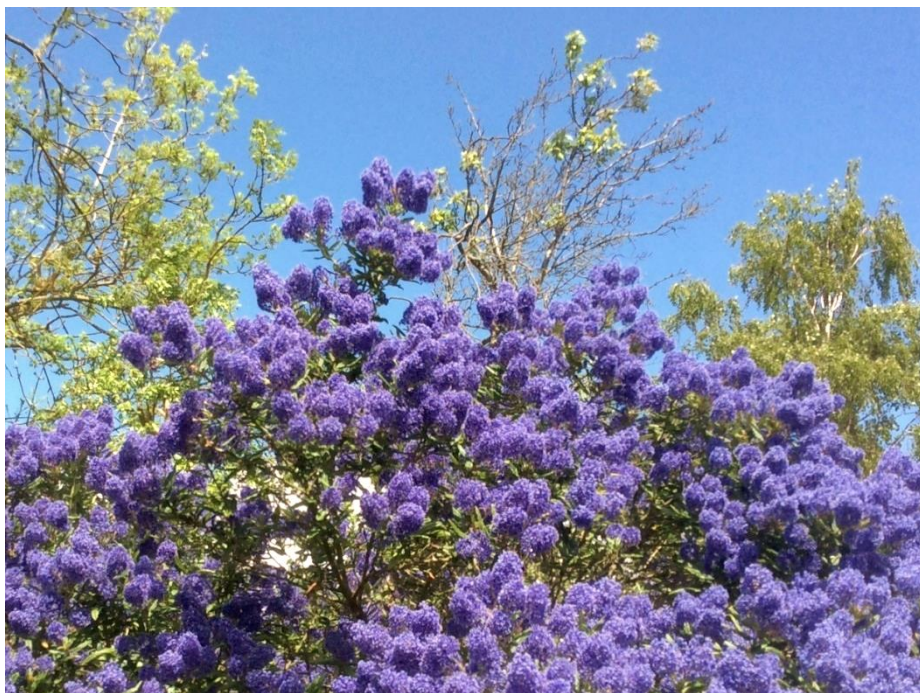


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**June 2018**

## Village Diary

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Village Pub Night – Village Hall, 6pm-10pm
	Village Hall Phase 2 Grand Opening
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am
Tuesdays 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , & 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Core Fitness Class, 10.00am & 7.15pm
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Kingston Wood Manor open gardens
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Fete – South Sea House

## Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Black bin
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Black bin

## Editorial

It's exciting that the Village Hall Phase 2 Grand Opening is about to take place. The members of the Village Hall Committee who have spearheaded this initiative deserve a lot of thanks for all the effort they have put into getting the project brought to fruition. Particular credit must go to Mark Stalham for his unstinting personal efforts on behalf of the renovation work. And now we can all enjoy the fruits of their labour, starting with this month's combined pub night and opening ceremony.

Another outstanding local effort was the Auction of Promises held on April 27<sup>th</sup> in aid of All Saints and St Andrews Church. With many local contributions being on offer, the auction was a resounding success and raised in the region of £4,000. About 60 people attended the auction although sealed bids were also received from folks who could not attend. Many thanks are due to Torrie Smith (auctioneer), to Lee Steele and Jill Coleman for organizing the event, and to all those who provided the excellent refreshments. Both these events are rich testimony to how far Kingstonians are willing to go to improve their village and its facilities. And now we can look forward to the Kingston Wood Open Garden and Afternoon Tea on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> and the Kingston Church Fete at South Sea House on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Peter Holly [pjholly45@gmail.com](mailto:pjholly45@gmail.com) 01223 264 556

## Vicar's Letter

Recently I went to see the latest Marvel film, Avengers: Infinity War. It was a great visual feast - but it is also a bit more serious than earlier films in the franchise, and it got me thinking.

The Avengers, and the various others who joined them in this film, are complete fantasy, with impossible attributes and highly improbable technology, but in lots of ways they mirror the real world.

They all have different abilities and weaknesses. They frequently get jealous of each other, argue and fall out, and have big trust issues.

But they also watch out for one another, put themselves in harms way to save each other, and suffer when their friends suffer.

Above all, they only succeed when they work together.

Take away the superpowers and supervillains, and you have a human community. We have our individual strengths and weaknesses, likes and dislikes. We have the people we get on with, and those we don't. But in the end, if we are to build and maintain a successful and supportive community, we must put aside distrust and dislike, and all work together.

The church has recently celebrated Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday, both of which express this idea in different ways.

At Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit took a multicultural, multilingual, multi-ethnic crowd, and united them into the church which, despite horrific persecution, survived and thrived. On Trinity Sunday, we are reminded that in the Bible, God is revealed as three persons - the perfect community, united in love - as a model for our relationships with each other.

Unusually, the film doesn't have a neat conclusion, but ends on a dark note - all to be resolved in the sequel next year.

Real life doesn't come in neatly rounded episodes either. Alongside pleasure and laughter, it has its dark times. What gets us from day to day, and through the dark times, is the support of family and community.

The church is the imperfect, not-at-all superhuman community of those who try to live the Way of Jesus in the strength of the Holy Spirit. We often need God's forgiveness, but we know that is always available. We know that it is only together that we can ever succeed. We have the guarantee of a great sequel. You are welcome on our journey.

***Revd. Steve Day***

## Church Services for June

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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June Evening Prayer 6.00pm**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 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

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Miki Ellar
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Henrietta Burbridge
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Joan Reynolds
24 <sup>th</sup> June	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.

## Music at church services

Of those who responded last year to the PCC's 'survey monkey' question 'What would make you attend church more?' most agreed three things: (i) larger congregations; (ii) more music; and (iii) live music. In fact, for at least the last 6 months we have had the services of Patrick Daily of Papworth or Dorothy Richards of Knapwell, playing the organ at our Family Services. Recently James and Janet Clear have given the church a Yamaha Clavinova, an electric/digital keyboard/synthesizer of exceptional capabilities (as Patrick says playing it is like attempting to fly Concorde). Occasionally our Ridley Hall placement ordinand Will Talbot brings his guitar. So, no shortage of music then. As regards (i) above, is it stating the obvious to suggest that congregations might get larger if more people actually came along? Everyone is always welcome!

## **Kingston Wood Manor Open Gardens July 1st**

The gardens at Kingston Wood Manor will be open on July 1<sup>st</sup>, between 2 and 5pm, by kind invitation of Julian and Sara Metherell, with all proceeds made on the day to go to our church's restoration fund. The location is stunning – a medieval moated manor house surrounded by woodland – and the four acres of gardens have never looked better, following a recent programme of replanting. Teas and refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Further information from Janet Clear or Lee Steele.

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Come and celebrate the completion of the renovation work to the large hall with a glass or two of fizz

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We look forward to welcoming you to the fantastic new facilities in June

**Tithe Barn Theatre** Thurs 14 June 6.30-7.15pm  
at Tithe Barn, Waterbeach Rd, Landbeach, CB25 9FA.

Shakespeare's comedy 'A Midsummer Night's dream' performed by the Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts. Free.

<http://www.tithebarntrust.org.uk> 07986 717958

## **Chimney Sweep in Kingston**

### **Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th June**

The chimney sweep will be in Kingston on these two days. He has held his price once again from last year, which includes a discount for Kingston residents.

If you would like to have your chimney(s) swept or want further details, please contact me asap.

Pat Draper, Rose Hide House, Church Lane, Kingston  
tel. 262842

## **Important Announcement Concerning Kingston Barns**

Having met with Martin Jackson and Jackie Day for a second time, I can now announce the following:

- The new development will be open for business on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- On Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> there will be an Open Afternoon from 2pm-4pm to which all villagers are invited. The Kingston Blues Band will be playing at the event, invitations to which will be hand-delivered to all homes in the village nearer the time.
- Interested villagers are asked to apply for two positions connected to the operational side of the development: a housekeeper/manager and a cleaner are both required to ensure the smooth running of the units.
- Kingston Barns will be included in the Rural Retreats brochure that features high-end holiday lets in unique settings across the UK.
- When open for business, the development will be ideal for family retreats, anniversaries, reunions, etc. If all four units are booked together, a function area will also be available for gatherings. Remember that all the units offer five-star accommodation. Prices will be published soon.
- Kingston Barns has a Facebook page that will have more information.
- In the meantime villagers are asked to contact Martin and Jackie with ideas and suggestions either by email, phone or by walk-in visits. Jackie can be contacted by telephone (01223 264520) and email ([enquiries@kingstonbarns.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kingstonbarns.co.uk)).

***Peter Holly***

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
June 3	Trinity 1	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A + Baptism	
June 10	Trinity 2	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
June 17	Trinity 3	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
June 24	Trinity 4	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
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			

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



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### Madingley Hall, CB23 8AQ - Open Garden for NGS -

Sun 10 June 2.30-5.30pm.

8 acres landscaped by Capability Brown with landscaped walled garden, hazel walk, alpine bed, medicinal border, rose pergola, & hardy plants. Plants for sale in the courtyard. Admission £5, Child free. Home-made teas at Madingley Church.



## Balsam Pulling in Bourn Brook

Plans are afoot to wade the Bourn Brook again this year to pull yet more Himalayan balsam. All the proposed dates are here:

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

along with further information about the continuing work on the brook.

We will also be treating giant hogweed on the brook between Bourn and Toft, so you may see someone in the brook spraying this month and again in September.

We have contacted all the landowners that we have details for, but we would be very grateful if this could be circulated in case we have missed anyone. If there are any concerns about this work please contact us.

If anyone is willing to help with the balsam pulling effort, that would be fantastic too!


Ruth Hawksley

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## Enjoying the Fresh Air

Now that the weather has improved, these photos show a local family enjoying the fresh air of springtime at Kingston playground. The family are Femke and James Cole of Cranes Lane and the children are Emily aged two years and Finn aged one year. The photos were taken by David Heath who also provided the lovely cover photo.



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## Civil Defence at Wainstones

When we came to live in Kingston in the early '70s there was still a Post Office at the cottage currently owned by the Stokes' in Church Lane. But a few weeks after we arrived the house changed hands and the PO closed. And thereby hangs a tale, definitely unknown to recent village residents. And perhaps also to "old timers", some of whom may remember that my husband served as chair of the Parish Council for a number of years.

In that capacity and because we now had no PO, he was approached by the Home Office in the person of Chief Constable Kane of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, to be the holder of UKWMO (United Kingdom Warning and Monitoring Organization) equipment. This consisted of a black box near the phone and a large device with a wind-up handle used to produce a siren effect. He also received at this time an invitation to attend training in the use of the system as there would be regular tests to monitor. This was in 1982 when the Cold War was on and nuclear attack was perceived as a potential threat.

I have no memory of David's training and the system which operated in 20,000 telephone exchanges in the country (and our house!) remained in place until 1993 with "modernization" in 1986. I well remember receiving letters at intervals telling us we would have to "stand by" the phone and await test instructions. Thankfully we only ever had tests and never the dreaded call that we were under attack, as that was the reason for the siren, which we were supposed to use to alert villagers. If this all sounds very "Dad's Army", it was, but the fact we only had 4 minutes to alert the populace was a bit frightening.

In any event, in early 1993, we received a letter from none other than Kenneth Clarke at the Home Office standing us down and thanking us for our service. Apparently the "ending of the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the break-up of the Soviet Union and the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact" had led to a "new spirit of conciliation with our former adversaries". So now we could have new arrangements based on radio and TV.

So there you have it. Our small part in Britain's civil defence was over and all equipment duly collected. My husband used to joke that with only 4 minutes to spare, the blast on that siren would be mighty short!!!

***Miki Ellar***

## District Councillor News

Please note that I provide a full report to the Parish Council at its monthly meeting, so please check out the meeting minutes or my blog for more details on the items discussed below.



### Election 2018 Update

I am pleased to be elected as District Councillor for the enlarged Caldecote Ward, with 58% of votes cast by Ward residents. Turn out was 45.49% which is good for a local election.

History was made as the LibDems group now have control of South Cambridgeshire District Council for the first time in the history of the Council created in 1973. It has been run by the Conservatives since 1992. The two thirds majority of the last year was overturned by a two thirds LibDems majority this year, having won 30 of the 45 seats, reduced from 57 and new ward boundaries. Independents have 2 and Labour have 2 councillors.

### Seats by party

Party	Seats	Council majority
Conservative	11	
Green	0	
Independent	2	
Labour	2	
Liberal Democrat	30	
UK Independence Party	0	

A big thank you to all who took the time to vote. If you want to see me doing a happy dance at the election count as seen on BBC national news, check out this Facebook post <http://bit.ly/Election2018Result> or my blog.

### Governance

By the time you get this news, the period of transition of control from the Conservative to the Liberal Democrat group will be complete. It is a new territory for everyone concerned but to keep things as smooth as possible, the new administration intends to continue implementing the policies already in place, much as it might be irksome. As

long as we don't find a note saying there's no money left in the account, we should be ok!!

However, we will be making policy changes as appropriate, over the coming months and years, as we roll out LibDem policies. We cannot reverse the damage already done by the previous administration's policies, e.g delayed local plan, lack of 5-year housing land supply leading to speculative development blight, potential Bourn Airfield development etc. But we aim to limit the damage and try to move the district forward in a more positive direction, engaging and listening properly to our residents and taking your concerns seriously. So please bear with us as we find our feet.

### **Draft Local Plan & Bourn Airfield Development (BAD)- Update**

We are still waiting for the Planning Inspector's pronouncement following submission of the last consultation's responses back in March. We hope to bring this 4-year wait to a conclusion as soon as possible.

### **Superfast Broadband**

I cannot repeat this enough, there is a Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) network in Caldecote. Let no-one tell you otherwise.

If you are having trouble getting superfast broadband from your supplier and cannot order because the "computer says no", or your order abandoned, or you are unsure if you can get superfast broadband, especially if you are with a non-BT supplier, first use the BT checker at <http://bit.ly/BTBroadbandChecker> to see if your address is registered on the BT system.

If it is showing your address as unable to order, then please contact me by email ([tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk](mailto:tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk)) and provide the following information:

Your Name, house number, street name, postcode, tel number, supplier, order number (if any), reason for being refused an order, and any other comment that is relevant.

It's not a quick fix of a few days, could potentially be few weeks depending on the specific challenge with your address. But it is fixable.

### **Transport - The Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) Busway**

This one rumbles on slowly, although I think it's been stuck in a jam for a while!

Transport in the Cambridgeshire area is now under the remit of the Mayor. He has pronounced that the Greater Cambridge Partnership cannot implement this busway without his say-so. He also wants his proposal for a metro system thoroughly examined first before a decision is made on bus or metro!

Considering this busway project was being rushed through in order to convince the Planning Inspector that a transport strategy for Bourn Airfield development is viable, one wonders just what the Inspector will make of this latest fiasco.

### **Bin Collection Update**

Please check the council website regularly for updates at

<https://www.scamb.gov.uk/bin-collection-service-announcements>

Please report missed bins immediately or at least by 3.30pm the day after the scheduled collection, so that the Council can arrange to re-collect it. Go to the council website at <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/recycling> to make the report. If you need a second blue bin, you can request one and it will be provided free of charge.

**Community Forum - Caldecote Facebook Group** is the place to get connected to find out and join in what's happening in the village. If you are a newcomer to the village, it's a good place to start. To join, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/caldecote/> and request to join. If you don't have a FB account, it is easy to set one up just for this purpose. One of the four admins will message you directly on FB to verify that you are a bona-fide resident before adding you to the group. Please answer the screening questions to assist admins in dealing with the request. Group admins contact is [caldecotefacebookgroup@gmail.com](mailto:caldecotefacebookgroup@gmail.com).

### **Here to Help You**

Please feel free to contact me in the usual ways if you need help with South Cambs council services (planning, housing, housing repairs, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health, noise nuisance, etc).

You can also contact me by phone 210840, email [tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk](mailto:tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk),

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<https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/>, and on my Contact Me page on my website [www.tumihawkins.org.uk](http://www.tumihawkins.org.uk). I also post up articles on my blog from time to time, so check it out for details of some of the items I have touched on here.

## **Wimpole History Festival** at Wimpole Estate SG8 0BW

**Fri 22 – Sun 24 June** 10.00am – 9.00pm

The weekend will include:

Talks and book signings, Debates, Performances, Interactive living history through the ages, Falconry, Archery, Historical walking tours, Workshops, food and craft village, Battle of Britain Memorial fly-pasts, Scything festival, Ceilidh, children's events and activities including sword school, Mad Science.

Booking essential, prices between £7-£15, parking £2 for non-National-Trust-members. A ticket to a festival event gives you free access to the Wimpole Estate which includes Hall, Home Farm and Gardens. For full details and booking see

<http://www.wimpolehistoryfestival.com/>



## Kingston Church Fete South Sea House - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Gate opens at 2pm.

Fete officially opened by Tumi Hawkins DC  
at 2.30pm.

We are in the process of organising Kingston's Biennial Church Fete.  
There will be a variety of Games, Stalls and Refreshments.  
Fancy Dress Parade theme will be **Alice in Wonderland**

**All contributions towards the stalls marked \*\*\* will be gratefully received.**

Also any chipped or cracked crockery for the Plate Smashing Stall  
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<u>Stall</u>	<u>Stallholder</u>
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<b>Bottle Tombola ***</b>	Jack Diggle
Bran Tub	Donal O'Donnell
<b>Bric-a-Brac, Nearly New &amp; Toys ***</b>	Joan Reynolds & Team
<b>Cake &amp; Produce ***</b>	Suzy Stokes & Linda Smith
Assorted Games	Jack Diggle & Team
Guess the Weight of the Lamb	Mark Steele
<b>Jewellery &amp; Beauty Box ***</b>	Joeeta & Jessica Murphy
<b>Plants ***</b>	Peter Reynolds & Marion Leslie
<b>Raffle ***</b>	Lee Steele
Refreshments & information contact	Janet Clear & Team

Further information will be in the July Magazine

## Kingston: The Friendly Village

Those that say that Kingston is a friendly village are right. It is so because it is large enough to be viable, but small enough for everyone to get to know each other. Being on the Wimpole Way, a green lung for Cambridge, we welcome and enjoy the many horse-riders, cyclists, dog walkers, and parents with little children who come by each day.

*Joan Reynolds*

## Scam Warning

I have been urged by a resident to share their recent experience of an on-line fraud attempt:

A telephone caller says they are from 'BT Openreach', that they have been monitoring your internet and can see that it has been dropping out (or some similar story about computer problems). They offer to 'fix' it for you on the phone. They may ask you to press certain keys on your computer, or download software that enables them to take control of your computer. It is not quite clear what happens next or how this benefits the fraudsters but clearly we need to be alert to such calls.

I am passing this on as this is not the first time Kingston residents have received such calls. However in general (and in the interests of avoiding email overload) I do not use this mailing list to pass on news of scams, frauds etc which are presumably nation-wide and not restricted to Kingston. They are well-reported and publicised elsewhere. However if any of you would like me to circulate such reports as I receive them please let me know.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with the latest tricks I recommend:

For scams and frauds: Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

You may also consider subscribing to eCops: <https://www.ecops.org.uk/>. By registering with them you will receive regular emailed reports of local crimes (the ones I circulate, and many others which I don't!) and also the latest frauds etc from Action Fraud.

For urban legends, mis-information, myths and other hoaxes: Snopes is excellent at <https://www.snopes.com/>. The next time you receive an email passed on by a well-meaning friend saying 'DO THIS! Or DON'T DO THAT! YOUR COMPUTER WILL EXPLODE! YOU WILL BE CHLOROFORMED AND KIDNAPPED!!! THIS IS REALLY TRUE!! TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!!!!' try checking it out on Snopes – it usually turns out to be a re-cycled hoax.

*Peter Stokes*



## **THE NEW KINGSTON MUSIC CLUB – EVERYONE WELCOME – JULY 5TH**

We have had an excellent response to the note placed in last month's magazine suggesting that we might have a monthly or bi-monthly evening get-together in the recently renovated Village Hall to enjoy recorded music with a different theme or perhaps several selected themes each evening. Peter Holly has agreed to put together the first programme which will include a nostalgic look back at recordings on vinyl. We will also include a short 5 minute presentation on the graphics and artwork of vinyl covers which in its day was ground-breaking. The bar will be open and we will of course use the new, more comfortable, seating and the café-style tables. We will start at 8pm and finish at around 9.30, cognisant of the fact that some people have to go to work in the morning!

*Simon Draper*

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## Music, Music, Music

To get you in the mood for the new Kingston Music Club, here are Jill Coleman's fascinating musings on her musical memories.

## Memories with Music

*Reason to Believe/Maggie May/You've Got a Friend* – Rod Stewart and James Taylor  
Sitting in the Southampton Arms in Camden out of sight of the bar, these came on the juke box. It meant three friends who had been travelling Europe for the summer were back wanting jobs! We had been close before they went and nothing had changed. Another hilarious lunch hour.

*Nessun Dorma* – Pavarotti

Sitting in Hyde Park on a wonderful sunny afternoon listening to him running through the concert for rehearsal, magical. At 6.45 the heavens opened and around 100,000 people including royalty got soaked! My friend had brought plastic bags in case and was handing them out to people around us! Still a wonderful evening despite the rain!

*Summer Side of Life* – Gordon Lightfoot

One of my travelling friends introduced me to GL's music at the Albert Hall in 1970 and he has stayed a favourite ever since but the track feels like summer; rather appropriate right now. Years later visiting a friend in Toronto she told me that GL's wife had been her midwife.

*Calling All Workers* – Eric Coates

Lying in bed with Glandular Fever in 1957 listening to the Home Service programme Music While You Work. It was a hot summer and all the doors and windows in the house were wide open so I could hear



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above the music all the daily noises of the country and smell the smells of horses and cattle. My Labrador Shandy was allowed to come in my room to keep me company.

*D-Day Dodgers – The Yetties*

Sung to the tune of Lili Marlene. About the army going up through Italy during D-Day. Lady Astor referred to them in Parliament as Dodgers! Dusty and I listened to the Tatties describing how they had pulled up in their van at the front of the Guildhall only to be told they needed to be at the back. An hilarious description of the Cambridge one way system at the time!

*Georgia On My Mind/Miss Otis Regrets – Jon Betmead*

Jon Betmead was a local folk singer who was asked to support Julie Felix at the Arts Theatre. His gentle renderings of the two songs, long time favourites of mine, were magical. Miss F was not!

*Let It Be Me – The Everly Brothers*

Dancing at the back of the raised section in the Corn Exchange when they came in the late eighties. Dusty and I were there with another couple and Julie and I were having a great time living. The whole atmosphere was electric. I loved almost all their music but this is a particular favourite.

*Route 66 – The Rolling Stones (with Winnie the Pooh)*

A crazy evening in 1969 just before I moved to London, drinking wine, listening to the Stones and reading Winnie the Pooh out loud with a boyfriend from Writtle Ag. You can't imagine what fun it was!

*The Bravest – Tom Paxton*

Of all the wonderful songs I have heard him sing this one still brings a lump to my throat. "they were pounding up the stairs as we came running down"; it is about the firemen and their sacrifice at 9/11. This was the last of several Tom Paxton concerts I went to with Dusty over nearly 40 years.

*Jerusalem – Hubert Parry/William Blake*

Ten years working as an Honorary Steward at Twickenham come straight back to mind when I hear this anthem. Standing among 85,000 people singing, not necessarily in tune nor in time, is an awesome sound. You can feel the noise as well as hear. Flower of Scotland, Ireland, etc along with Swing Low all sound so much better in that crowd. I was lucky enough to hear the Stones twice, The Eagles, Rod Stewart, Iron Maiden among many others and see some sensational rugby matches but to be a part of the day when Twickenham and the Rugby Football Union raised over £1M at the start of Help for Heroes was probably one of the best occasions of my life.

**Jill Coleman**

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We are looking for someone with well developed IT/Website skills to create a dedicated website for Kingston Church.

The website is expected to include content embracing both church life and the fabulous history of Kingston Church which it is intended to bring to a much wider audience over the coming years; plans include a Kingston Church Arts and History Festival and a Wall Paintings Interpretation Project.

The intention is to use Wordpress, probably coupled with one of the more sophisticated Plug-ins developed for church websites.

We need a dynamic, interactive, website which once developed can be easily updated by users.

The website will need to embrace a Content Management System and is likely to include features such as scrolling images, a calendar function, online booking for events, podcasts and a sales facility for publications.

This opportunity might appeal to one of the younger residents of the village with a strong interest in IT/Design.

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## Parish Council News

**Parish Council Elections:** The parish council has now co-opted two further members. The complete council now comprises:

James Clear, Chair

Julie Conder, Vice-chair

Miki Ellar, Sue Dalglish and Katherine Reid, Councillors

**Annual Parish Meeting:** the meeting was held in the village hall on 17 May. The minutes will be published shortly on the village website.

**Data Protection and the parish emailing list:**

Practically all of you have now confirmed you wish to remain included on the email circulation list. If you are not receiving regular emails from me you are not on the list. Please let me know if you would like to be included by sending an email to [kingstonpc.cambridge@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonpc.cambridge@gmail.com). You can of course unsubscribe at any time.

**Litter bin at playground:** You may have noticed that this bin has migrated a couple of metres into the hedge. In its previous position it was regularly pushed over by heavy goods vehicles turning round at the top of Crane's Lane. We hope that it will be less vulnerable in its new position.

*Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk*

## Playing in Louisiana

The accompanying photo is of us playing some blues in Clementines in New Iberia LA. I know that some readers of the Kingston Magazine may have heard of Clementines before – it's the bar where James Lee Burke's character Dave Robicheaux hangs out in the books that have been featured in the magazine!

My friend Mark Warner's band (The Road Doc Review) was playing there on a Friday night and invited Val Sinclair (from Toft, who was in LA with us) and me to play along with the band on some numbers. Great fun!

*Ron Leslie*



## Book of the Month

Captain Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernieres (Publisher: Vintage)

### **"All Ambition and No Ideals"**

Since the publication of this world-wide best-seller in 1994 I must have read over two thousand books (an average of, say, two a week) and not got to this one. It has always been on my mental list of books to read but I could never find a pressing reason to read it – until now. Given my recent interest (obsession?) with Italy in the Second World War, Captain Corelli's Mandolin was a natural to satisfy my thirst. And it was well worth the wait. It's a great book which must be one of my top five reads ever – really!

The plot mirrors the fortunes of Italian forces during the war. At the outset, in 1941, Captain Antonio Corelli, a young Italian officer, is posted to the Greek island of Cephalonia as part of the occupying forces. At first he is shunned by the locals; over time, however, they come to realize that he is a breed apart. While utterly conscientious, he is humane and more interested in his prized mandolin than his rifle. He is clearly not fanatical; he wants a peaceful war and proves himself civilized, humorous and a consummate musician. He prefers to have his unit sing on the beach in soaring harmonies – much to the delight of the locals - than spend endless time marching up and down and cleaning their weapons. When he is billeted in the home of the local doctor and his daughter, Pelagia, the scene is set for the bitter-sweet love story that lies at the heart of the book. But the book is so much more than a love story; it works on many levels and is also a war story and an exploration of what it takes to write history. In terms of the war story, as the fortunes of the Italians begin to fade (with their homeland invaded by the Allies and eventually forced out of the war), the Germans move in to fill the power vacuum and, through a series of twists and turns, turn on the Italians with bloody consequences.

Three points are worth making here. First, some commentators have found the book hard to get into. Not me. The opening chapters set the scene for the rest of the book and introduce the various characters ("characters" is the operative word) who bring alive the pages of the book. With dollops of black humour, it is hard not to equate with the quirky local inhabitants and their all singing, all dancing Italian conquerors. Second, I cannot agree with one reviewer who claimed that the book is "dire and sentimental". It makes you laugh and cry in equal measures and the war scenes – particularly when the Germans turn on their former allies – are gruesome to the extreme. Third, perhaps the reviewer is talking about the film of the book which is average at best and does tend to promote the love story above everything else. Even the author was disappointed with the film version, commenting that "it would be impossible to be happy about your own baby having its ears put on backwards". Indeed, the only redeeming quality of the movie, is its brilliant soundtrack. Composed by English composer, Stephen Warbeck, as music is integral to the actual story, his score creates an unusually close marriage

between the music and the drama, built around the yearningly beautiful “Pelagia’s Song”. With mandolin and guitar pieces to the fore this is Italian romanticism at its best. Besides being a love story, a war story and a discourse on historicism, the book works on a fourth level. It is a commentary on the human lot and a clear warning for us today on the dangers of political and cultural extremism and the fascist mindset. As Antonio Corelli reflects in dramatic style prior to his escape back to Italy,

“Every nation has its share of sh--s. All those thugs and nonentities who want to feel superior. Exactly the same thing happened in Italy, they all joined the Fascists to see what they could get. All sons of clerks and peasants who wanted to be something. **All ambition and no ideals.** Don’t you see the appeal of an army? If you want a girl, rape her. If you want a watch, take it. If you’re in a sour mood, kill someone. You feel better, you feel strong. It feels good to belong to the chosen people, you can do what you want, and you can justify anything by saying it’s a law of nature or the will of God.”

Having heeded this prescient warning, you can salve your troubled mind by listening to Enrico Caruso’s version of “Santa Lucia” that is featured on the soundtrack. And after that, pick up another book from Louis de Bernieres, “Birds Without Wings”, which, if anything, is even better than the one reviewed here.

*Peter Holly*



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## Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter

It's been another busy month, so I'll try and give you a flavour of what I've been up to! On the 10<sup>th</sup> April, I was honoured to join the Prime Minister when she visited Addenbrooke's Hospital. Theresa May spoke to staff, learnt about our pioneering cancer research and treatment work and also launched a £75 million nationwide fund to improve research into innovative ways of combatting prostate cancer. I am so proud of the hard-working, dedicated commitment of our NHS staff and the Prime Minister's visit showed how important Addenbrooke's is, not only to us locally, but also at a national level. The Prime Minister was briefed on the hospital's wish to build a cancer hospital on the campus. This would both develop our world leading reputation for cancer diagnosis and treatment and also free up valuable space for more general hospital work. The Prime Minister grasped the potential of the proposals and I am pleased to report suggested I discuss the proposals in more detail with her special advisor. I'll keep you posted!

April also saw the Health Minister Lord O'Shaughnessy visit Royal Papworth Hospital. I invited him so he could hear from the world-leading experts there and see the innovative work that they undertake. Papworth are seeking sustainable funding for their DCD (donation after circulatory death) transplant programme – that's essentially the use of hearts which would not traditionally make the grade. Lord O'Shaughnessy left impressed and promised to follow up to see what might be possible.

And now for something completely different and less welcome!

In the last few weeks, we have seen a large number of travellers take up residence on land on the A505 at Thriplow. Although increased powers are now available to local authorities to deal with unauthorised caravan sites, the Government is reviewing the powers available and looking at what more needs to be done. Unauthorised encampments continue to be an issue locally and I hope that you can spare a few minutes to take part in the consultation - <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/powers-for-dealing-with-unauthorised-development-and-encampments>

Supporting local communities is an important part of my role in South Cambridgeshire and in the last month, I have been pleased to support a number of local events and campaigns, including prize giving at the Cambourne 10k run (thank goodness they didn't make me do it, I'd be hopeless!) and meeting with residents in Stapleford who are campaigning to see The Tree public house turned into a community asset (I have more skill here!)

If you would like more information about the Stapleford community's efforts to create a community hub and their crowdfunding efforts, please visit their website - <http://thetreestapleford.co.uk/>

This month sees a new timetable for Great Northern trains and I know that many of you contributed to the train timetable consultation last year. The result is a new timetable



from 20th May onwards which affects all Great Northern routes. Every train, from every station has been changed with the intention of providing a more reliable service for passengers and increasing capacity. Details of the changes are available here - <https://www.railplan2020.com/>

Although I am pleased the operator listened to the majority of concerns raised by residents (and the original proposed timetable generated a lot!), there are still some services from Royston and Ashwell and Morden which require further attention. I will continue pushing for these amendments and will keep my website updated with progress.

Keeping with the theme of transport, I have been coordinating efforts with stakeholders to ensure a viable future for the Whippet X3 service which serves Cambourne, Papworth and the surrounding area. Working with Whippet, Royal Papworth, Astra Zeneca, Addenbrooke's, the County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership, I am very hopeful that some kind of sustainable service to benefit everyone can be preserved. Again, I will keep you updated.

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, I will be holding my next "drop in" surgery on the 9<sup>th</sup> June between 11.30am and 1.30pm at The Plough Public House, St Peters Street, Duxford, CB22 4RP where no appointment will be necessary.

Details of all upcoming surgeries can be found on my website - [www.heidisouthcambbs.co.uk](http://www.heidisouthcambbs.co.uk).

Looking ahead, my diary is already filling up fast. I have a further meeting with the Prime Minister soon to discuss modern slavery. Locally, I have meetings about local education provision, transport and visits to local schools and businesses. I'll be sure to share details in my next newsletter but in the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk) You can also phone my Westminster office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830037 for local concerns.

See you next month!

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## Two for One

A former colleague of mine always claimed that you could write a PhD thesis from one line of data. I've always liked (and agreed with) this statement, especially as it plays into my personal philosophy of "less is more"; that is, by concentrating on less you can achieve more in depth. This month, then, I am taking one recorded track and applying this axiom.

The track in question is a modern recording, a combination of "Love is Strange"/"Stay" by Jackson Browne and David Lindley, the songs featured here being two of my favourite songs from the late '50s and early '60s which, in itself, remains one of my favourite periods of recorded music. "Love is Strange" is the earlier of the two recordings. Sung by Mickey and Sylvia, it was an R&B record released in late 1956 on the Groove label, a subsidiary of RCA. Based on a guitar riff by Jody Williams, the song was written by Bo Diddley under the name of his then wife, Ethel Smith (although Mickey and Sylvia claimed some of the authorship). The same guitar riff was later used by Dave "Baby" Cortez in his 1962 instrumental hit "Rinky Dink" (another classic favourite of mine). "Love is Strange" proved a seminal recording as it combined a blues styling with an Afro-Cuban beat, a combination that underpinned countless releases over the next decade. In citing its status as a "genuine classic" and its calypso influence, Charlie Gillett (in "The Sound of the City") has this to say:

The duo comprised session guitarist Mickey Baker and twenty-year old singer Sylvia Vanderpool, who delivered an intriguing, bantering vocal over a Caribbean-flavoured rhythm and made the top twenty in 1956; Baker's guitar break was probably the first real blues solo to reach so many people, and Sylvia's bold way of singing the word "baby" ("bay-ee-bee") infiltrated the whole of pop after Buddy Holly played around with a similar pronunciation.

The song was covered many times by the likes of Bo Diddley himself, Buddy Holly, Lonnie Donegan and the Everly Brothers. After achieving other minor hits together, Mickey (Baker) moved to France, becoming a standout session musician, and Sylvia (Vanderpool, later Robinson) had a number one with "Pillow Talk" in 1973 and was instrumental in launching the Sugar Hill rap label.

It was Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs who had the big hit with "Stay" in 1960 in the USA and in the UK, released on the orange and white Top Rank label, it reached number 14 in the hit parade. An American doo-wop/R&B vocal group, the Zodiacs went through a series of names including the (Royal) Charms, the Gladiolas, the Excellos and finally settling on the Zodiacs in 1959. They had one previous hit, "Little Darlin'", in 1957 on the Excello label (when they were the Gladiolas). They recorded "Stay" in a Quonset Hut in Columbia, South Carolina and released it on the Herald NYC independent record label. At 1.36, it was the shortest recording ever to reach no. 1 on the charts. Introducing the delights of falsetto singing to a wider audience, it was later covered by the Hollies, the

Four Seasons, and, in 1978, Jackson Browne – with David Lindley sharing the vocals, especially the falsetto part. The original record “Stay” was also instrumental in spawning a whole new, odd-ball genre of music. It was played widely as a foundational track for beach parties on the eastern sea-shore of the Carolinas and elsewhere. Known as “Beach Music”, college students at “frat” (fraternity) parties danced the “shag” (apparently some kind of dance moves celebrated in a teen movie of the same name) and joined in the chorus of “Stay” with commendable gusto.

David Lindley, a guitarist, multi-instrumentalist and session player extraordinaire has recorded with a long list of artists (including Warren Zevon, Ry Cooder and Dolly Parton) but has spent most time over the years playing with Jackson Browne. As mentioned above, it is Lindley’s voice that is heard on Browne’s recording of “Stay”. Jackson Browne, of course, has had a glittering career, recording many outstanding albums such as “The Pretender”, “Late for the Sky” (featuring David Lindley on violin and guitar), “Running on Empty” (containing “Stay” as one of the tracks) and “Lives in the Balance”. It wasn’t a surprise that the two artists got together one more time to tour Spain in 2006 and then released a 2 CD set made up of live recordings from the tour, “Love is Strange: En Vivo Con Tino” which contains the aforementioned mash treatment of “Love is Strange” and “Stay”.

Their version of “Love is Strange” combined with “Stay” is a live recording and in many ways brings this story full circle. Both tracks were originally R&B hits which crossed-over to mainstream pop, thereby being adopted by a much wider audience. Both tracks were included in the soundtrack of the movie “Dirty Dancing” and held up really well amongst their more modern counterparts. And both tracks are clearly favourites of both Jackson Browne and David Lindley who, including them on this live album, in so doing wanting to pay homage to these classic antecedents of today’s rock music. This recording in and of itself is a lesson in rock history. You have two rock artists with stellar pedigrees coming together to record two tracks that in themselves have stellar careers. And being a live recording, it sounds like all those present are having a whale of a time. It all makes sense.

**Peter Holly**

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