. Rather than demolish the decaying Village Hall shed Bill jacked it up off the ground so that a new base could be constructed, and added a new roof.

Bill was absolutely a countryman. There was always a selection of hazel thumb sticks at his door. He shot and fished; he grew fruit, and later planted about half an acre of his land at Tinkersfield with trees. He loved his Labradors, but they were first and foremost working dogs. Even the most boisterous of them – and I remember Sol in particular – were obedient to his commands. I'm not sure how but years ago Ainsley Harriott, the celebrity chef, acquired one of Bill's puppies. Although often asked Bill would never join a committee: he would agree with Groucho Marx that he wouldn't want to belong to a club which would have him as a member. He went further and often said that he didn't believe in democracy. Although deeply conservative he was something of an anarchist and distrusted all authority. He observed that it was so often the self-interested and downright inept who rose to power in all institutions, and that people were easily misled, often credulous or deluded. But his low opinion of humanity never became cynicism. He knew his own mind and was content in his own company. He didn't feel the need to advertise his opinions (which were often strong) but was willing to discuss anything and relished a proper intellectual debate. He could be a good listener if he felt it worthwhile, and he was a natural teacher, methodical and patient.

Bill enjoyed the challenge of complex projects and sometimes, it has to be said, liked to make things more complex than they needed to be: nobody but him would have constructed a barn using telegraph poles, with a hyperbolic paraboloid roof of plywood. There was nothing he couldn't turn his hand to; his workshop was extraordinary, with thousands – never mind hundreds – of tools of all kinds, to which he constantly added finds from his regular trips to the markets at Bury St Edmunds, Saffron Walden and St Neots.

Bill was raised as a non-conformist but worshipped in the Church of England. He was Choir Master at Coton. Typically, he would never join Kingston's PCC, but he was a faithful member of our congregation, as too Joyce of course. Bill was above all a thoughtful man. ('Let's think about this' was a stock phrase of his.) He took seriously the gospel message of Jesus Christ. He gave of his time and talents freely and generously. He and Joyce made a point of inviting newcomers to the village to their home. He was someone you could ask for and rely on for help. I remember when our hot water boiler started to leak he immediately came round and improvised a repair with Blu Tack and super-glue. He was a life-long supporter of the Salvation Army.

We will always remember Bill with the greatest respect and affection when we open his oak gate to the churchyard in Rectory Lane.

Peter Reynolds

Kingston's Glacial Clay

Kingston Parish consists mainly of heavy clay soils, as every walker knows only too well. Gault Clay, which is a Cretaceous rock, forms the lowest ground, except where it is overlain by gravels. Chalky Boulder Clay, a glacial deposit, forms most of the high ground and is the focus of this article.

The Chalky Boulder Clay is characterised by numerous stones of chalk among a miscellany of other rock fragments set in a stiff grey clay that is 10 to 20 metres thick in Kingston Parish. It was deposited by an enormous ice sheet that covered Britain as far south as St Albans three glaciations ago. This glaciation, known as the Anglian, started about 478,000 years ago and lasted for 50,000 years. Two subsequent glaciations did not reach this far south, although Kingston would have experienced prolonged tundra conditions and permafrost similar to northern Siberia and Canada today. Between the glaciations the climate would have heated up to be Mediterranean-like. The last glaciation ended around 12,000 years ago, after which the climate of Kingston warmed quite rapidly.

The Anglian ice sheet was an incredible one to two kilometres thick and ploughed slowly southwards picking up and grinding rocks along the way. Much of the country rock over which it passed was clay, hence the clayey nature of the deposit. It also passed over the chalk outcrop of East Anglia, Yorkshire and the North Sea basin picking up the numerous chalk fragments that characterise the boulder clay.

Other far-travelled rocks within the deposit include flints, Scottish red sandstones, brown Millstone Grit and fossiliferous limestones. Fossil oysters, the so-called "devil's toenails", are commonly found in the fields around Kingston carried here by the ice from Jurassic sediments further north. There are also some igneous and volcanic rocks in the boulder clay. Basalts may have come from Scotland or Northumberland and there are also igneous and metamorphic rocks of Scandinavian origin. These were probably not carried all the way from there by the ice sheet. More likely they were deposited in the North Sea basin in earlier glaciations or by icebergs calved from coastal glaciers and scooped up by the Anglian ice sheet.

Medieval farmers cleared the fields of large stones, incorporating many into buildings, most notably the church. "Field stone" churches are common in this area and the exterior walls of our church provide a fascinating representative sample of the stones in our boulder clay. Some stones have scratch marks (striations) where they have been ground against other hard rocks.

The soils that have developed in Chalky Boulder Clay are of outstanding quality for the production of winter sown crops (and also roses). This is because the high content of chalk flour binds clay particles to promote a good soil structure to the benefit of drainage and root penetration. The clay is also naturally rich in potassium. The Soil Survey of England and Wales have named these soils the Hanslope series and it was on these, at the Boxworth Experimental Husbandry Station, that a yield of 10 tonnes per hectare of winter wheat was first achieved.

Paul Wright

A Sun Dog Seen from Kingston

Did anyone else see the sun dog at sunset on Friday 18 May, the evening before the Royal Wedding? A sun dog (also known as a mock sun or parhelion) is a rare, but not extraordinary, phenomenon when a second or third “sun” is seen to the right and/or left of the real sun, usually at sunrise or sunset.

Sun dogs are caused by the refraction and scattering of light from ice crystals suspended in high and cold cirrus or cirrostratus clouds. The crystals act as prisms, bending the light rays passing through them. As the crystals gently float downwards sunlight is refracted horizontally, and sun dogs are seen to the left and right of the sun.

My image of the sun dog is partially obscured by trees but it is the bright light in the sky to the left of the real sun at the end of the tree line. I shared this with some of my former Kazakh team in Astana and they had seen a perfect sun dog a few weeks earlier. There the clear, dry atmosphere produced a remarkable picture.

In English folklore the most famous sun dog appeared in the Wars of the Roses in the early morning of the Battle of Mortimer's Cross in 1461. The appearance of three suns led the Yorkist commander (later Edward IV) to convince his initially frightened troops that it represented the Holy Trinity and three sons of the Duke of York. Inspired by such an auspicious sign, Edward's troops won a decisive victory. The event was dramatized by William Shakespeare in King Henry VI part 3 when Edward exclaims, “Dazzle mine eyes, or do I see three suns?” This event clearly had an impact on Edward, as he later incorporated the sun into his personal badge. *(See pictures opposite)*

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Cambridge Open Studios

Cambridge Open Studios is a flourishing community of nearly 500 artists, craftspeople and designer-makers working throughout Cambridgeshire.

Each weekend in July we invite the public to visit our workshops and studios as part of the annual Open Studios event. This provides an opportunity for you to see our work and find out about the techniques we use and the passions that inspire us. Dates for 2018 are July 7/8, 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29. You can find details at <https://www.camopenstudios.co.uk/>

New for 2018 is the COS App with full details of this year's Open Studios complete with a new interactive map to make it even easier to find the artists you want to visit.

Kingston Village Hall Upgrade Project Phase 2

Kingston celebrates completion of Phase 2 of Village Hall renovation

On Saturday evening, residents of Kingston celebrated the completion of the much-needed and exciting Phase 2 upgrade to their village hall with a party. The upgrade was only made possible through the generosity of three major providers. The majority of the project was funded by WREN's FCC Community Action Fund who provided £31,500. The project was pump-primed by Kingston Parish Council, who paid the 10.75% 'third party' contribution. A temporary cash-flow loan of £20,000 was taken out with Cambridgeshire ACRE. Without these funds the project would not have been possible, and the Kingston Village Hall Management Committee and village residents gratefully acknowledge the financial support from these groups.

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by waste and resource management company FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Cheryl Raynor, WREN's grant manager says: "It's wonderful to see something we have funded finally open and ready to make such a difference to local people. WREN is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that benefit local communities, and this is a great example of what can be achieved."

For more information about WREN funding contact Cheryl Raynor at cheryl.raynor@wren.org.uk or visit <http://www.wren.org.uk/>

Over 70 people attended the party, and residents enjoyed drinks in the company of village friends to celebrate the opening. Free drinks and excellent village-made canapes were quickly consumed on arrival of the guests, including sponsors, contractors involved in the renovation and local councillors. The upgraded hall was officially opened by David Heath (one of the oldest residents in the village and a regular attendee of pub nights and coffee mornings in the new hall) cutting a ribbon. The short ceremony was followed by a home-made pizza evening, where the profits were shared between the Village Hall and the 1st Hardwick and Highfields Scouts and Wildcat Explorer Scout Unit.

"The village hall is an essential part of our community as we have no pub or other public building where friends and neighbours can meet. We hope that residents will be encouraged to form new clubs and groups to make use of our hall and its new facilities". Mark Stalham, Village Hall Management Committee Chairman.

"A lovely venue. Thank you".

Henny Fenwick,
British Chelonia Group.

Kingston is a small but thriving community and having no pub or shop, much of its social life centres around the village hall.

The building was originally the village primary school and was purchased from Cambridgeshire County Council in 1977, and converted into a village hall. The Phase 1 upgrade, completed in October 2015, included an extension to provide a new kitchen, improved toilets, more

storage space, disabled access, and a new entrance lobby. Phase 2 concentrated on the old large hall: a new wooden floor, sound insulation boarding, new and refurbished windows, curtains to aid sound absorption and retain heat, new lighting and efficient radiators, electrical work and redecorating. The aim was retain

as much of the original look by retaining the painted walls on three sides of the hall and installing good quality oak boards for the floor. Most of the renovation was carried out by local craftsmen. In addition, a full set of padded, stackable chairs and new café-style small square tables now provide a more comfortable and convivial atmosphere. Use of the hall has increased since the renovations have been completed and the villagers are now once again proud of their community facility.



"As frequent users of the Village Hall, we are delighted with the improved facilities now available. It is a pleasure to take part in village activities in this splendid new environment."

Linda Rimmer (regular
attender of 'Pub Night').



"One of the best features of the newly refurbished village hall has been the acquisition of new tables and chairs. The shape of the tables is square and they stack, making them easier to handle and assemble into various conversational configurations for the monthly coffee mornings. These take place on the first Wednesday of each month and have a good turnout of villagers wanting a cup of coffee and a chat. The upholstered chairs are also a great improvement on the old hard plastic ones." Miki Ellar (organizer of monthly coffee morning).

"Having been running the annual Quiz and Chips in the Village Hall for the past ten years, it's wonderful to see the changes the Hall has undergone. The new floor and decor have really made a difference to make the space warm and welcoming - a great place to meet, to share and to have fun as a village." Helen Underwood (organizer of annual 'Quiz and Chips' night).

"The newly beautifully refurbished village hall provides us all with a safe, comfortable, light & airy space in which to practice our weekly core strength, flexibility & relaxation classes. The warm & tactile wooden flooring along with sunlight streaming in from the large windows creates a haven of calm, peace & tranquility enabling concentration on movement and relaxation for the mind as well as the body." Jacqueline Smith (fitness instructor).

"I joined Jacqueline's yoga classes a couple of months ago. It feels lovely to relax doing exercises in the newly renovated village hall in the company of the village friends (the alternative would be to drive to a commercial gym here or there). I am so glad the project has worked out." Asia Dunajska (fitness classes attender).

"The renovation work on the old hall has transformed the atmosphere and usability in the Village Hall. It is a bright, clean environment, and when full, the changes have meant that conversations are possible in a room that could suffer from "boomy" acoustics. It is a massive asset to the community and a lovely place to spend time with friends." John Easy.

Thank you to Mark

I am sure the village would like to join with the Village Hall Committee in thanking Mark Stalham for his sterling work as Chairman. He is stepping down after the successful completion of the building renovation. He saw through phases 1 and 2 of the project and found time to organise Pub Nights and BBQs. Mark has helped create a great and lasting asset for the Kingston community.

Sarah Wright

The Campaign to End Loneliness

We have launched a new movement – Be More Us.

We want to inspire millions of people to get involved and celebrate the small things that bring us together. But, we need your help.

Please watch and share our brand new film.

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YouTube - <https://youtu.be/Pm12mTIUJss>

What else can you do?

- Inform your networks about the *Be More Us* movement and encourage them to take part.
- Share any work you are doing that you feel demonstrates the values of *Be More Us*. Share content that shows how easy it can be for people to connect using hashtag #BeMoreUs
- Ask your supporters for tips and ideas for how we can all make connections.
- Share photos or vox pops of examples of your senior leaders sharing small moments of connection with others as part of *Be More Us*

Today is just the start of the *Be More Us* movement. We will be in touch in the coming weeks and months with more actions you can undertake and creative partnerships as part of *Be More Us*.

If you have any questions about *Be More Us* please contact me or the team in London at info@bemoreus.org.uk

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Cheap Food After Brexit?

How much are we willing to spend on food? The effective devaluation after the referendum has led to some inflationary price changes but there has been talk of cheaper food if the United Kingdom is able to trade freely.

In one historical study, over a period of around 500 years up to the early 20th Century, the proportion of wages spent on food fell only slightly, dropping from 80 to 76 per cent. But as farming modernised with better management, mechanisation, improved crop varieties and livestock breeding lines, prices fell more quickly. Over the last 100 years the amount British families spend on food has decreased to just 9 per cent of household income. By any retrospective reference, food is already exceptionally cheap.

The first crop to be grown under modern management methods was sugar cane. In 1226, Henry III placed an order for 3lb of sugar at Winchester Fair “if it could be had at one time”. Two hundred years later sugar was in mass production on the island of Madeira. An unforeseen consequence was the complete deforestation of the island within a short period of 70 years. Why were the forests cut down? Wood was needed to fire the boilers to purify the sugar. This example, seen with hindsight, is a warning of the hazard of ruthless cost-reduction without regard to the environmental, nutritional and social consequences, the latter in the case of Madeira including the use of refugee and slave labour. Today, from being an occasional luxury, sugar is a cheap commodity used to pad-out processed food to the extent that in the United States, individual sugar consumption stands at 76 lb per year, or 13 per cent of daily calories. This is probably four times the level at which a health risk is posed.

Meat has also dropped in price and as a consequence far more is consumed. A staggering statistic is that globally, from 1961 to the present day, the number of animals slaughtered for meat each year has risen from 8 to 64 billion.

The drop in the cost of food production has not always been passed on to the consumer. Quite a few years ago I was told by a director of a well-known upmarket supermarket that one half of their profit came from fresh food – clearly a case of exploitive pricing. Since then I have tended to avoid shopping there!

So back to the original question – will food be cheaper after Brexit? Some imported food may replace British products at reduced price but to counter that, farm subsidies will I suspect, be whittled away, possibly over quite a long period. The market economy has worked well in delivering technical and management innovation but as always it needs to be tempered by rules. Personally, while being a strong supporter of scientific farming, I do not want to see even cheaper food if this results in environmental damage and further animal cruelty in factory farms. In cases of genuine food poverty this country can surely afford to help families in other ways.

For those of you interested in this subject I can recommend a book by Raj Patel and Jason Moore entitled *'A History of the World in Seven Cheap Things'*, Verso 2018.

Simon Draper

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
July 1	Trinity 5	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	
July 8	Trinity 6	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
July 15	Trinity 7	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
July 22	Trinity 8	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
July 20	Trinity 9	10.30am Team Service at Graveley			
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

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Mineral resources around Kingston

Some footnotes to Paul Wright's informative article on local mineral resources in the May issue of the *Magazine*:

1. The Sweards – the small field adjacent to Toft Bridge – was awarded to Kingston's Surveyors of the King's Highways by the terms of the parish's Parliamentary Enclosure Act of 1810; the allotment, of 1 acre, 3 roods and 25 perches, was made in 1815 to provide 'a public stone, gravel and clay pit, to be used by them and by the proprietors and tenants of lands in the parish, for making and repairing awarded public and private roads and ways for their own use.' As I noted in my article in the June 2017 *Magazine*, there is no evidence that The Sweards was ever used for these purposes, and by the later C19 the land was being rented out by the Vestry for agricultural use. Kingston's own gravel pit was opposite the church and the quarry face is still extant in Keith and Chris Allison's garden behind Walnut Tree Cottage. It later became the parish's rubbish tip, which is why Peter and Clare Tibbitt's property, May House, had to have piled foundations when it was constructed.

2. Descending Claypit Hill from Kingston to Great Eversden you come to a right-angled bend in the road: the observant will have noticed that the house on the left-hand side here is called The Fox. It was indeed a public house, built early in the C19 for the workers at the quarry and brick pits nearby, both mentioned by Paul. This western end of the Eversdens would have been a hive of industrial activity in the C19. The Fox was owned by the brewers J and J E Philips and traded for about a hundred years. In *Quiet Lanes and Orchard Ends*, the book published by the Eversdens to celebrate the Millennium, there is a splendid photograph of two coprolite workers standing at the door of The Plough in Little Eversden. What the book doesn't tell us is that James 'Mott' Allgood and William 'Finkle' Rayner were actually Kingston men.



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3. Clunch was quarried in both Little and Great Eversden. It is likely that the clunch used in the rebuilding of our own church in Kingston in the late C15 came from one of these two pits. Clunch from Eversden was certainly used at Christ's College in 1501, at St John's College in the 1520s, at Corpus Christi in the 1580s, and at Trinity in the early C17. There were clunch pits also in Harlton, Haslingfield, Orwell and Barrington. The Barrington pit became the cement works which closed a few years ago. Clunch was quarried more intensively on the edge of the fens, in Reach, Burwell and Isleham, where lodes facilitated the transport of the stone by barges to Ely and King's Lynn. (Burwell's parish magazine is called *Clunch*). The pits at Haslingfield, Harlton and Orwell may be visited by public footpaths. The only working clunch quarry in the UK today is at Totternhoe in Bedfordshire.

4. Clunch wasn't used only as a building material; its soft consistency makes it easy to carve: Bishop Alcock's chantry chapel in Ely Cathedral is a *tour-de-force* of late C15 sculpture using this material.

5. In his book, *Medieval Bourn* (2008), the late David Baxter gives us evidence of medieval iron smelting in the upper Bourn Brook valley. Field deposits of iron slag and burnt clay have been found in Caxton and Caldecote, besides Bourn. According to Baxter the iron ore was quarried from the greensand below the boulder clay in a location south of the brook to the west of Caxton End. He goes on to suggest that the Moulton Hills – the three mounds at the north end of Alms Hill in Bourn – may be of industrial origin. J G Walker excavated the Moulton Hills in 1909 but his conclusion that they were constructed for Roman burials has long been discredited.

6. David Baxter's book also tells us that 'there was a pottery near Kingston Wood in the fifteenth century 'producing 'coarse ware', but that 'its site has yet to be found'. He says that *Porter's Way* is a corruption of *Potter's Way*. Could the pottery have been at Oliver Cromwell's Hole, that most mysterious feature on Porter's Way, just to the north of Kingston Wood? Legend has it that a tunnel runs from here to Kingston church...

Peter Reynolds



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Went for the Music and Came Back with a Book to Read

We recently returned for another dose of music at one of Toft's musical evenings and were far from disappointed. With the same folk-flavoured, acoustic, open-mike approach, we were treated to a melange of disparate tunes which only added strength to the evening's wares. The assortment of songs included '60s rock and roll (Joe Brown's "A Picture of You", the Coasters' "Love Potion No. 9", Neil Sedaka's "Breaking Up is Hard To Do" and the Kinks' "Sunny Afternoon"), Irish love songs ("Katie" and "Only a Woman's Heart"), classic standards ("Autumn Leaves" – a lovely French and English version – and Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah") and several blues tracks. Hiving off from the Kingston Blues Band, the Kingston Trio focused on Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac numbers, namely "Need Your Love So Bad" and "I Loved Another Woman" and a resounding version of Chris Rea's "The Road to Hell", providing further evidence of the band's ability to add their blues approach to enhance existing rock songs outside their usual fare. Kingston's own Ron Leslie, recently returned from a trip to Louisiana, chimed in on several numbers including "Forever Blue" (Chris Isaak), "Ain't No Sunshine" (Bill Withers), "Wayfaring Stranger" (Johnny Cash amongst others) and "Just Like Tom Thumb's Blues" (Bob Dylan). Towards the end of the evening Ron added a nice touch by singing Bob Dylan's "Billy", one of the tracks from the much ignored yet excellent soundtrack album from the Sam Peckinpah movie "Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid". Ron explained that he'd been led to this album by reading a new book by Ron Hansen, namely "The Kid", which, in turn, had been mentioned in James Lee Burke's new novel "Robicheaux" (recently reviewed in the pages of this magazine). So now I had an added bonus: a great evening's music and a new book to read.

Written in the staccato style of detective novels (no wonder James Lee Burke rates it) and full of well-researched, fact-based narrative (only the conversations are imagined – and even then they seem so authentic), the book is a great example of modern historical fiction (where the fiction disappears in the historical mix) that tells the story of Billy the Kid's life and his role in the Lincoln County War of the late 1870s in New Mexico Territory. Billy comes across as an enigmatic unfortunate: cold-blooded killer, yes, but probably not as much as his reputation would suggest. Definitely a ladies man, with good looks, a charming disposition and a love of dancing; much loved by his Mexican friends; and someone who cared for his dying mother, he happened to end up on the losing side in the Lincoln County War and from then on was hounded by what Hansen calls a "tangled web" of conniving politicians, thieving businessmen and lawmen-on-the-take, finally hounded to his death at the age of 21. Described as "ever smiling, witty, and genial when not riled by an injustice", when asked what he really wants, Billy responds, "To belong. To be liked. To be famous. To be feared". He achieved all of these goals except the first. And echoing Robicheaux, Hansen concludes by underscoring "an old vaquero saying...that there's a thin line between catching an outlaw and becoming one". Billy the Kid ended up on the wrong side of this line. Thanks, Ron, for recommending such a great read - and for helping to create another evening's great musical entertainment.

Peter Holly



Duckling Rescue Squad

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Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter

It's been another busy month in Westminster and at home! Much of my time has been, and continues to be, devoted to bringing about improvements to the Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) debacle which has led to so many constituents being severely inconvenienced by the changes to train timetables in May.

As you will know from previous newsletters, I liaised regularly with GTR and constituents in the months leading up to the timetable changes. But despite assurances from GTR that they were ready for the big switchover, they spectacularly failed to deliver on go live day (20th May) which has resulted in large numbers of constituents having their journeys cancelled or badly affected.

Within a few days of the difficulties becoming apparent, I met with GTR. I wanted to know what had gone so badly wrong and what they were going to do to put it right. The assurances they gave that we would see rapid improvement failed to materialise.

On the 4th June, I raised the issue with the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling during an Urgent Question in the House of Commons and on 5th June, met with Rail Minister, Jo Johnson, GTR senior management and a representative of the local Rail Users Group. I stated in unequivocal terms that GTR had to get a grip, restore reliability to the services, improve their poor communication and prepare to provide compensation, including specific compensation for additional costs being incurred by constituents.

I followed up by writing to the Rail Minister and GTR to summarise the actions I am expecting to be delivered and will be monitoring their performance very closely. To read more detail on what I have been doing, my letters and for up-to-date information, please see the dedicated page on my website <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/gtr>

In other news, last month I visited the children's ward and intensive care unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital. The staff do such a fantastic job but have been struggling to fill some of their vacancies because of limits on the number of visas which can be issued to doctors applying from overseas. Although it is welcome that the Government has announced five new training hospitals with the aim of making the NHS self-sufficient in terms of staffing by 2025, we need doctors now! You may have read in the press that the letter I wrote to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Health, with the support of signatures from colleagues appeared to do the trick! As I write this, we have literally just heard the news that doctors and nurses will now be exempt from this "Tier 2" visa system. An absolutely brilliant result!

On a warm June Saturday afternoon, I was pleased to attend Hinxton's Village Fete. Nothing quite signals that Summer is here more than a tombola and dodgy bric-a-brac purchase!

My husband Phil and I were transported back to Tudor times.....anything for a good cause! I'll no doubt be at a few fetes over the Summer, so if you spot Phil and I, do come and say hello.

On the 8th June, I visited Cottenham Fire Station to see the pass-out parade for the young people who had taken part in the Firebreak course.

This excellent project uses fire service drills and crew culture to develop team working skills and increase self-esteem and confidence in youngsters. The fire crew who ran it, talked passionately about the transformation they had seen in their students over the course of the week. Well done to everybody who took part!

The last month has also seen me continue my quest to visit all schools in my constituency, with visits to Caldecote, Elsworth and Harston and Newton Primary Schools. It is always such a pleasure to meet South Cambridgeshire's children with their fresh, ambitious young minds and the hard working staff who are developing those minds despite the daily funding pressures I know they face.

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, I will be holding a "by appointment" surgery on the 6th July (3-5pm) at The Hub in Cambourne. If you would like an appointment, please give my office a call on 01223 830087. My next "drop in" surgery will be on 4th August (11am -1pm) in Steeple Morden (venue will be posted on my website) where no appointment will be necessary. 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 on 01223 830037.

See you next month!

Orchards East

The University of East Anglia are heading up a project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, called 'Orchards East'. The project aims both to research and record old orchards, and to establish new community orchards, across the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Essex.

The initial survey work - which aims to establish the location and condition of surviving orchards - is being carried out by volunteers. We do not yet have any volunteers for your parish, and wondered whether you know of anybody who might be prepared to help? The work is straightforward and, we hope, enjoyable: volunteers are sent maps, a survey pack and full instructions, while a training day for volunteers in Cambridgeshire is planned for later in the summer.

We also wondered whether you might know if anyone had considered establishing a new community orchard, on any spare land in your parish. We are able to provide advice, assistance - and fruit trees.

Best wishes

Howard Jones, Project Manager Orchards East, School of History

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Book of the Month

“Dark Money” by Jane Mayer (Publisher: Scribe)

This is a must read for anyone who cares about democracy, which, according to what we read here, is under attack as never before. The place is the USA, the time is now, and the scare factor is off the charts. The central argument is that billionaire businessmen, led by the likes of brothers Charles and David Koch, have conspired to pool their limitless financial resources to buy the political process – all in their ideological and economic interests – seemingly without much opposition.

Mayer’s book has had such an impact in the USA that the Koch brothers have since launched a public relations exercise to repair the damage done to their image. Advertizing during the recent Super Bowl, the drive now is to separate their business activities (petroleum, chemicals, coal, etc) from the owners’ politics. Their business is the second largest private company in the USA with \$100 billion in annual revenues. While trying to repair their reputation, however, they continue their political machinations, just announcing that their ultra-conservative network is set to devote up to \$400 million to defend Republican majorities in Congress and support candidates in state and local elections, in addition to unknown patronage of recent tax reform. It is important to note that this is not a new phenomenon: it’s been going on for years. The Koch brothers have long been well-known for spending enormous sums of money to back ultra-conservative and libertarian politicians and causes. Only recently, however, has their financing begun to pay off big-time.

In danger of overreach on the part of these industrialists, Jane Mayer has cut through the secrecy these men have carefully cultivated and has given a full account of this formerly shadowy force. They characterize a country where, largely due to their activities, there is profound economic inequality, employee protections have been decimated, and state welfare virtually non-existent, while hedge-fund billionaires are lightly taxed and big businesses make huge profits at the expense of workers and the environment. Mayer sets herself the task of finding out how this has happened and who is behind it. In doing so, she exposes the network of billionaires trying to buy the US electoral system – and succeeding. Libertarian industrialists like the Kochs believe taxes are a tyranny and government oversight and regulation of business is a fundamental assault on freedom. Their creed is small government, low taxes and even less regulation. As a result, they have spent millions of dollars influencing politicians and voters, hi-jacking American democracy for their own ends. As Mayer points out, there is a nice confluence between their ideology and their bottom line – making more and more millions, which can then be spent on furthering their ideology. And no-one seems to be actively confronting this self-perpetuating circle. Moreover, over the last decade, much has been done to oil the cogs of this process. Step by step obstacles to their progress have been removed. For instance,

- The cap on contributions to the political process has been removed. Campaign finance has become an open sieve.
- In terms of campaign finance, the Kochs have learned how to merge all forms of political spending – campaign, lobbying, and philanthropic – into one investment aimed at paying huge future dividends to the donors. They run their political activities like they run their businesses; it's just the "profits" that are different.
- The EPA (Environment Protection Agency) has had its wings clipped. The Koch brothers are still smarting from EPA fines levied on their chemical businesses. Consequently, the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts have both been neutralized and money has been pumped into influencing the climate change/global warming debate. Guess where the Kochs stand on global warming.
- Political support groups have been allowed to become charitable organizations and to donate virtually unlimited sums to chosen political causes. The nice catch here is that by being charities, the donors can claim tax relief! Indeed, while the Koch brothers and others hide behind their philanthropic masks, tax-exempt charities are being used to fight for lower taxes.
- Higher education establishments have been influenced to spread the word of libertarianism.
- Obama's Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) was vilified from the outset (as was its progenitor). Branded as "statism", billionaire money was used to whip up the opposition of tea-party groups who swallowed whole-sale the misinformation pumped out by conservative think-tanks sponsored by the likes of the Koch brothers.
- The fossil fuels/fracking industry has received warm support from the billionaire network and its vast array of shadowy organizations.
- And it's not only national politics that have been the target: state and local elections have been the focus of intrigue and influence.
- All these activities have also been protected by changes in the membership of the Supreme Court that led to a sympathetic majority.

It is hard to be objective about the subject – and subjects – of "Dark Money". Mayer does point out that the same opportunities are open to the Democrats, but you can't help concluding that all the moves mentioned above suit the Republicans down to the ground. You can say that this is all happening in the USA and couldn't happen here. That's an open question. What with the recent machinations of Cambridge Analytica, Facebook, and possible intervention in the Brexit referendum, it seems that anything is possible.

Peter Holly

NOT ALWAYS EASY BY BIKE!

We have seen much in recent times of the way many courageous people have overcome shattering disabilities resulting from war wounds, accidents or birth defects by sheer determination against all odds. Many are brought to us by the media reporting on 'para' sporting events but I am thinking of those also by coping quietly with their difficulties as part of everyday living and adapt to their defects. Two such people remain in my memory of half a century ago when I was a keen member of the Cyclist's Touring Club, Cambridge Section.

First there was Maurice who suffered from a severe eye defect from birth. He once explained to me that his view of his surroundings was reduced to a tiny miniature as though he was looking through a pair of binoculars which were back to front. He was registered as blind but he managed eventually to learn Braille and was employed as a Braille Typist. Amazingly he had the pluck and will power to learn to ride a cycle and was often seen confidently pedalling around the busy streets of the City. Even more incredible to members he joined the C.T.C and took part regularly in our shorter rides for many years.

Maurice was well liked and, quite apart from his riding ability, he was famous for two memorable comments. It was our practice in those days, before reaching home on a ride to call in at a local inn for a pint of ale and a chat. One of those pubs was a cosy, one bar, establishment called The Hole in the Wall at Wilbraham. We were well known to the landlord and the friendly locals and on one occasion we were chatting away happily when suddenly Maurice stood up, pint in hand, and announced loudly "I WENT TO THE WOOLWORTH'S SALE YESTERDAY AND WAS STRUCK BY THE FOURPENNY TOILET ROLLS!" The laughter in the bar nearly brought the house down.

On evening rides our group often explored rough tracks and one evening our leader elected, rather unwisely, to lead us off the tarmac in the hilly country near Royston after some heavy rain earlier in the day. The track had turned into a steadily deteriorating quagmire and soon we were off our machines and dragging them through thick mud. Maurice was with us but he struggled on gamely without comment, pushing his rather heavy bike. Our wheels were clogging up with mud so badly that in a short time we were obliged to lift the machines clear and carry them. This was the last straw for Maurice and he slung his burden violently to the soggy ground and exclaimed "WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO YOU GENTLEMEN IF I HAD KNOWN I WOULD NOT HAVE COME!" Cheered by this remark, we reached the road bedrugged but happy.

Then there was Lawrence. He suffered from what I believe was a mild form of Down's Syndrome and a "possibly connected" stutter which seemed to make him more developmentally disabled than he actually was. He took to cycling with the encouragement of his parents and he possessed a fine lightweight cycle on which he

doted. For many years he was a keen member of the Cambridge C.T.C and was able to keep up well with his contemporaries in long distant events.

Not long after the end of WW2 Ann, my wife, and I arranged with Fred Peterken to take a fortnight's circular cycling tour of Holland. I cycled with Fred for several decades and after retirement he purchased Orchard Cottage in Cranes Lane Kingston where he lived for six years. Lawrence's parents got wind of our plans and asked us to take Lawrence with us. We agreed, rather reluctantly it must be admitted, but he proved no real problem. However his presence did provide us with many amusing though often embarrassing moments, one of which I describe here.

Holland is a great country for cycle touring through its strange, waterway rich, scenery. We were near the end of a long but easy riding day when Ann decided she wanted a short rest and we stopped on a small bridge over a shallow stream which was probably a canal tributary. 'Ann, Fred and I dismounted but Lawrence, always one for pushing on, elected to stay on his cycle with one foot on the ground and the other on the top of a very low parapet at the side of the road. He suddenly yelped and we looked over as he lost his balance sideways, still on his machine as though in slow motion, and splashed into two feet of flowing water. It took a few minutes to get him and tangled bike out looking rather wet and rueful. Ann in a misguided attempt to offer comfort said, "Never mind, have a good swear" and in response Lawrence let out a torrent of expletives which would have made a sailor blush.

We assisted in a socks and shorts changing operation, substituting the shorts for his rain gear leggings and he insisted in tying the wet and muddy shorts on top of his saddlebag so that the legs could stream out in the wind as we rode. When a gloomy old guesthouse was reached we booked in and were offered a light meal. Lawrence was very anxious about drying his shorts but we said let's eat first and study our phrasebook for the appropriate words as the elderly proprietor could not speak English. Lawrence could not wait and rushed out before we were ready but we followed in a few minutes into a dark hall to see Lawrence waving his damp and muddy garment in the face of our Dutch host who was cowering back looking rather frightened. Lawrence was shouting, "P,P,PLEASE W,W,WILL YOU D,DRY THESE S,S,SHORTS FOR M,ME?" His theory was that if one shouted loudly enough in English to a foreigner the latter would understand. Fred, phrasebook in hand, came to the rescue and the emergency was resolved.

Dave Heath

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Kingston Music Club – July 5 - Bring Out Your Vinyl From the Loft!

The first Music Club Evening is on Thursday 5 July and Peter Holly will be presenting a programme of music released on vinyl. So no doubt nostalgia will be to the fore! We will also have a brief look at vinyl album artwork some of which was ground-breaking. We have reserved 30 minutes to play music people may wish to bring along – there is no obligation to do this but some may like to. We will be able to play vinyl and mp3 recordings via a USB stick (not CDs). An alternative is to ask in advance for a particular piece of music which I can then download from Spotify (email: srdraper_bios@hotmail.com). Spotify is pretty near full-proof with comprehensive coverage of all genres. We cannot use Spotify 'live' as we do not yet have Internet connectivity. Both Peter and I as co-organisers are looking forward to the first meeting and hope many of you will come along and help us launch the new Music Club.

Simon Draper

Michael Black and Family

The Black family got together to mark Michael's 90th on Saturday 9th June, following his birthday on June 7th. True to the man, it was a quiet affair involving a nice bottle of red wine. The sun shone and the roses in his Kingston garden are particularly splendid this year.

Matthew Lee [Michael's son-in-law, who took the photo].





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