

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



July 2021

Village Diary

Stop press. The Annual Parish Meeting and the Orchard Tea Party have both been postponed due to Government restrictions not being lifted.

The Church Gift Day, however, will go ahead as planned – details below.

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday, 7th July

Black bin

Wednesday, 14th July

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday, 21st July

Black bin

Wednesday, 28th July

Blue and Green bins

Editorial

This month's cover photo (and those included below) are of the joyous occasion of the wedding of Sarah Smith - who lived in the village from the age of four - and Ben Charles at The Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Donyatt, Somerset, on Saturday 22nd May, 2021. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Another photo included below is that of Kingston's intrepid coffee-mornings. Having relied on zoom gatherings during the lockdown, they are now freed up to have coffee in a garden near you.

Other photos in this issue were taken by Zoe Hoskins (bluebells) and Jacqui Smith (open fields) showing off our village environment at its best.

You are advised to read the important announcement about the Village Hall in this issue. You are also asked to note Katherine Reid's announcement that Angie's Kitchen food van will now be visiting Kingston on Tuesdays, 4.30–7.30pm, and only on Saturdays when no pizza is scheduled to be served at pub nights.

Finally, don't forget the major upcoming village event: the Church Gift Day on 10th July.

Peter Holly pjholly45@gmail.com 01223 264 556

Vicar's Letter

Philip Larkin, in his poem 'Cut Grass' wrote of "the white hours / Of young-leaved June / With chestnut flowers, / With hedges snowlike strewn" and the more Junes I see, the more I marvel each time at the exuberant bright green of the trees' new leaves, the glorious chestnut flowers with their promise of conkers to come, and the white splash of hawthorn, elder, and all the other blossoms.

In springtime, we could easily imagine that nature is invincible, springing back powerfully from the apparent death of winter. But it isn't. Human activity is damaging nature at all levels from the local to the global.

Carbon dioxide in our atmosphere reached 419 parts per million in May this year – the highest since measurements began in 1958. Levels are now where they were over 4 million years ago, when sea levels were nearly 24 metres higher than today. Unless this changes, everywhere from Papworth north to the present coast will eventually be under water.

Despite decades of 'climate agreements' increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels show no sign of slowing, let alone reversing.

There are signs of hope: the United States has rejoined the Paris climate accord and is investing significant money in new alternative-energy projects; new sources of renewable energy are now cheaper than new fossil fuel energy; and last year the UK went over 2 months without using any electricity from burning coal (we still burned gas, though). But there is far, far more to do, and it's extremely urgent if we are to avoid catastrophe.

So why is the Vicar writing about this stuff? The Bible is very clear that our world is God's creation. God declared it "good" and commissioned humans to look after it. Instead we are ripping it to bits to make money. Jesus asked, "what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?" This is the danger we all face: destroying our planet in the pursuit of wealth is madness.

As the world prepares for the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow in November, let's spend the intervening time reviewing radically our own ecological footprint, lobbying anyone we can reach to do the same, and above all praying for wisdom and swift, decisive action.

Rev. Steve Day

Church services for July

Sunday 4th July Holy Communion 8.30am

Sunday 18th July Family Service 10.30am

Masks must be worn in church.

Zoom Chapel: 10.00am Sunday 4th July

Morning Prayer (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am

Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Compline on Thursdays at 9pm

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm

For further information and the Zoom link see www.papworthteamchurches.org

The church remains open on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We hope to re-open every day next month.

Church cleaning

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

Church flowers and brasses

4 th July	Janet Clear
11 th July	Miki Ellar
18 th July	Henrietta Burbridge
25 th July	Christine Allison

Annual Church Meetings 26th May 2021

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners Kay Forsythe and Peter Reynolds were re-elected as churchwardens. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Janet Clear was elected Secretary and Patrick Thompson, Treasurer. Christine Allison and Torrie Smith were re-elected to the PCC. Sincere thanks were expressed to Linda Rimmer and Lee Steele who tendered their resignations from the PCC after many years of service. Linda served as Treasurer for the last twelve years.

The annual audited accounts to 31 December 2020, presented by Patrick Thompson at the meeting, revealed -- unsurprisingly -- a significant shortfall in

income last year. Expenditure on our general purposes account exceeded income by £5,630. Another loss of this scale during the current financial year is not sustainable: hence our Gift Day this month. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the PCC's accounts may contact Patrick.

Church Gift Day Saturday July 10th from 12 – 5.30pm + Pop-up Sale

A Gift Day appeal leaflet has been circulated separately, to all households. This is a biennial event and was planned to coincide with the orchard tea party which, unfortunately, has had to be postponed. Please note, however, that the Church Gift Day is very much going ahead. There will also be a Pop-up Sale of books and household goods in the church: these include books ex libris Philip Oliver, kindly donated by Rhonda Oliver; and ornaments and china given by Mariko Parslow-Otsu when she cleared Orchard Cottage early last year. The books include a wide selection of poetry, classics and books about cricket and cookery. All proceeds will be added to the Gift Day income.

Grant and loan from the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

All Saints and St Andrew's church was inspected by Historic England in November 2019 and placed on its Buildings At Risk Register in January 2020. An area of plaster fell down in June 2017 and the whole nave ceiling was then declared unsafe, and a temporary scaffold board 'crash deck' was installed. The south aisle roof has begun to leak and must be stripped and re-tiled. No major repairs to our building have been carried out for a century, apart from the re-roofing of the north aisle in 2009. We are therefore delighted to announce that the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CamCHT) have offered Kingston PCC a grant of £3,000 and a loan of £20,000, towards the £97,000 required to carry out repairs to the church fabric: these consist of a new internal nave ceiling, the re-roofing of the south aisle and work on the south clerestory windows. The loan will be payable on commencement of the works and the grant at 75% completion.

The Trust offers these grants and loans to help congregations maintain their places of worship. The Trust's main source of income is the annual Ride and Stride event, where sponsored cyclists and walkers visit churches, chapels and colleges throughout the county, sharing the money raised between the CamHCT and their local church. The Trust also organises visits to churches during the

summer months and an annual conference (these have been suspended because of the Covid pandemic). Membership is highly recommended to anyone interested in church buildings and their history.

These grants are the maximum that the Trust offers and represent a very welcome beginning to our fund-raising programme. Kingston PCC is in the process of making further applications to charities, and will be organising fund raising events in the parish as and when this becomes permissible.

Details of the CamHCT may be found at www.camhct.uk

Peter Reynolds

Ellacombe Chimes Bicentenary Celebration, 12 noon, 26th June 2021

As we go to press, Kingston has registered to join more than one hundred churches on four continents and in eleven time zones, from New Zealand to Canada, to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Revd Henry Ellacombe's invention of the Ellacombe Frame, an apparatus that facilitates the chiming of church bells, by a single person, without rotating the bells as in traditional 'full circle ringing'. Each bell has a hammer connected by a rope to a fixed frame at the base of the tower. The Revd H T Ellacombe, of Bitton in Gloucestershire, invented this system as an alternative to using the local ringers whom he found unruly, lewd and drunk – liable to peal for any reason they chose or for whoever was prepared to pay, and, moreover, seldom attending church services.

Kingston's substantial oak bell frame, with X braced pit trusses, has been dated to between 1450 and 1550. It allowed for full circle ringing. Three bells were recorded in a survey of church goods in 1552. Our Ellacombe Frame must have been installed about 1930. Of our three bells the treble is inscribed THO: NEWMAN MADE ME 1722 RECAST 1930 MEARS AND STAINBANK LONDON. The second bell is inscribed AVE MARIA and dates to about 1360, one of the oldest in the county, made by John Rufford the royal bell founder of Toddington, Bedfordshire, and it was probably cast on site. The third (tenor) bell's inscription reads JOSEPH EYRE FECIT 1767 JOHN LEE RECTOR HENRY ROYSTON CHURCHWARDEN.

The bicentenary of the Ellacombe Chimes has been organised jointly by Bitton St Mary's Church and Bitton Parish History Group. For further information, see www.bittonhistory.org.uk [ellacombe-chimes-celebration](http://www.bittonhistory.org.uk)

Peter Reynolds

Chimney Sweep

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th August 2021

As many of you will remember, the chimney sweep was in Kingston at the end of September last year, later than usual following lockdown.

This year I have booked him to come at the beginning of August as I thought that May/June might seem like too soon!

If you would like to have your chimney(s) swept on one of these dates, or want further details, please let me know.

Mark has emphasised that if anyone needs their chimney swept earlier for any reason eg. insurance requirements for thatched roofs, he is happy to oblige, in which case just contact me and I'll put you in touch.

We are so lucky to have built up a good relationship with this chimney sweep over the years. As well as trying always to accommodate individual needs he is as usual applying a discount for our village block-booking (prices remain at £50 for a standard chimney).

Pat Draper, Rose Hide House, Church Lane.

Exchange and Mart

Miki Ellar has a filing cabinet to give away. It's a two-drawer metal version which is coloured brown and beige and is in good condition. If you are interested, please call Miki

Maj-Lis at Ainola, Cranes Lane has two vintage speakers in working order which she no longer needs. She will release them in exchange for a (generous!) cheque made payable to Kingston Parish Church. They are:

- AR -3a
- Goodmans Magnum -K2

Only one of each. Measurements approx. 60 x 38 x 28cm, teak surround.
Contact Maj-Lis

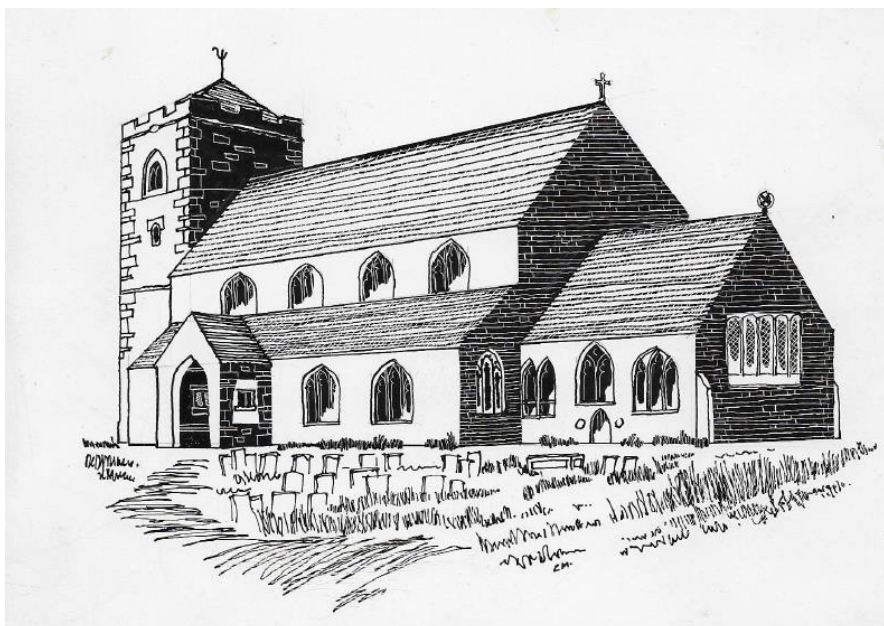


Illustration of church by the late Charles Mellor

KINGSTON CHURCH GIFT DAY

SATURDAY 10TH JULY 12-5.30pm

All Saints and St Andrew, Kingston's parish church, has stood at the very centre of community life in Kingston for more than 800 years – providing a key bond in creating and holding the community together and offering sanctuary and peace.

A Grade I listed building of exceptional architectural interest, with unique medieval wall paintings of national importance, the church encapsulates the history of Kingston.

We owe a debt to previous generations who have worshipped God in this place and looked after our church; we have a responsibility to future generations to pass forward this precious legacy.

Please help remedy a significant shortfall in income sustained over the last 15 months as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Ely Cathedral Team Joins 2,000 Mile Bike Challenge

Cyclists from Ely Cathedral joined a nationwide relay ride linking all 42 Church of England cathedrals to celebrate the launch of a new Cathedrals Cycle Route. The launch coincided with the start of Bike Week, the annual celebration of cycling delivered by Cycling UK, and The World's Biggest Bike Ride.

11 cyclists made up from Cathedral staff, volunteers, chorister parents and community members rode the 54 mile route between Ely and Norwich on Thursday 10 June. They picked up a specially commissioned baton from 17 cyclists from Peterborough Cathedral who had arrived in Ely the day before.

The Cathedrals Cycle Route measures 2,000 miles in total, with individual legs between cathedrals varying in length to suit all abilities.

The first group of cyclists set out from Newcastle Cathedral, the most northerly Anglican cathedral, on Sunday 30 May and a group is expected to return to Newcastle 42 days later (weather permitting) having cycled to every Church of England cathedral.

The relay ride will raise money for Cycling UK's Break the Cycle appeal, which aims to improve people's wellbeing and tackle social isolation through the charity's community cycling clubs, activities and projects nationwide (cyclinguk.org/breakthecycle).

It is hoped that the relay ride will become an annual event and will encourage more and more people to get on their bikes this year and beyond.



RENDEZVOUS 2021

**2 days of Activities and Entertainment for the
'Young at Heart' living in and around the
villages of the Papworth Team**

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Exercise Class, Clock Making
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Wednesday 11th and Friday 13th August

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Anne Pettifor: Tel 01480 880672 or
Nichola Donald: 01480 880285



Kingston Coffee Morning
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And bluebells





Bourn School Bag Drop!

Do you have unwanted clothes, shoes, boots, trainers, handbags, belts, hats, scarves, fashion accessories, jewellery, perfumes and toiletries? If so please bring items in a tied dustbin bag to the front yard of 2 Short Street, Bourn, on **Friday 2nd July** between 8am and 9am, or at drop off at the school gate if you have a child at Bourn School.

Everything will be sent to Happy School Bag (happyschoolbag.co.uk) for re-use or recycling, avoiding landfill and raising much needed money for Bourn Primary School.

Please note, we cannot accept dirty, damaged or wet clothes, uniforms, underclothing, single shoes, toys, books, DVDs, bric-a-brac, mats, carpets, pillows, blankets or curtains.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Bourn School Association (BSA)

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Kingston Village Hall – update on proposed changes to the constitution and structure

Earlier this year we wrote about our plans to move the Village Hall, and the associated Management Committee constitution and structure, to a newer, more modern version. Despite the lockdown we have made good progress so far and have agreed a plan for the old village hall structure to migrate to the new constitution. This constitution, a so-called “Charitable Incorporated Organisation”, is a brand new template directly from the Charity Commission specifically for the governance and management of village halls. As we said in our last update, this “CIO” structure has a number of significant benefits over the previous 1970’s “Custodian Trustee” structure around the areas of trustee liability plus it updates and modernises the aims and policies of the charity to ensure we have the right wording for equality of opportunity and various associated issues that can be real hot-buttons in today’s society. It also provides a lot of up-to-date material in there to deal with legally murky issues such as email and Zoom meetings which we all use day to day but which actually have not been explicitly put down because, of course, they did not exist back in the 1970’s. To navigate the village through these changes we have a very good advisor, Louise Beaton, who has an OBE awarded specifically for services in her career to Village Halls and who has recently written and agreed the constitution directly with the Charity Commission covering all English village halls. The fact that we have the person that wrote the document directly with the Charity Commission is one of the benefits perhaps of being a parish in the Cambridge area! Louise is making sure that we work through all the detail in the correct manner and because she has drafted all the documents with the Charity Commission we can as a village be sure that there are no pitfalls in the paperwork.

The next step will be a public meeting to coincide with the Village Hall AGM at the end of September to agree that the existing village hall can move to the new structure. We will advertise this over the coming weeks once the documentation with the Charity Commission is finalised. However, the notice will almost certainly catch your eye because it states in technical legal wording the intention to “dispose” of the Village Hall! We can reassure you that there are absolutely no plans to sell the village hall to anyone: this notice is just part of the required technical legalities to enable the transfer of the village hall asset from the current 1970’s “Custodian Trustee” structure to the newer “CIO” structure and is most certainly not a disposal of the asset to anyone else outside the village. Louise reports that most villages that

have gone through the process of modernising their legal structure often get a lot of questions at this point unless they have explained what is happening upfront, hence why we are letting everyone know well ahead of time. Furthermore, looking ahead to future generations, there are no changes to the significant protections going back to the 1970's that we have over the village hall that prevent anyone else to try and sell the hall without village consent.

This so-called CIO structure we think really gives the village the best of both worlds – we get a new modern constitution and structure fit for the next 100 years and which is the right vehicle when dealing with people such as insurance companies and the Charity Commission – and also we get to retain the protections entered into in the past that ensure the village hall remains in Kingston for the use of the village for as long as the village wishes. When you combine these proposals with the fact that we have all collectively over the past decade massively modernised and extended the fabric of the village hall, we have a real asset now that is fit for future generations. Indeed, planned for the next 6 months are a number of further improvements to the village hall including: a new speedwash dishwasher, the large hall fit-out with sound absorption panels which we know a lot of us have been waiting for with bated breath and indeed (whisper it hopefully) broadband which we think may come this autumn and which would enable further interesting community activities in the hall in the future.

We would encourage any or all of you to attend the September AGM meeting or, in the meantime, if you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to any member of the committee (details at the back of the newsletter). And, indeed, if this update piques your passion for the village hall in any way (perhaps you have some plans on what to do with the new broadband?) do please feel free to come and join the committee where you would be made very welcome!

Chris Reid & Paul Wright

Book of the Month

“Q” by Christina Dalcher

I have one golden rule in terms of my reading selections: no science fiction, no time-travel, and definitely no ghosts. When recommended this book, therefore, I thought I was skating on thin ice. As it turns out, I had no grounds for concern. This is a brilliant book and a timely warning to us all.

Christina Dalcher’s novel is a dystopian vision of what the education system could look like at some point in time in the (not too distant) future – given an explosive combination of rigidity and rectitude with meritocratic ambitions for educational excellence. Brought on by an overloaded system trying to serve the needs of all students, the Federal Government in the USA steps in and creates a highly tiered and stratified system of Silver, Green and Yellow schools to which students are allotted according to their “Q” rankings as a result of their monthly test scores. Silver, Green, and Yellow buses collect students from their homes. Silver and Green buses return in the afternoons, the exception being the Yellow buses as their occupants have been sent to rural boarding schools across America which are work-camps for the unsuccessful students in the hot-house race to maximize achievement scores. As some grand-parents point out, it’s chillingly similar to Germany in the 1930s, with students in the Yellow schools having to wear different coloured arm-bands denoting their status positions in the hierarchy of student rankings. Depersonalized, large-size, and highly disciplined schools are the norm, with teachers being regimented (and tested) as much as the students. A climate of fear pervades the whole system. Many parents collude with these arrangements as they worry their children are being held back by having to learn with other students from more diverse backgrounds. As the “Q” rankings are composed of composite data points (test scores, attendance rates, levels of participation and effort, grades, parents’ education levels, and sibling performance), brothers and sisters are continually being reminded that their lack of progress can harm their siblings. Everyone has to buckle down – or accept the consequences.

The central characters in this novel are a mother (Elena Fairchild), her husband (Malcolm) and their two daughters, Anne and Freddie, the first of which is a real high-flyer in a Silver school, the second of which is an honest-to-goodness child of average ability who ends up being sent to a Yellow institution. Her mother is determined to resurrect her from this form of oblivion. The problem is that the father is an administrator in the Department of Education, whose job it is to institute this system of tiered schooling. Given his determination to see it through and his wife’s determination to save her daughter, a collision course is inevitable. My advice is to stick with this book to its heart-breaking ending. It’s one of those books that challenges the mind and stirs the soul. And the truth is, I couldn’t put it down.

Peter Holly

News Update from Bourn Primary

Our school value of hope has guided us this year in a way that we could never have anticipated. By the time this goes to print, we will be at the end of another school year, which has been challenging and difficult in so many ways. We started the Autumn term in 'bubbles', with each class remaining separate from each other class, staff maintaining a 2 metre social distance from each other and a cleaning regime that has been both thorough and costly. It has been worth it though, as it meant we could be back at school – all together again but in a socially distanced way. The children adapted to the new version of school, as children do, and we were hopeful of a return to normal. However, as Covid rates increased so much in December, we all went into a second lockdown, and schools were closed again at less than a day's notice. We moved rapidly into online learning, with teachers recording lessons and holding live Zoom sessions with their class. The technology was a challenge, and some children didn't have access to a device they could use for learning, but we were able to lend the school's ipads. The villages pulled together and raised funds for the school to provide more devices for us to use and we are extremely grateful for your generosity.

We all returned to school for three weeks before the Easter holiday and it was a joy to see all the children again. Getting back into the 'school' way of learning took a little while but the children settled quickly back into their learning and were very glad to be at school again. Then, at the very beginning of the summer term, we received the devastating news that one of our children had died suddenly and unexpectedly, aged only 5. Lyla Blue Glennen was in Willow Class and was a much loved and cherished member of the school. The children and staff of the school, and those in Willow Class in particular, have found this terrible news difficult to come to terms with but have supported each other with so much kindness and compassion. We planted a cherry blossom tree on the front field, in a bed full of pink flowers to remember her. The children often stop at the tree and think of Lyla, often saying their own little prayers. We think of her, and her family so much and miss her every day.

During this time of great sorrow, we wanted to have a project that was filled with positivity and hope, to bring us all together. You may have seen on the Bourn Facebook page that we currently have a Bourn Book Bus Project underway. We have acquired an old red bus and are in the process of transforming it into a Book Bus, where we will keep a new fiction library, and where children can sit and read. This bus will be dedicated to Lyla's memory, so it is very important to us that we create the most magical Book Bus possible. At the time of writing, we are just starting the work on cleaning and preparing the bus for the work that needs to be done to make

it safe and ready to be transformed. We are also very keen to fit solar panels to provide some of the electricity so it can be as eco-friendly as possible. Much of the work will cost quite a lot, so we have a Just Giving page to help with these costs. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bournreadingbus>. I would like to thank everyone who has donated to this cause, and anyone who has offered their help in any way, from cleaning, making shelves, donating books and everything in between. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the school on office@bourn.cambs.sch.uk. We particularly need someone who could build book shelves for us!

The cycle of school life continues; we are preparing to say a fond farewell to our Year 6s who will be moving to secondary school, and we are looking forward to welcoming our new 'little Acorns' into Reception. We are looking forward to next year with hope, too. We hope more than anything that we will be able to return to school as normal, and we can start to invite parents, families and guests back into school for events like we did pre Covid. Thank you to everyone for their kindness and good wishes over this school year. On behalf of everyone at Bourn Primary, we wish you a peaceful, happy and sunny summer.

Best wishes,

Laura Latham

Headteacher, Bourn Primary Academy

01954 719282



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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 and my blog at www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports for details on the items below and more.



COVID19 Update

It has been a strange and difficult 14 months since we went into the first lockdown on 23 March 2020. Step 4 of the lockdown easing due to take place on 21st June 2021 has been postponed for a further 4 weeks due to Delta variant effect. Covid19 vaccination is being extended to over 18s as from this week. I encourage everyone to get vaccinated to help stop the virus spread.

If you need a rapid test, the nearest Rapid Testing Centre is at The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW, 8am-8pm, Mon-Sat.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting>

South Cambs Hall is still closed to the public. Most staff are working from home. All Councils now have to hold face to face public meetings from 7th May onwards whilst keeping to covid safety guidelines.

Welcome Back Fund – Parish Survey

SCDC is offering support to help businesses reopen as restrictions begin to lift. We are asking parishes to help us by completing an online survey so we can determine how best to help. The survey is at <http://bit.ly/SCWelcomeBackSurvey> and should only take a few minutes. Contact email for the Reopening High Street Safely team is reopening@scambs.gov.uk.

Zero Carbon Grant

Community groups can bid for grants between £1000 and £15000 for projects to tackle climate change. Go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/applications-open-for-cash-for-climate-change-projects/> to read more about the grant, how to apply.

Application closing date is **5pm on Friday 30th July 2021**.

East West Rail Consultation

Thank you to all who took time to respond to the just concluded consultation. The impact of the proposals on our Ward will be very severe indeed. You can find the SCDC response at

<http://bit.ly/EWR-SCDC-Response> and my response as Ward Member is at

<http://bit.ly/EWR-WardMember-Response>

Cycling and Walking Consultation

Cambridgeshire County Council has begun a consultation on the creation of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Cambridgeshire. **Closing date is Tuesday 13th July 2021**. Residents are invited to complete the survey and/or mark cycleways and footpaths they would like to see created or prioritised on the map. To comment, consultation website is at <http://bit.ly/CambsLCWIP2021>. Cycle routes relevant to us is in <http://bit.ly/Appendix1-DocA12>

Greater Cambridge Local Plan Update

The spatial strategy is beginning to take shape. It will be a climate change, zero-carbon focussed plan, based on a combination of the 8 strategies consulted on in early 2020. The “Draft Preferred Options” is expected to be published early Autumn, to be followed by a public consultation.

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 01954 210840, email tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk, @CouncillorTumi on Twitter, Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/>, and on my Contact Me page on my website 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.

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**The wedding of Sarah
Smith and Ben Charles at
The Church of the Blessed
Virgin Mary,
Donyatt, Somerset,
on Saturday 22nd May**





Papworth Team Ministry (C of E)

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Web: www.papworthteamchurches.org

Our Team Administrator, Chris Westgarth, works in the office normally on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings; serving the parishes of Bourn, Boxworth, Caxton, Conington, Croxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Graveley with Papworth St Agnes, Kingston, Knapwell, Lolworth, Longstowe, Papworth Everard, Toseland and Yelling.

For enquiries about weddings, baptisms, funerals and general parish matters, please contact Chris (as above), visit the website or speak to one of our clergy...

> The Revd Nigel di Castiglione,
Team Rector – 07770 697240 -
01954 267241

> The Revd Stephen Day,
Team Vicar - 01954 264226

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
- China, glassware and cutlery
- Fridge
- Alcohol licence
- Disabled access and facilities

Hire charges per hour:

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

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

Enquiries: Sarah Wright (secretary)

01223 263500 or 0787 999 1068

kingstonvillagehall@gmail.com

Kwirky Korner

Who was it that said that the UK and the USA are only separated by the same language? One commentator has recently listed these differences in terms.

<u>UK</u>	<u>USA</u>
Tippex	White out
Yob	
Naff	
Escalope	Schnitzel
Perspex	Plexiglass
Brolly	Bumpershoot
Abseiling	Repelling
Biro	Ballpoint pen
Tombola	Raffle
Leg cramp	Charlie horse
Invigilator	Proctor

As the commentator remarked, “invigilator” sounds so much more formal, respectable, and severe. Kids might cheat on tests when a proctor is around, but would never risk running afoul of the invigilator.

English words that Americans know and Brits don’t.

Sandlot
 Staph infection
 Kwanzaa
 Goober
 Boondocks
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Coonskin is the pelt of a raccoon and was popularized in the 1950s when Davy Crockett wore coonskin hats on TV. Consequently, in 1952, with my seamstress auntie coming to the rescue, I was the only seven year-old boy in Weston-Super-Mare who owned (but not wore) a Davy Crockett hat and a busby at the same time. OK, you Yanks, what’s a busby? If it comes to that, what’s a charabanc?

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Record Corner


“America”

This is not the catchy, dance number from *West Side Story*. It's the Simon and Garfunkel song that first appeared on their classic album “Bookends” in 1968. It also became a hit single in 1972, first released as the B-side of “For Emily, Whenever I May Find Her” but then flipped to the A-side in time to climb the charts. Whether it was a hit or not, however, is not the important issue. What is important is that, in my book, it's one of the best recorded songs ever made. Written by Paul Simon in the mid-sixties, it's a kind of travelogue, a road-trip undertaken by Simon and his then girlfriend Kathy from England in 1964. Travelling by Greyhound bus, they visited places like Saginaw, Michigan, Pittsburgh, and the New Jersey Turnpike (all mentioned in the song), as they looked for the real, authentic America. Apparently the citizens of Saginaw were so thrilled with their home-town being mentioned that they've celebrated their new-found fame ever since, with the entire words of the song being displayed on buildings across the town. While the words used in the song are very descriptive and evocative of this literal and figurative journey – to find America – it is the tune and the accompanying soaring harmonies that set it apart from the usual pack of hit nonentities. Comparatively slow in tempo, the song is majestic in its flights of fancy. The only contemporary song that gets anywhere close to it is the Beach Boys' “Good Vibrations”. It is intimate and epic at one and the same time. One reviewer says the song creates “a cinematic vista that tells of the singer's search for a literal and physical America that seems to have disappeared along with the country's beauty and ideals.” Anthemic in its scope, the song works on two levels: on one level it describes everyday, mundane events on the bus trip: smoking, reading, sleeping, and watching the scenery go by. On another level it evokes the soaring emotional heights of travelling with your love partner at your side. Whether or not you liked Simon and Garfunkel's style of harmony singing (on such other hits as “Bridge over Troubled Water” and “Homeward Bound”), you have to admit that the singing on “America” is exceptional. So good, in fact, that there have been several excellent covers made by other artists in the intervening years. Chief amongst these are versions by the Swedish duo “First Aid Kit” (said to be Paul Simon's favourite) and Lucy Wainwright Roche. The latter hails from great musical stock. Her mother was in the group, The Roches, and her father was folk-singer Loudon Wainwright III. Through her father, then, she was related to the McGarrigle clan, Kate and Anna, the brilliant Canadian folk-rock artists, and Rufus and Martha Wainwright. Being from this musical lineage, Lucy knows a good song when she sees one and she certainly excels herself on her particular recording.










As an intriguing footnote, it is possible to trace the whereabouts of the Kathy mentioned in the song. She was also the subject of Paul Simon's beautiful "Kathy's Song" and was seen on the cover of his first LP. But then she quit the music scene (rumours suggest it was all too much for her), returned to England and took up a very different life. Kathleen Chitty, aged just 18, had first met Simon in 1963 at the Railway Inn folk-club in Brentwood, Essex, where she sold tickets on the door and the folk-singer came to perform during his first, early tour of England. "Homeward Bound" was written after a gig up north when he was looking forward to returning to his new girl-friend. Then came their visit to America together and Kathy's return to England, whereupon she took up a very different life. In the 1970s she moved to a quiet village in North Wales, got a job in a technical college (where she worked for over twenty years), caught the bus to her job every day, had three children (and later grandchildren) with her new partner – all the while never agreeing to be interviewed about her earlier life. Not a recluse, she just chose to live her life quietly and unostentatiously. Kathy's Song includes the lines: "I gaze beyond the rain drenched streets, to England where my heart lies.

My thoughts are many miles away, they lie with you when you're asleep, and kiss you when you start the day." As far as Paul Simon is concerned, he once referred to their relationship as the "most peaceful time". Sounds like a good title for a new song.

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