

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



June 2019

Village Diary

Saturday 1 st June	Village Pub Night – Village Hall, 6pm-10pm
Sunday 2 nd June	Start the Summer event at Kingston Barns
Wednesday 5 th June	Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am
Tuesdays 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , & 25 th June	Wellness Workouts, 10.00am & 7.15pm
Saturday 29 th & Sunday 30 th June	An additional Wellness Workout Weekend
Thursday 13 th June	Kingston Music Club - at <u>7.30pm</u>
Saturday 22 nd June	Vintage Car Rally passes through Kingston
Wednesday 26 th and Thursday 27 th June	Chimney Sweep days in Kingston
Saturday 6 th July	Kingston Barbecue
Friday 12 th July/Saturday 13 th July	Opening of A World To Come Art Project
Saturday 13 th July	Village Cream Tea and Church Gift Day

Wheelie bin collection dates

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

Editorial

This month's cover photo is provided by Jacqui and Ian Smith and two shots on inside pages are of Rectory Lane, both taken by David Heath, one looking towards the Rectory and the other facing in the opposite direction. All three photos characterize the idyllic nature of our village in springtime. David has also provided one of his articles "on the lighter side" to ease our Brexit blues.

Please note that tickets for the Village Barbecue scheduled for July 6th (see the poster below) are only on sale up to Sunday June 30th. Please also note that this month's meeting of the Kingston Music Club - at the slightly earlier time of 7.30pm - will feature music with a Portuguese twist. Should be fascinante e encantador!

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Vicar's Letter

"Portloe two and three quarter miles" said the sign, so on we walked. Ten or so minutes further on we came to another sign: "Portloe three miles".

We hadn't gone backwards, and we hadn't gone the wrong way. The only option left was that one of the signs was wrong – but which one?

Fortunately, from years of experience on the South West Coast Path, my son and I knew very well that the distances on these signs needs to be taken with a pinch of salt. Sea salt, naturally.

So we shrugged and carried on, heading for Portloe, knowing we would get there eventually.

We're all guided through life by signs of one sort or another – whether it's formal signs when we're on a journey, or something as hard to define as "signs of the times" as we try to sort out the direction of our lives.

Sometimes the signs are confusing, and we can think we're going backwards.

Sometimes the signs seem to run out, and we don't know where we're going at all.

So it's always good to see a sign, even if we doubt its precision, and even if we have to puzzle over its direction.

And this is nothing new: throughout the Bible, "signs" are very important. People are looking for signs to guide them through life: what to do, where to go, whom to believe. In the New Testament, Jesus is frequently asked for "a sign" of who he really is. He rarely obliges directly, but many of his miracles are called "signs" by the Gospel writers: turning water into wine, healing the sick, raising the dead.

These are signs pointing to a greater reality – signs on a journey leading beyond the confines of this world. And these are signs we can rely on – signs backed by the power and authority of God.

If you are feeling in need of a sign or two to guide your life – whether from personal circumstances or because of turmoil in the wider world – Jesus will always be your best option. Why not come along to church and find out more?

Revd. Steve Day

Church Services for June

Sunday 2nd June Holy Communion 8.30am

Sunday 9th June Evening Prayer 6.00pm

Sunday 16th 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

2 nd June	Christine Allison
9 th June	Janet Clear
16 th June	Miki Ellar
23 rd June	Henrietta Burbridge
30 th June	Joan Reynolds

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.

W H Lovell 1924 - 2018

Bill Lovell's ashes were interred in the churchyard on Thursday, May 16th, following a short service taken by the Rev'd Nigel di Castiglione. Many of those present gave their appreciations of Bill, and it is entirely appropriate that he has come home to rest in the village he loved and served for so many years.

Chris Osborne R. I. P.

We regret to record the death of Chis Osborne last month, and we send sincere condolences to Terry and Valerie. The date for a memorial service in church has not been fixed as we go to press but will be made known in due course.

Daniel Miles

Daniel Miles has been serving in the Papworth Team for the last two years whilst undertaking his training for the priesthood at Ridley Hall. He has taken many of our Family Services during this time – sometimes with his fellow student Will Tallbot – and his ministry has been much appreciated. It has been good to have his youthful perspective, always good humoured but sometimes challenging as well. Daniel asks us for our prayers for his ordination as deacon on the 29th June at Wakefield Cathedral. The Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines, will be presiding. Daniel will be living in Todmorden, serving the Erringden Benefice, which includes Mytholmroyd and Cragg Vale, near Hebden Bridge. He would be delighted to see any Kingstonians visiting this lovely part of the world.

THE ERMINE STREET BAND CONCERT 18th May

The Ermine Street Band's concert on the 18th May was a resounding success, with at least 70 people attending, in addition to the 10 musicians. The ensemble, variously a dectet and a quintet, delivered a very varied and unusual programme of music for wind instruments, under the direction of Stephanie Reeve. As they wished to play entirely free of charge, all proceeds will come to the church. Several people unable to be present have promised donations and we do not as yet have a final total for the funds raised but it will be in excess of £800. Our profound thanks to Patrick Dailly, who first suggested the concert, to all the players, and to all those who helped to make it happen on the night, not least to those who supplied the really excellent refreshments: Janet Clear, Kay Forsythe, Joan Reynolds, Lee Steele and Suzy Stokes. The PCC is planning more concerts and events for the future.



Chimney Sweep in Kingston

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th June

The chimney sweep will be in Kingston on these two days and as usual he will be giving 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

Parish Council News

Election of Chair and other posts: At the Parish Council meeting on 9 May, the annual election was held for Chair and other positions. James Clear was re-elected Chair and Julie Conder was re-elected Vice-Chair. James Clear, Julie Conder and Katherine Reid agreed to continue in their posts of Open Spaces lead, Finance lead and Footpaths lead respectively. It was also agreed that as Peter Stokes is a member of the Village Hall Management Committee, he will take the post of KPC representative for that committee.

Painting of slide: The slide at the playground will be re-painted on Wednesday 5 June. As there will be dust, wet paint etc the playground will be closed for the day. Barrier tape and signs will be put up. Please ask your children not to enter the playground as long as there are signs and/or barrier tape.

Cream Tea Party and Church Gift Day: There will be a Cream Tea Party on The Orchard, Rectory Lane, on 13 July, to coincide with the Church Gift Day. These events have been held together every two years (the Church Fête is held in the intervening years) for a number of years now. Tea and scones with jam and cream will be served – free to all residents! As usual there will be a bar operated by volunteers offering real ales, cider, wine and G&Ts. Please support these events, and if you can, make a donation to the church.

Don't be a scam victim: Anyone can be a victim of a scam and fraudsters are becoming increasingly sophisticated at conning people into giving often large sums of money and life savings. Cambs and Peterborough have developed a website which contains a range of resources which can be downloaded: <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/CAPASP/>.

You can also undertake online training via the Friends Against Scams group. It takes about 20 minutes and is well worth doing to protect yourself, friends and family and

communities. <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/Cambridgeshire>. Keep a look out for signs that your nearest and dearest may be falling or have fallen for the charms of one of these tricksters! There are some tragic stories of people, often elderly, who have lost their life savings.

Meetings: Since the agenda for forthcoming Parish Council meetings has been circulated, we have seen several of you regularly coming to them as observers, which is a very welcome development. We had a record attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting last month. The minutes of this meeting and indeed of all meetings can be found on the village website www.kingstonvillage.org.uk under the heading 'Parish Council Meeting Minutes' which is under the tab 'Parish Council'.

Planning

- S/0926/19/FL Construction of car-port at The Barn, Paynes Farm, Field Road: KPC has agreed to support this application.
- S/1257/19/TC Tree work at Green Ley, The Green: for information only.
- S1502/19/FL Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings, erection of new dwelling at Armshold Farm, Tinkers Lane: KPC has agreed to support this application.
- S/1357/19/FL Erection of agricultural grain store on land to south west of Bourn Road: KPC has agreed to support the application.

Don't forget that details of these and all planning applications can be viewed on the South Cambs website.

Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk

LONGSTOWE VILLAGE FETE



SUNDAY
9th June 2.00pm

BAR * BBQ

Teas * Stalls

Cakes

Games * Raffle



Start the summer at **KINGSTON BARNS**

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A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon

Upcoming work at Bar Hill (junction 29, A14), June 2019

As part of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme, the junction at Bar Hill is being improved.

Over the weekend of Sat 8 and Sun 9 June, one of the new bridges installed last autumn will be opening. This bridge will be used for access between Bar Hill and Longstanton, and the A14, instead of the existing bridge.

The old bridge will then be removed to allow us to continue building the improved junction.

This demolition will require a closure of the A14 which will take place between 2am on Saturday 22 and 11pm on Sunday 23 June.

If you regularly use the existing bridge over the A14 you will need to follow diversions.

DIARY DATE - FRIDAY 12TH JULY**CONTEMPORARY ARTS PROJECT LAUNCH IN KINGSTON CHURCH****FROM 6.30PM TO 8.30 PM WITH ARTISTS TALK AT 7.15PM**

We are delighted to announce that on Friday 12th July a contemporary arts project will be launched in our church and will remain on display for the remainder of the summer.

Do come and learn about this exciting project at the official launch event when the artist, Bettina Furnée, will introduce the project and talk about the concepts and thinking behind her art.

The PCC were approached some 18 months ago by Art+Christianity, a charity which works closely with the Church Buildings Council, to broaden the understanding of the enormous range of art in churches and to develop links between contemporary art and the historical art in churches.

The project with Kingston has been conceived as one of two pilot projects in England, the other being in Newcastle, to explore effective ways to link contemporary art and artists to historical art in churches and to display contemporary art in churches. In this instance to link contemporary art to the church, its history, its fabric and its historic medieval wall paintings which span the period from the 13th to the 17th centuries.

After a careful, competitive, selection process the decision was taken to work with one of the resident studio artists at Wysing Arts, Bettina Furnée. We were delighted with Bettina's conceptual response to the Artists' Brief, which sought to commission new art which responded directly to Kingston church's wall paintings. A factor, although not the deciding factor, in choosing Bettina to undertake the commission was that she has previous experience of producing exciting work with Peterborough Cathedral.

The launch evening will provide an opportunity to not only learn about the thinking and background to the project and also to meet with representatives of Art+Christianity and The Church Buildings Council. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm.

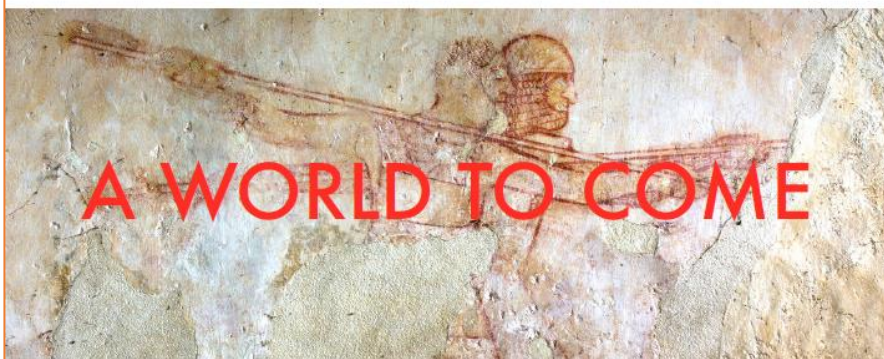
You can find out more about Bettina and her work at www.bettinafurnee.co.uk and further information about Art and Christianity at www.artandchristianity.org

In addition to the Launch Evening on 12th July a number of events revolving around the art display are being planned over the summer for families and children – watch out for further announcements.

Torrie Smith

Peter Reynolds

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OPENING EVENT 12 JULY 18:30-20:30. ARTIST TALK AT 19:15
OPEN TO ALL. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Kingston Barbecue 2019



Saturday 6th July

(incorporating Kingston Pub Night)

at Southsea House

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

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

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

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

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



Tickets available until Sunday 30th June from:

Pat Draper, Rose Hide House, Church Lane,

Katherine Stalham, 4 Cranes Lane,

Jill Coleman, 3 Field Row,



Owing to catering planning, tickets will NOT be sold at the door

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
June 2	Easter 7	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	
June 9	Pentecost	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
June 16	Trinity	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
June 23	Trinity 1	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
June 30	Trinity 2	10.30am Team Service at Longstowe			
July 7	Trinity 3	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am MP	
July 14	Trinity 4	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am W4A+baptism	8.30am HC
July 21	Trinity 5	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
July 28	Trinity 6	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

W4A/FS = Family Service

P&P=Prayer & Praise

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)

FHC= Common Worship/All Age Holy Communion

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



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Village Cream Tea and Church Gift Day

**Saturday 13 July on The
Village Orchard, and at
the Church,
Rectory Lane**



- ✿ Cream teas at The Orchard 3.30pm—5.30 pm
- ✿ Tug-o-war
- ✿ Tea and scones are free! — please donate generously to the church
- ✿ Bar offering real ales, cider, wine and G&T

Book of the Month

“My Brilliant Friend” by Elena Ferrante (Europa)

Many of you will have already read this wonderful book, so this review is my two cents worth. Book One of Ferrante’s four Neapolitan Novels, it is an atmospheric picture of Naples after World War Two. The two main protagonists – Lenu and Lila – are friends from childhood, living in a poor neighbourhood on the outskirts of Naples. While the intricacies of their complex relationship dominate the story-line, they are nothing without the rich contextual detail of their environment: the tempestuous family and inter-family strife, the testosterone-fuelled and often violent battles between the sexes, the local politics involving former fascists, communists and black marketeers, and various family traders (cobblers, porters, grocers, etc.) barely eking out a living.

Both girls were born in 1944 so are brought up amidst the privations of post-war Italy. Lila is the dominant of the two, a rebel at school and a daredevil when it comes to exploits around their neighbourhood. Lenu is much more cautious and timid, but is prepared to copy what her friend gets up to. Although she is naturally gifted, given her aggressive (even cruel) streak, Lila is not popular at school, while Lenu, the studious, hard-working one, is a success academically. Faced with the expense of going to middle school, Lila’s parents refuse to accept this burden, while Lenu’s family, despite their misgivings, heed her teacher’s protestations and enrol her in continuing education. When Lila complains about her family’s decision, her father gets mad and throws her out of the window, breaking her arm in the process. There follows an interesting stage of their development when Lenu studies Latin, Greek and English at school while Lila, now helping out at home with the family’s shoe-mending business, covers the same subjects by taking out relevant texts from the local library – and is able to help her friend with her studies.

Prior to this there is a sad episode (nicely brought out in the first-rate TV adaptation of the book screened in 2018) when the girls decide to “bunk off” for the day and visit the sea-side which neither of the girls has ever seen (although living not far from the sea as the crow flies). They leave their neighbourhood (an ordeal in itself) but are forced to turn back when torrential rain interrupts their plans. At that point they are resigned to their fate with poverty determining their daily activities. Lenu is fortunate, however, as her teacher champions her cause and persuades her parents that high school should also be for her and, at the same time, arranges for Lenu to stay for the summer with a relative on the island of Ischia off the coast of Naples and near Capri.

At this point, Lenu, who is more advanced physically than the thin and skinny Lila, has something of a sexual awakening, falling in love with the local poet's son but being abused by the father in the son's absence. When Lila reaches puberty, however, she suddenly blossoms to the point where all the local boys are attracted to her. She is courted by the son of a mobbed-up family but eventually chooses another suitor, with the book climaxing with amazing scenes at their wedding. Throughout these turbulent times, the girls' friendship remains intact and Lenu temporarily suspends her studies to help Lila plan her wedding.

The story is told with brutal honesty; authenticity is the order of the day. What is left up in the air is which one is the "brilliant friend", the naturally gifted one who is forced to give up on school and who finally plumps for marriage at an early age, or the one who keeps at her studies and goes way beyond scholastically what someone from her background would have been expected to achieve.

Their story continues in Books 2-4 throughout which, despite many ups and downs, their friendship endures. Unlike the advice of some critics, I strongly recommend sticking with the story over all four volumes and you will be richly rewarded.

Peter Holly

LONGSTOWE HISTORY SOCIETY

My family and the Indian railways



Mike Muirhead, who recently lived for twenty years in Longstowe, tells the tale of how a shepherd from Scotland gave rise to five generations in India, two of whom became Supreme Head of the South Indian Railways. He tells of the search for lost family treasures in the Golden Gate Workshop in Trichy and the final betrayal of an SAS officer by the British Government.

illustrated talk by

Mike Muirhead

Tuesday 25th June 2019, 7.30 for 8pm

LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

Admission: £3 everyone welcome (Members free)
Refreshments included

Vintage Car Event

You can see from the attached poster (opposite) that a Vintage Car event is being run through our parish district on June 22.

The first car will be arriving from the Eversdens at about 10am and leaves towards Gamlingay.

Most cars will be through within one hour but those with navigational, car performance or other issues may continue passing through for a further hour or so.

It may be an opportunity for parishioners to take photos etc. Please come out and cheer us on, say the organizers.



BOURN TO RUN 2019

Sunday 15th September 2019

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The Vintage Sports Car Club (www.vsccl.co.uk) was founded 85 years ago, has over 6000 members and runs various events for members and public spectators throughout the year. The cars, which are all pre-WW2 or 1950s classics (so around 60 to 100 years old), are driven by members who cherish them. The club is organising a Herts/Cambs Navigation rally for such cars during the daylight hours of June 22 (Saturday) 2019.

As far as we know this is the first VSCC rally in this area for 25 years or so. The rally is a test of navigational skill and NOT one where the fastest wins. Average speeds, depending on class of navigator, fall between 18 and 24 mph according to nature of the roads in each section. Cars are not noisy and are driven with consideration.

The cars (no more than 60 of them, more likely 45) will pass your property that day at about not all in one group but at regular intervals across about 90 minutes. This is quite a photo opportunity perhaps. For info, I include below some photos of typical cars.

The event is being organised in accordance with the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations and the general regulations of Motorsport UK. Motor rallies of this sort are permitted under Motor Vehicles (Competition and Trials) Regulations 1969. The Police have been informed of the route. We hope you will enjoy the spectacle of these fine cars in use.

If you need further information, please contact andrew.tarring@vsccl.co.uk or the local organiser Jim Dalton on jimdaltan509@gmail.com (phone 07976 612795)

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Heidi Allen's Newsletter

After an unusually warm Easter weekend and just a few Easter eggs (honest!), we are already in May. Despite the hiatus over Brexit, it's been another busy month in South Cambridgeshire.

I was absolutely thrilled to be able to visit the Royal Papworth Hospital at their new home on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus before patients arrived. It was quite eerie, walking around an empty hospital! I was absolutely overwhelmed not only by the new state of the art facilities but also the seamless transition from one site to another. The move has been the culmination of years of planning and effort. The staff have been working so incredibly hard to make this a reality and I am so proud that we have this world class facility in our constituency.

Back at the office, I also met with a number of local businesses for a round table discussion with me organised by the Federation of Small Business.

This was a great opportunity to hear from local businesses about the current economic climate, their needs and to gain an insight on some of the challenges they are facing. It was also possible for me to update them on national policy as well as local initiatives and infrastructure improvements.

As well as inviting businesses into the office to talk, I've recently visited Map BioPharma in Papworth Everard. They offer consultancy services that help BioPharma and MedTech clients achieve optimal market access in the UK and Ireland. Yet another example of one of our thriving businesses who contribute so much to job creation and ensure that we remain at the forefront of research and innovation.

Last month, my parliamentary office (and my husband Phil!) made up a team at Caxton Village Hall for quiz night! Wow – the questions were hard! I am pleased to report we didn't come last (though not far off) but we did have a thoroughly enjoyable evening and helped to raise funds for improvements to the Hall.

My most memorable appointment this month was as a member of the judging panel for Fen Drayton Primary School's Poetry Aloud competition. The children had been taking part in Poetry for Pleasure by selecting and learning their poems, with a competition at the end of two weeks' hard work. We cried with laughter, such was the enthusiasm and energy the children put into their recitals! It was so lovely to see how engaged the children were – from Reception to Year 6. Well done to all the children involved!

I was honoured to be asked to present an award at the Cambridge United Community Trust Gala Dinner at Duxford Imperial War Museum. The Community Trust is the charitable arm of Cambridge United and they are involved in many projects which help to deliver improved health, education and inclusion. If you would like more information about their work or would like to donate to their fundraising, details are available on their website - <https://www.cuctrust.co.uk/>

Looking ahead, in May I will be in Litlington for Desert Island Discs, visiting the WI in Bassingbourn and visiting businesses and community groups in Cambourne.

As ever, my newsletter can only provide a snapshot of my work on your behalf but if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next surgery is on Saturday 8th June. This is a "drop in" surgery between 10.30-12.30pm at Gamlingay Village Primary, Station Road, Gamlingay, SG19 3HD. No appointment necessary.

Further surgery dates will be added to my website soon -

<https://heidiallen.co.uk/surgeries-2.html>

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!

Suessical The Musical

Bourn Players would like to thank all those who came to see the wonderful musical Suessical over the first weekend in April. The show was a great success and the audience were completely captivated. The matinee was completely sold out and despite smaller audiences at the evening performances we are delighted to be able to donate £500 to this year's charity - Schoolreaders.

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Sign Up for 30 days wild

This June, the Wildlife Trusts challenge you to do something wild every day, with a free pack to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas from your Wildlife Trust. To get your free 30 Days Wild pack, which includes a wallchart, a poster, an interactive booklet and some stickers to help you go wild or to find out more visit

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Record Corner

Van the Man

Driving along in the car recently, "Bright Side of the Road" by Van Morrison came on the radio. It was like being greeted by an old friend. Upbeat and joyous, it set me up for the rest of the day. Good old Van the Man had done it for me again. Ever since the '60s he's had the ability to shift my moods to the positive with his own brand of "Celtic soul". But I'd forgotten about him along the way and now was the time to reconnect.

My relationship with his music came early in his career. As front man with the Irish rock group Them, he recorded one of the best double-sided 45s ever produced, the glorious "Gloria" backed with the equally rambunctious "Baby, Please Don't Go", a prize item in my record collection. "Here Comes the Night" was another terrific hit, as was his solo effort "Brown Eyed Girl" which has since become an all-time party piece. In the late '60s, now with Warner Brothers for an extended stay, he became more of an album artist and created a long string of LPs that have entered the pantheon of rock music. Starting with "Astral Weeks", "Moondance" (which contains the wonderful tracks "Crazy Love", "Into the Mystic" and "Caravan") and "His Band and Street Choir", this string of marvellous music culminated in the issue of

KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL

FOR HIRE

- One large and one smaller hall
- Both newly refurbished
- Up to 50 people sitting
- Tables and chairs supplied
- Fully equipped kitchen
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one of the best “live” albums ever produced, the 1974 double LP “It’s Too Late to Stop Now”.

Listening to his music again all these years later, I’m struck (and surprised) by three things: his continual ability to provide upbeat and uplifting music, the spiritual bent of many of his songs, and his penchant for providing utterly romantic love songs. As examples of the latter look up “Tupelo Honey”, “Purple Heather” “Someone Like You” and “Have I Told You Lately” for starters.

And in parting company with him for many years (don’t know why), I’ve done myself a grave disservice. He has continued to record (40 albums at present count) and the last five years have given us the critically acclaimed LPs “Roll with the Punches” and “The Healing Game”. So I’ve got some catching up to do. It’s the equivalent of discovering that Henning Mankel wrote a slew of brilliant Wallander books before his untimely death in 2017 (which is, unfortunately, not the case). And, in between all this recording history, Van Morrison has managed to pull off some characteristically cool collaborations with the likes of the Chieftains on “Irish Heartbeat” and, my childhood musical heroes, Lonnie Donegan and Chris Barber on “The Skiffle Sessions: Live in Belfast” which is a celebration of the kind of music on which Van Morrison first acquired his spurs.

The lasting impact of his music is in the culmination of his remarkably consistent exploration of what happens when soul music and Celtic music are merged into a joyous, deeply satisfying melange of romantic, spiritual and celebratory rock music. For evidence of his success rate, just play “Into the Mystic” (which closes with the heartfelt exclamation “it’s too late to stop now”), “Saint Dominic’s Preview” and Sam Cooke’s “Bring it on Home to Me”. Riches galore.

Peter Holly

Cambourne to be Wild 6th/7th July 2019

Cambourne to be Wild is a two day festival of live music, art, wild activities and good food and drink; all in support of local wildlife.

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FUNNY IN RETROSPECT

We are told that we should never look back but when one is as ancient as I am the present is not great and the future not a time to dwell on. It follows that the past often occupies my thoughts and there is a tendency to mull over the events that have shaped my life over the years. Many memories stay with me of course but there are a large proportion of activities and events that have passed enjoyably, smoothly and successfully which have faded from the mind in the course of the years. It is the 'not according to plan', most of them trivial events, which have stayed as vividly as though they occurred but yesterday. One of my earliest memories, for example, at about the age of five was the occasion when, playing in a builder's yard next to our house, I turned on the tap of a standpipe and found I was not strong enough to turn it off when the water started to flow and flood the yard. The guilt I felt for lying to my mother that another boy was the culprit stayed with me for many years.

To further illustrate my point I describe below two minor misadventures of over half a century ago still vivid in my memory. During 1943 whilst serving in the R.A.F. I was temporarily posted to Witchford near Ely where there was a wartime airfield. From there I got home easily on a 48 hour pass. Before joining up I had become a keen rider with the C.T.C. Cambridge section and was asked by a fellow member if I would partner him on a ride to Whipsnade Zoo on a borrowed tandem cycle. I had not previously ridden a tandem but I reluctantly agreed.

I was to be the rear rider and after a nervous start soon got the hang of things. By the time we reached a lane close to Bassingbourn Airfield our confidence had grown and we were bowling along quite fast, but as we rounded a bend, we were confronted by a "lollypop style" barrier barring our way across the lane. Instead of stopping my companion, who was rather short with his saddle set as low as possible, blithely pedalled on, ducking his head under the horizontal pole. At the back I was perched on a saddle fitted much higher to cater for my longer legs and ducking under was out for me. I grabbed the pole before it hit me in the chest leaving my machine to glide on without me. I hastily let go as the light end of the pole unhooked and sprang skywards just as an irate R.A.F. Corporal appeared from his box to remonstrate. I was dressed in cycling gear, possibly against the rules, so was hoping that I would not be asked for my identity card. The lane was lined with Nissan huts containing bombs but we were grudgingly let through. I have no recollection of the rest of our journey or whether we reach the Zoo!

Since the splendid TV series of evocative holiday canal journeys by Timothy West and Prunella Scales the number of canal enthusiasts must have grown considerably but in the sixties when Ann and I got addicted it seemed an odd idea to most of our friends. However we persuaded Steve and Margaret plus their two boys to join us in hiring a canal narrowboat for a journey along the Grand Union and Oxford canals. As complete novices we 'enjoyed' umpteen mistakes and misadventures but this one on our second day out remains in the memory more than most.

We reached the village of Weedon, situated by the busy A5, at about lunch time where a good mooring point came into view. Ann and Margaret thought it would be a good place to stock up our food store whilst Steve and I wanted to sample a pint of cask ale at a pub we could see from the canal. Unfortunately he was too eager, for he picked up the stern mooring rope and threw it enthusiastically to shore before the gap between the boat and the bank closed as I steered in. His aim was poor and the rope, inexpertly coiled by another crew member who shall be nameless, was a tangled mess which fell limply into the water. Worse, the propeller was still revolving and, in a flash the rope, picked up by the wash, had wrapped itself lovingly around the propeller blades like a cobra round its victim! The engine gave a strangulated snort followed by a tense moment of silence and an explosive "You clot, Steve" from me. I was too shaken to say more!

My female crew members at the bow, not appreciating the seriousness of the problem, had managed to scramble ashore and, performing more efficiently, had been able to secure their end and hold our craft amidships before she drifted away. I was aghast as I imagined the pained reaction of the owner when he was told the reason of the breakdown. I thought of the shame of watching our wrecked narrowboat being towed back to base! Clutching at straws Steve suggested that if we all pulled the rope together we could get it clear. "Not a chance" I snapped but, foolishly, we did have a go with the negative result I anticipated. Hanging over the stern and peering into the rather murky water we could just make out the hopelessly entangled propeller a couple of feet below the surface. Giving her abashed husband a meaningful look Margaret suggested that the only way out of our predicament was for someone to dive down with a knife and cut the rope off. "Don't look at me" said Steve hastily "I can't swim"!

The boys did not look very keen on the job either. Feeling rather cornered, I thought of the well-known comment of one American President, "The buck stops here" as I went below to find my bathing trunks. I reluctantly emerged into the daylight stripped off apart from my ancient pair of woolly, red drawers and a pair of

plimsoles. Ribald cheers greeted my rear view when several moth holes showed up in awkward places. Red faced I clambered stiffly overboard, bread knife in hand. "Urrgh" was my only comment as chilly water crept up my legs but I was relieved when my feet contacted the muddy bottom when the water was only chest high. I groped below for the propeller which was now obscured by the mud I had stirred up by my descent and sawed feebly at the only bit of rope I could locate.

The ladies callously went off to shop whilst I crouched almost up to my neck in dirty canal water making valiant efforts to progress. Various wriggly creatures kept me company while I spent what seemed a lifetime of hacking, pulling and unravelling with increasingly numb fingers and, at last, a tattered and sadly ruined rope was persuaded to part company with the apparently undamaged propeller. I called for Steve's assistance in a scrambled re-embarkation during which the perished elastic in my ghastly swimwear gave up the ghost. I was also perished and was thankful that the ladies were not present as I disclosed more of my person than was originally revealed by the moth holes.

Dave Heath



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As the weather brightens up and the sunshine starts brightening our weeks we welcome the longer, brighter nights and the opportunity to enjoy summer days and nights in the garden.

When powering up your BBQ's and putting out the garden furniture for the summer season, be sure to take note of our top tips below to ensure you have a fun and safe summer in the garden.

- If cooking outdoors, always check BBQs over after winter storage. Keep them on level ground and ensure they are sited away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and property
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave the barbecue unattended
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area
- Don't forget to stay safe around our county's waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location
- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent.

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LEAF Open Farm Sunday: 9 June <https://farmsunday.org/visit-a-farm>

Each year hundreds of farms across the UK throw open their gates to welcome the public, making Open Farm Sunday a fantastic opportunity for everyone, young and old, to discover at first hand what it means to be a farmer and the fabulous work farmers do producing our food and managing the countryside.

Local Farms open this year include:

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7:00pm

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