

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



May 2018

Village Diary

Wednesday 2 nd May	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am
Saturday 5 th May	Village Pub Night – Village Hall, 6pm-10pm
Tuesdays 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , & 29 th May	Core Fitness Class, 10.00am & 7.15pm
Tuesday 8 th May	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 17 th May	Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday 1 st July	Kingston Wood Manor open gardens
Saturday 14 th July	Church Fete – South Sea House

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 2 nd May	Black bin
Thursday 10 th May	Blue and Green bins
Wednesday 16 th May	Black bin
Wednesday 23 rd May	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 31 st May	Black bin

Editorial

I don't know why but the month of May always reminds me of my early school days in the 1950s. My school was really into Maypole dancing (along with country dancing and basket weaving) and, of course, cricket and some form of rounders. In all of these activities, what I lacked in skill I made up for in enthusiasm. What I wasn't enthusiastic about was my mother's hard and fast rules. She took the old proverb that you "can't cast your clouts till May is out" very literally and very seriously. As a result, I wasn't allowed to wear my favourite striped short-sleeve sweater or my Aertex shirts until midnight on May 31st on the dot. She had no truck with the interpretation of the saying that you shouldn't cast off your winter clothes until the hawthorn blossom was out as that might have changed her timetable. Every year in May - around Whitsun - we took the train from Weston to Yatton and changed on to the so-called Strawberry Line towards Cheddar (before Dr. Beeching wielded his mighty axe), not to gather strawberries but to go hunting for wild flowers. It's funny how these old family outings stand out in your memory.

This month we've achieved a record of sorts: 19 Kingstonians have made contributions to this issue of our magazine. Keep them coming, folks!

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Vicar's Letter

Spring is late this year, and is having to rush in and do its thing with summer (we hope) treading hard on its heels.

The earth, with its seasons, is God's creation, and a sign to us of God's faithfulness, but that doesn't mean we human beings can't mess it up!

We can't draw any conclusions from one year's late spring, but the evidence of grave changes in our natural world is overwhelming, and the link to human actions is clear.

Forests continue to disappear – cut down to make space for people and their agriculture. Species continue to become extinct – the last male Northern White Rhino died in March this year. Globally, six of the ten hottest years on record have happened since 2009.

There are signs that, as feared, the Gulf Stream, which brings warm water from the Caribbean and keeps our climate mild for our latitude, is slowing down. In a warming world, this will paradoxically make northern Europe colder.

There are many important and far-reaching things going on in our nation's life at the moment: the possibility of leaving the European Union with all the problems that will bring, the scandal of how the people of the Windrush generation have been treated, the problems facing our treasured National Health Service.

The common theme is relationships.

Our relationships with other human beings are not right if we seek to separate ourselves from them. Instead, God commands us to have practical compassion on those who are in need, to seek the good of others ahead of our own, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Our relationship with our environment is not right if we are continually taking without caring. The Bible is clear that our physical world is as much part of God's plan for eternity as human beings are, and that our role is to care for it, not just use it.

And underpinning those relationships must be a right relationship with God.

We must pressure governments and industry to be serious in tackling human-made climate change.

We must pressure our elected representatives to solve the nations' problems with justice, compassion, and wisdom.

But above all, we bring ourselves before God in sorrow for our part in all this, asking God for forgiveness, and guidance to do better.

Revd. Steve Day

Church Services for May

Sunday 6th May	Holy Communion	8.30am
Sunday 13th May	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
Sunday 20th May	PENTECOST 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

6 th May	Lee Steele
13 th May	Christine Stone
20 th May	Christine Allison
27 th May	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.

EASTER 2018

The temporary ceiling of scaffold boards was in place just in time for Easter. Our service was conducted by the Revd Dr Rodney Holder and was well attended. Thanks are due to all those who decorated the church so beautifully and to Jean McGinn for supplying new candles once again. The collection, of £136, was donated to the YMCA Cambridge Sleep Easy project.

William Henry Lovell R. I. P.

We regret to record that Bill Lovell, for many years of Tinkersfield, passed away peacefully at Elizabeth Finn Nursing Home, Burford, on April 9th last month. He was 93 years old. A memorial service will be held at the church of St Mary, Fairford, on 17th May at 2.30pm. An appreciation of Bill, a great friend and servant of Kingston, will follow in next month's magazine. Sincere condolences to Joyce and all the family.

Mandy Jane Ray 17th December 1963 – 6th March 2018

Mandy moved from Comberton to Shingled Cottage in 2013 and immediately joined our congregation: 'Living directly opposite, how could I not come to church.' She was soon serving on the PCC, and editing our magazine. With Torrie Smith, she introduced card sales into the church, and also second-hand book sales, something she had done for Little St Mary's for many years. She was an activist, but without an axe to grind, with a huge range of interests and commitments. She was always willing, always cheerful, always smiling, despite personal circumstances that were difficult even before the onset of her illness.



It was Mandy who recruited The Gesualdo 6, a newly formed group of Cambridge students, to give one of their first-ever choral performances here on the 1st May 2015, a memorable sell-out event, raising funds for the church. This consort has since won international acclaim, but a bond with Kingston was formed then, with a second concert in 2017 (and, we hope, more to follow.)

Mandy was involved with several churches and chapels in Cambridge and elsewhere, but she formed an attachment to Kingston and it gave her great comfort to know that her funeral and burial would take place here when the time came. On the 31st March, Holy Saturday, these ceremonies were presided over by the Revd Dr Alexandra Clarke, with Amanda Goodman giving the eulogy, and Mandy's sister, Belinda Steward, reading a poem, *Memories of the Heart*. Laurence Williams and Ralf Ayling-Miller performed George Herbert's *The Call*, one of Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*. The church was full to capacity.

Peter Reynolds

Eulogy by Amanda Goodman

Mandy would have loved to be here with you all – she loved this church and this village and she wanted so much to end her days here – in typical Mandy fashion everything was well organized. I remember a lovely sunny day in September: Mandy came for lunch in my garden – you're all invited by the way to my home for refreshments afterwards – and we sat on the swing outside, putting the world to rights as we always did, then we strolled around the village and finally

came to the church so that Mandy could choose the plot she wanted to be buried in.

And like this eulogy it was all planned in advance, Mandy writing this with Polly months before she died. So this is what she wanted me to say. Mandy Atkins was born in December 1963 – a frigid winter, not unlike this one.

Mandy was the first daughter for George and Sheila and grew up in

the small Leicestershire village of South Kilworth. She was a real country girl at heart, as I'm sure you all know, with a passion for birds and flowers from a very early age. She ran about freely (as you could in those days) and she spent many hours at her grandparents' farm, swimming in the river, collecting the hen's eggs, playing with the lambs, riding Spot the pony and also doing a bit of underage tractor driving. She adored the family dog Sheba and playing with the pet rabbits at home. She was three and a half years old when her sister Belinda was born and Mandy was extremely protective towards her. Although it is true that on day four she asked her parents to take Belinda back to the hospital and leave her there, as she wouldn't stop crying.

Mandy was always a bright little girl, very eager to learn and excelled at reading at the village school. Her passion for books never left her. She played tennis and netball and was an excellent swimmer and swam in galas for school and club and also went on to qualify as a lifeguard. She had a zest for life and was incredibly adventurous, not to mention a little mischievous, and got stuck up more than one tree.

Mandy planned holidays with meticulous detail and she and Belinda spent two memorable months inter-railing around Europe as teenagers. Mandy was in her element managing the budget, navigating around the different cities and speaking all of the languages. It also allowed her to develop and share her love of impressionist art.



Mandy at The Old Rectory, April 2015, with Anna Horvath, Henry Burbridge and Lottie Gardner

Mandy went to Southampton University and graduated with a degree in French and German. She spent a year teaching at a school in Germany and took the opportunity to travel around the country and also to learn Russian. She went on to Warwick University to complete a teaching degree and thoroughly enjoyed the extra year as a student.

When Mandy moved to Cambridge, she became an active member of many organisations including the Trinity Singers, here with us today, as well as the Oliver Prior Society, which combined her love of education and languages, enhancing the education of many young people.

Mandy's love of churches and their liturgy and music, led her to become a member of many college chapel congregations, most notably Clare and Trinity. She was a familiar face for the choirs there as well as the chapel members, and was very proud when her daughter Polly, an accomplished musician herself, joined the first ever all-girls choir at St Catherine's College in Cambridge, joined a few years later by my own daughter, Jess. Mandy and I got to know each other there, and we both loved immersing ourselves in the music. Mandy was heavily involved in the music society at Trinity, supporting at concerts and keeping the back office going as only Mandy could. If only I was as organised as Mandy! No wonder I used to rely on her over the years to help me out with babysitting – particularly my little daughter Lottie who adored her, especially sewing with her and making little egg cosies or door stops.

Mandy loved the Trinity Singers so much she attended every rehearsal with enthusiasm even though she couldn't actually read music, and was often seen doing laps of the city putting out posters on every fence and wall. Another of her great hobbies being sewing and craft, led to her joining the Women's Institute in Comberton, later becoming their president, and organising many trips and social events, as well as fundraising. A regular fixture at the Village Fete every year, Mandy took control of the White Elephant, selling all kinds of weird and wonderful items, managing to raise a huge amount for the church every time. She also ran a second-hand bookstall at Little St Mary's, selling everything from children's literature to old-style penguin classics, as well as her handmade chickens, catnip mice, cards and other crafts.

Mandy and Polly's move to Kingston in 2013 was a formative moment, with Mandy throwing herself into village life immediately, becoming a member of the PCC and the Village Hall committee. It was as though Mandy had lived here all her life and soon became an invaluable member of the village. Given her previous experience with W.I. article writing, she was well placed to become the editor of Kingston's Church and Parish Magazine.

Mandy was diagnosed with a brain tumour just two years ago, but her last years were dominated with two new loves in her life. Her grandson Max was born in October 2015 followed by Milo two years later. She adored being a grandmother and you could almost say she was born to be great at that job, and had a close bond with Max, being able to look after him before she fell ill. She was worried that she wouldn't get to see Milo, but it was with great joy that in November last year, she did, and even to spend a final birthday and Christmas with Polly, Tom and the boys. Life wasn't always easy for Mandy, but she loved people, made friends easily, and had a wonderful kindness and generosity of spirit. Mandy had a wonderful philosophy of life even as she faced terminal illness – we used to meet up regularly for coffee and always without fail we would have a laugh. 'You're amazing', I used to say to her, 'I couldn't cope the way you do', and she'd always say 'Well, there's nothing I can do about it', and then we'd move on to the next bit of conversation and just giggle and share experiences.

I know she was happy when she went – if I can use that word – happy that she would leave something of herself behind in Polly and the boys and happy that she was so loved – by friends but especially by her family, by Sheila and George, Belinda and Gordon, as well as Polly and Tom and the grandchildren. And one thing is for sure: she cannot be replaced and will always have a place in the hearts of everyone here today. But think of Mandy's smiling face – she smiled such a lot – and remember: she wouldn't want anyone to be sad – I know she wants you all here today not mourning her life but celebrating it.

Sermon by the Revd Dr Alexandra Clarke

'In my father's house there are many dwelling places. I go and prepare a place for you. My peace I give to you.' As we've already heard, this church, this 'dwelling place of the Lord', is a sacred space which had a deep and profound resonance for Mandy. Within the walls of this church, in which generations of local people have prayed, sung, wept and rejoiced for centuries, Mandy found a dwelling place; a place in which some of her deepest thoughts, desires and needs were nourished and healed; a place in which she became a link in a chain, a chain of parishioners in their ones and twos who over the years have numbered many thousands, parishioners who cared for this place, treasured it, worked within and for it, gave money, gifts and talents to maintain and beautify it, parishioners who gave of their very best for it, just as Mandy sought to treasure it through her energetic (and very profitable) fundraising, and just as Mandy sought to beautify it through bringing into this space some of the very best and very newest of Cambridge musical talent which she had supported through her involvement in Trinity College music.

This particular 'dwelling place of the Lord' provided for Mandy in her short time living in the village, a spiritual home, a spiritual home of such importance that, as Amanda has recalled, Mandy was very clear from the earliest time of thinking about this moment, that her funeral service, her moment of public farewell, was to be here within these stones, beneath these paintings, and her final resting place was to be in the ground between her church and her home; a final dwelling place which she anticipated without excessive fear. And knowing that she was to find her final dwelling place here in Kingston brought Mandy peace in her final months.

Jesus' words to his disciples about the dwelling place he was preparing for them, and the peace he was conferring upon them, are promises which hold good for all his disciples. As we wait today, Holy Saturday, in the uneasy liturgical time between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, there is a sense of emptiness, meaninglessness almost. Hopes of what might yet have been are dashed and the full glory of the resurrection hope is not yet hinted at. It is a place which is uncomfortably familiar to those grieving loved ones who have gone before their time.

Yet the Church, the community of those who know themselves to be touched and enlivened by the Life and Hope of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, a community to which Mandy belonged, this community waits in hopeful anticipation of the resurrection and renewal of all creation. And it is with this hope that we will shortly commend Mandy to her heavenly dwelling place as we commit her body to its earthly dwelling place, in sure and certain hope that she has been met with the peace which surpasses all understanding. And so I pray with confidence that Mandy may rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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,

Are You Interested In A New Kingston Music Club?

With the Village Hall upgrade now complete we have a wonderful new facility. This opens up all sorts of opportunities for additional events. One idea recently mooted is to have a monthly or bi-monthly evening get-together to enjoy recorded music with a different theme or perhaps several selected themes each evening. Peter Holly has agreed to help and I am very happy to organise the first few meetings with his assistance, to be followed, hopefully, by other members of the village who would come along with their favourite recordings. We might also invite guests from outside the village to give presentations. Any musical genre is welcome. The bar will be open and we will use the new, more comfortable seating. A date in the middle of the month is probably best to avoid any conflict with the regular bar opening dates. If you are interested, please let me know (srdraper_bios@hotmail.com) or get in touch with Peter Holly so that we can gauge interest.

Simon Draper




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May 6	6 th Sunday of Easter	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	
May 13	7 th Sunday of Easter	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
May 20	Pentecost	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	6pm Pentecost Praise	
May 27	Trinity	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
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

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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Can you help the PCC?

We believe that most villagers are keen that Kingston continues to have a functioning church, with a well-maintained building, but this can only be achieved with enthusiasm and commitment from volunteers.

There are currently eight voluntary members of the PCC: Peter Reynolds (Churchwarden and Vice-chairman), Jack Diggle (Churchwarden), Torrie Smith (Clerk of Works), Janet Clear (Secretary), Linda Rimmer (Treasurer), Lee Steele, Kay Forsythe and Christine Allison (Members)

As Peter Reynolds indicated in his article in the April magazine, the church finances are currently on a sound footing. We have made an excellent start in creating an Endowment Fund, generously set up with the sale of the churchwardens' field and from your donations, and a Restoration Fund boosted from our fund-raising activities. Torrie and Peter are currently committing many voluntary hours of their time, in addition to all their regular duties, to dealing with grant applications for roof repairs and the installation of a WC and servery to increase the potential use of the church as a community resource, as well as a religious venue.

But we are very aware that there appear to be no fresh faces waiting in the wings to take up the reins from the current PCC members, and we need to appeal to you all to offer any skills you may have and come and join us. Janet (Secretary) and Linda (Treasurer), who have served for 8 and 9 years respectively, would like to move on. The Secretary looks after PCC meetings, preparing agendas, papers and minutes and other administrative duties as they arise. The Treasurer looks after the day-to-day finances, paying bills, dealing with Gift Aid and preparing financial documents for meetings. It is not essential to be a member of the PCC, but to attend its meetings, which usually take place four times a year, to keep members up-to-date.

When you are passing our church, which has stood in the village since the late 13th century, think how it would be if there were no volunteers to keep it going for your christenings, weddings, funerals and festival services. And think about offering your skills so that we can leave our beautiful and unique church in safe hands for future generations to enjoy. Please get in touch if you would like more information about either of the positions currently available or would be interested in joining the PCC. Please help us. Thank you!

Linda Rimmer

(lfrimmer@yahoo.co.uk)

On behalf of the PCC

Kingston Village Hall
Phase 2 Renovation
Grand Opening
2 June 2018
6:30 p.m.

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

There will be 'Easy-made' pizzas for sale
from 7 p.m., followed by a social evening
with a pay bar

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

Forgetting the Brexit Blues

Why not forget your Brexit blues, and come to France for a weekend in June? Comberton Twinning Association is taking a coach to its twin village of Le Vaudreuil in Normandy for the 8-10 June 2018, and we still have spare spaces. That weekend is a medieval festival, to commemorate a thousand years of their village church. Costs are low: only £70 for adults, £35 for children, and we are hosted by French families. Speaking French is not a requirement. For more information see <http://CombertonTwinning.org.uk>, email info@CombertonTwinning.org.uk, or ring Paul Hardy on 01223 263232.

Butter is Back!

According to Joan Reynolds, butter is back in fashion. As she admits, she loves butter and uses all the ones mentioned below on bread and crackers and for baking. She remembers being brought up on butter from her Granny's friend who went on making it right through the war on her farm.

Now that butter is back in favour, she highly recommends the following:

- Cornish Gold Butter with sea salt crystals. From Marks and Spencers. Irresistible!
- Elle and Vivre Buerre Gastronomique Gourmet Butter (unsalted) from Normandy. From the Toft Shop.
- Kerrygold pure Irish Butter. Very good for making Victoria sponge cakes – nice and firm. From Barton Post Office.
- Any of the lovely English fresh farm butters at Burwash Manor, Barton.

Any advice on the best crackers to have with your butter?!



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Parish Council News

Parish Council Elections: James Clear, Julie Conder and Miki Ellar are re-elected as parish councillors, and they will now look to co-opt two people to fill the vacancies. Keith Tan and Trish Dunlop have decided not to stand for re-election and we are most grateful to them for their service on the parish council.

Annual Parish Meeting: this meeting will be held on Thursday 17 May at 8.00pm in the village hall. This is a public meeting – not a Parish Council meeting – to which all residents are invited. Reports will be distributed covering various activities relating to Kingston: the Parish Council, the Village Hall Management Committee, the Parochial Church Council etc. Presenters of reports, including our County and District Councillors, may read out brief highlights from their reports and will be able to answer questions. As usual there will be an ‘Open Forum’ session at the end in which anybody can raise matters for discussion which are of common interest. Come along and enjoy a glass of wine as well! We even have upholstered chairs in the village hall now!

Data Protection and the parish emailing list: New legislation (General Data Protection Regulations or GDPR) comes into effect on 25 May 2018 adding to existing legislation under the Data Protection Act 1998. Kingston Parish Council must comply with the regulations which require us - among other things - to have permission to hold your personal data. In fact Kingston Parish Council holds very little personal data – an audit has shown it is almost entirely limited to contact details of a number of residents. I have emailed all on our circulation list to ask you to confirm your agreement to Kingston Parish Council holding this information about you, for the purposes of contacting you from time to time about local matters that may be of interest to you, including security and crime prevention, or for the efficient conduct of parish council business, or to manage delivery of the parish magazine, all as we have been doing for many years.

If you have not responded, please do so as soon as convenient. If you are not receiving regular emails from me you are not on the circulation list. Please let me know if you would like to be included by sending an email to kingstonpc.cambridge@gmail.com. You can of course unsubscribe at any time.

Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk

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Jill Coleman

Stacey Kent: The One That Got Away – Until Now

I have a confession to make. Until a few weeks ago I had never heard of the singer, Stacey Kent. This is embarrassing as one reviewer describes this Grammy-nominated, platinum-selling artist as a "household name around the world". Not in my house-hold apparently. That is until Spotify came to my aid.

As a recent convert to the music downloading service, Spotify, I'm discovering artists like Stacey Kent that have escaped me in the past. For the uninitiated, Spotify logs what you are downloading and makes suggestions about additional tracks and artists that you might like. This was the process that led me to discovering Stacey Kent, an artist in the same mould as Eva Cassidy, Norah Jones, Madeleine Peyroux, and Diana Krall. Singing jazz-tinged, utterly cool tracks, selected with impeccable taste, Kent is a chanson par excellence.

Born in the USA, Stacey Kent moved to England in the early 1990s, studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, met her husband at Oxford University, and began her twenty-five year recording career, frequently appearing in London's clubland. In 2007, while recording her standout album "Breakfast on the Morning Tram", she was diagnosed with breast cancer but kept it quiet and completed the recording process and a supporting tour. Following surgery and intensive treatment, her career has gone from strength to strength, with Brazilian influences being added to her repertoire. Extremely popular in Europe, she sings effortlessly in French which endears her to her audiences in both France and elsewhere on the continent.

I particularly like her cover tracks. Songs like "Landslide" (the wonderful Fleetwood Mac track), "What a Wonderful World", "You've Got a Friend", "What the World Needs Now", and "The Best is Yet to Come" are all covered with sensitivity and panache. When she sings in French on tracks like "Ces Petits Riens" and "Les Eaux de Mars" she manages to combine authenticity with romanticism. She is the real deal.

And now for the really good news. Serendipitously, as part of her current world tour, Stacey Kent is coming to Cambridge, appearing at the Cambridge Arts Theatre on Sunday, May 20th. Off to buy my tickets!

Peter Holly

The Mineral Resources around Kingston

People may be surprised at how the rich the immediate vicinity of Kingston is in mineral resources and how much these have been exploited in the past couple of hundred years. These are marked on the Google Earth image.

- 1) Clay pits at Eversden where Gault was dug for brick making. These are now a coarse fishery.
- 2) Clay Pit Hill to the east of Armshold Farm. This hill is in Chalk Marl and the centre is now a deep hollow where the chalky clay was removed for making cement and mortar. Presumably there were lime kilns somewhere in the vicinity.
- 3) Clunch quarry. This was in the grounds of Hill House Farm on the first hill leading to Eversden. Until recently there was a quarry face here from where clunch had been extracted. Clunch is a hard chalk band used extensively in churches as it is easily carved. It was sometimes used for garden walling but it has to have a thatched or tiled cover as it weathers badly.
- 4) Bath Spinney is where the clunch was washed. It was taken here from the quarry on a wooden railroad.
- 5) Copralite workings. The Upper (or Cambridge) Greensand is rich in marine fossils and these were extensively quarried in Cambridgeshire. They are called copralite as the fossils were once thought to be dinosaur dung. The deposit is rich in phosphate and was used in Victorian times as fertiliser. It was dug by teams of men who followed the geological seam through the county from Bassingbourn to Lode, filling in the pits and returning the land to farming before moving on to the next workings.
- 6) Gravels form the high ground around the church. This gravel is perched on the glacial boulder clay that underlies much of the parish and is the remnant of a much larger gravel deposit laid down probably around 400,000 years ago, three ice ages back (the other two ice sheets did not reach here). The Kingston gravel has not been scientifically examined but deposits of the same age in other parts of the county have faunal remains that show the transition from tundra to a warm interglacial climate and back again. Recorded remains include mammoths, horses, wolves and the types of snail now common in southern Britain and the Continent. Acheulian flint tools have been found in these deposits, made by Lower Palaeolithic *Homo erectus* (preceded on the evolutionary scale by Oldowan man, the African Rift Valley). Equivalent gravel deposits at Little Paxton contain Neanderthal artefacts, presumably because these early hunter-gathers found dry gravels a better site to rest up on than the surrounding wet clay lands. The dead of Kingston may be resting among the remains of some very early ancestors!

7) Gravel workings are found beside the Bourn Brook in Toft Parish. They are in later deposits than those around Kingston church, probably dating from the end of the last Ice Age. These gravels are common in the valley of the Cam and its tributaries and recorded faunal remains include bones of woolly rhinoceros and horse.

8) Our mains water supply is directly below us, being drawn from an aquifer in the Lower Greensand that underlies the Gault Clay. The pumping station is next to Armshold Farm and was built in the last war to provide water for the military at Bourn Airfield. Kingston's domestic water supply is drawn off the buried mains that runs past The Green and along Bourn Road. Prior to that the houses used the communal well on the cross-roads or had their own private well.

9) Kingston's back-up water supply was at Cat's Well that kept flowing when the communal well was dry. Until a few years ago there was a well here with a wooden cover but it has been filled in. However, the remains of a wooden drinking trough fed by the well can still be seen in the nearby ditch.

Paul Wright



Cambridgeshire County Show at Wimpole Home Farm, SG8 0BW

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Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter

Apparently Spring is here, so I hope you have been able to enjoy the few days of sunny weather that made an appearance in between the showers!

As many of you will be aware, the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has been consulting on whether there should be a Park and Ride near junction 11 of the M11. Many Harston residents were concerned about the plans so last month, I attended the GCP's consultation event in Harston along with many residents, the Parish Council and local councillors.

The GCP tried to reassure everyone that the proposed P&R would not add to traffic congestion through Harston. Because there will be even greater growth on the Addenbrooke's biomedical campus the GCP understandably want to discourage M11 traffic from driving towards the City centre.

Since the meeting, I have spoken with local county councillors Kevin Cuffley and Roger Hickford and at length with the GCP's Chief Executive and Director of Transport. Although everyone recognises the enormous employment growth coming to the campus, I believe Harston residents need more data to be persuaded by the "no increased traffic through Harston" argument.

I was therefore extremely pleased by the GCP Executive Board's subsequent decision to request further analysis be undertaken and opinion sought before the project is brought back to committee for a decision. I will continue to work closely with the GCP, local councillors and the Mayor to ensure ALL options are looked at, and the best solution identified. We must find a solution that deals with City congestion, but not at the expense of our villages. If we can help Harston with their already well understood congestion at the same time, then even better.

South Cambridgeshire continues to play a leading role in all things Brexit. This was recognised recently when Parliament's Exiting the European Union Select Committee came to Cambridge to hear evidence from local stakeholders on the implications of Brexit for the science and research sector. I was pleased to be able to attend the session as the Committee has an important role in examining the UK's continued involvement in EU-wide agencies and collaborative projects, access to research funding post-Brexit, and potential changes to the general regulatory environment.

We have a wealth of experience on these topics and I am pleased that local stakeholders, such as Cambridge University, Astra Zeneca and Cancer Research UK were invited to participate.

Last month saw the consultation on the proposed closure of Cambridge Magistrates' Court come to an end. The proposal would see non-custodial work transferred to Cambridge County Court and custodial work transferred to either Huntingdon, Peterborough or, in some cases, Cambridge Crown Court.

I have been concerned about the lack of clear information surrounding the number of cases which would remain in Cambridge, how it would be decided which cases would be transferred out of Cambridge, the cost and appropriateness of using Cambridge County Court for Magistrates' Court work, and importantly, how the needs of the most vulnerable court users would be met.

The Ministry of Justice's plans lacked information about exactly what the closure of Cambridge Magistrates' Court might mean for my constituents so I wrote to the Ministry of Justice to seek more detailed information. Sadly, the information received has not diminished my concerns and I feel the consultation has been a missed opportunity to explain the plans with clarity.

These concerns were echoed at a meeting I had last month with our Police Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite so I hope the Ministry will rethink their plans.

If you would like to read my submission to the Ministry of Justice, a copy is on my website - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/news/update-proposed-closure-cambridge-magistrates-court>

The Government has also launched a call for evidence as part of its Cycle and Walking Investment Strategy safety review. The review will look at how road safety can be improved for all road users as well as looking at ways to boost walking and cycling.

Here in South Cambridgeshire, we know the benefits of walking and cycling so this consultation really is welcome. Please do contribute and give the Government the benefit of our local experience! <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cycling-and-walking-investment-strategy-cwis-safety-review>

If there is anything you would like to talk to me personally about, for more delicate matters, on the 18th May between 3pm and 5pm I will be holding a "by appointment" surgery at my Sawston constituency office. If you would like an appointment, please give my office a call on 01223 830087.

Details of all upcoming surgeries can be found on my website - www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk.

To contact me, please email 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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U3A Arrives in the Area

The launch meeting date for the Cambourne U3A (the international organization for retired persons) is June 27th at 2pm in the Hub main hall. Several people have already offered to be on a steering committee, but more will be welcome.

At the launch meeting you will meet representatives from national, regional and local departments. There will be a range of potential interest groups to explore, some of which already have volunteer leaders and some not, and opportunities to suggest more.

Information on what the U3A is all about, joining the U3A in Cambourne, the annual membership cost, outline details of the monthly meetings, a chance to ask questions and refreshments will also form part of this meeting.

And just to whet the appetite, here are just some of the proposed groups that already have a volunteer leader ready to get going: walking; mixed media art; bridge; flower arranging; French conversation; basic sewing; fencing (sport), mah jong. Many more groups have been suggested, some of which will need a leader, some not.

Looking forward to meeting you at the Launch.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks Editor for your recent reference to my little contributions to the Kingston Magazine although I must draw attention to the many great, interesting and informative articles which have graced its pages over the years and which have been much more worthy of mention. This, however, is not the main point of my short note which is to express my appreciation, and that of many village readers, of the way you have cultivated improvements in the magazine in recent times by your enthusiastic editorship.

You have encouraged more residents to offer a wider range of articles and photographs, not only about village events but also about their own life experiences and interests. Further, leading by example, your own extensive entries on music, books and historical politics have been splendid.

David Heath



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Book Of The Month

'The Day of Creation' by J G Ballard (Publisher: Collins, Grafton Books)

I wonder why some authors are known by their initials? Disparate and well known examples which spring to mind include J K Rowling, T S Elliott, and J P Donleavy – none of whom I have ever read! The author of the *Day of Creation* is also an 'initialled' author: J G Ballard and not James Ballard. Maybe this formality is an indication of seriousness of intent? In my selection for *Book of the Month* one of the main issues dealt with by Ballard, highly prescient considering the 1987 date of publication, is climate change. The main character, Dr Mallory, is a WHO doctor working alone in an unnamed African country which is beset by drought, poverty and civil war. Living in a trailer at the margin of a dried-up lake he treats the local people, the left-behind aid workers, visitors and guerrilla soldiers alike. But by night and increasingly by day as he descends into madness, he dreams of uncovering a source of ground water which will once again fill the lake. This dream is realised during the preparation of an aircraft landing strip by the soldiers. Using earth-moving equipment, they fracture an underground water source. As the river fills once again, Mallory, threatened by the soldiers, escapes up-river in a decrepit stolen launch accompanied by a teenage girl who is also fleeing from the insurgent army. The descriptive writing at this point has elements of magic realism.

"We were entering a world without time. For six days we moved upstream, against a slow amber current that slid smoothly between the forest walls. The immense softwood trees shut out the sun, whose fierce presence floated far above us in the jungle canopy, the travelling rose window of an inflamed cathedral. The clicking of the cutwater and the steady beat of the diesel engine below the wheelhouse reminded me of clocks ticking to the same rhythm, but these clocks were without hands".

The voyage continues but as events unfold the mood darkens. The narrative echoes Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* and with the threat of violent military attack, Copolla's *Apocalypse Now*. Describing more of the story would perhaps spoil the book for anyone coming to it anew. It is one of the few novels I have re-read several times. Usually when going back to a book I quickly become bored but here the lyricism of the writing repays a repeat reading and the unfathomable motives of the principle character provide scope for a fresh interpretation. I am not a fan of all Ballard's work but this is an excellent novel which combines descriptions of the natural world, a feel for the heat and light of a continent and a persuasive portrayal of human ambition, yearning and conflict.

My paperback copy of the book (1988) was published by Grafton Books, a division of Collins but there is a more recent Fourth Estate edition (2014) available from Mr Bezos.

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