

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



August 2022

Village Diary

Saturday 7th August

Pub Night

Thursday 11th August 1 - 1:30pm

Library Van at the crossroads

Tuesdays at 10am

Wellness Workouts at the Village Hall

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 3rd August

Black bin

Wednesday 10th August

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday 17th August

Black bin

Wednesday 24th August

Blue and Green bins

Editorial

We will have all noticed that the harvest is in full swing here in the village. For all the modern conveniences that life has brought to our small village, this one event links us back to a timeless tradition. Most of the people who now 'toil' in our fields may no longer live among us, but it's good to consider that we live in an area that plants, grows and harvests food.

I've been recently reminded of another village 'tradition'. Although no way near the centuries of the harvest, it has never-the-less been coming to the village for over 50 years. I'm writing about the monthly visit of the county library van. The fact that it has survived all recent 'cuts' to services amazes me. The van arrives at the village crossroads on the second Thursday of each month between 1 and 1:30pm and while it carries an extensive array of books, anything can be ordered for its next visit. The driver tells me that they also carry hearing aid batteries and walking stick ferrules (look it up!). And with the school holidays here, the kids might like a browse too.

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Vicar's Letter

How are you feeling?

It's hot. It's even hotter in parts of mainland Europe; an excellent time to be in the business of making and selling ice creams! As some suffer others prosper. This is true in small matters as well as the big issues facing the world at large. The biggest lesson we can all share is we can't control everything that happens to us and around us. This highlights the importance of how we respond or react, not least because those around us are impacted by whether we are irritated and troubled or at ease and in good fettle.

The Christian tradition highlights what we can do with our feelings and responses. One option is to embrace a disposition of thankfulness. On one occasion the Bible says, 'Give thanks in all circumstances.' The important word here is IN; we are to be thankful IN all circumstances which is very different to being thankful FOR everything happening around us.

I suspect we underestimate its importance, but its prominence or absence has a bearing on our relationships with others. Most of us prefer to be with people disposed to being thankful and try to steer a path away from others who never seem to stop whingeing!

There's an old hymn some may recall or have even sung. The first verse is,
When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

It may seem quaint and twee, but it carries a message that has shaped more contemporary versions, both sacred and secular. The end of an academic year and, for some, the opportunity for some form of holiday is a good opportunity, some breathing space and some moments for taking stock as well as outlining thoughts and ideas for a new year ahead.

Let me encourage you to use thankfulness as the backcloth; make the effort to see what God has done as the strategy for both review and planning. We may find the results surprising and leave us feeling hopeful rather than merely hot and bothered!

Nigel di Castiglione

Team Rector

Church Services for August

Sunday 7th August Holy Communion 8.30 am

ZOOM Chapel:

Sunday 7th August at 10.00am

Morning Prayer (Mon – Sat) at 8.15am (Zoom)

Team Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm

Telephone service on Mondays at 5.00pm

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

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

7 th August	Christine Allison
14 th August	Kay Forsythe
21 st August	Janet Clear
28 th August	Miki Elllar

Election of churchwarden

At a meeting of parishioners on the 11th July Torrie Smith was duly elected churchwarden, to serve with Kay Forsythe, who was elected in April.

Notice Board

Passers-by will have noticed that the village notice board has been completely refurbished – not for the first time – by Tony Smart. Two new posts were installed earlier in the year by James, Janet and Sam Clear. All now looks as good as new.

Services of Thanksgiving June and July

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of **Marjorie Hewish** (1924 – 2022) took place on the 27th June, conducted by the Revd Nigel di Castiglione. Readings were given by Elizabeth Malik, Nicholas Hewish, John Hewish and Richard Hookham, and Rebecca Hookham contributed her Memories of a Grandmother. Marjorie was interred with her husband Antony.

Patricia Moloney (1938 – 2022) was commemorated on the 5th July with the Revd Nigel di Castiglione presiding. Readings were given by Hugo, Jacob and Heather Dunlop and the tribute given by Trish Dunlop.

David Heath (1925 – 2022) was commemorated on the 8th July, with the service taken by the Revd Stephen Day. Following the service David was laid to rest in the churchyard with his wife Ann.

The Revd Stephen Day presided at a Celebration of the Life of **Michael Hugo Black** (1928 – 2022) on the 13th July. Jeremy Mynott and Catherine Black gave tributes, and there were readings by Alison Lee, Michael W Black and David Wilson. Following the service Michael was interred in the churchyard with his wife Fay.

Obituaries will follow.

Fund raising for ceiling and roof repairs

In July Kingston PCC was awarded a grant of £57,000 by the Amey Community Fund. I would like to put on record our thanks to the trustees of ENTRUST who made this exceptionally generous award, to the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation's Grants Officer, Kate Fry, and to Holly Isted, the Diocese of Ely's Church Buildings Support Officer, who have both been instrumental in helping us to secure this funding. As expected prices have increased, and we now have a revised price from our preferred contractors, Bakers of Danbury, for the proposed works. This is £134,851, including architects' fees and VAT. In addition, under the terms of the Amey grant, Kingston PCC must pay a 'Contributing Third Party' sum of 11%, £6,270, bringing the total cost to £141,121. It should be made clear that the works include for a completely new nave ceiling, internal lime washing of the new ceiling and nave walls, a new south aisle roof, patch repairs to the south nave roof, and extensive repairs to the south clerestory windows.

Of this sum the VAT of £22,475 will be recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme, and we have raised £126,745 – with other grants and from donations – and therefore we now have a shortfall to make up of £14,376. Once again: many thanks indeed to all those in Kingston and beyond who have so

generously responded to our fund raising appeals and events over the last two years.

Peter Reynolds

New arrival

Sebastian Embrel and his two dogs, Thor and Tango, have moved into Shingled Cottage (Church Lane) from London where he lived for 20 years. As a singer, Sebastian is keen to make contact with other singers in the village.

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BRACE BRACE BRACE

If you've ever heard those words while sitting in a commercial jet you would have good reason to be worried. Well those three words are an apt headline for this article - you should be very worried. The recent increase in commercial aircraft noise over Kingston is just the beginning and it is going to get much worse, forever, if we don't act.

Now I'm no great fan of commercial jets flying over our village of Kingston, and I have noticed the increase in noise levels and that particular whooping noise from the engines as pilots engage the "speed brakes" to allow a faster descent as they approach into London Luton Airport. However, personally and as it is, I find this background noise pollution more agreeable and acceptable than the noise from the small planes that do low level acrobatics just above our heads.

They produce far more noise at a greater level, which is so much more invasive and frankly as anti-social as some yobbo on his motorbike doing wheelies up and down the street outside your house.

So I decided to attend the meeting in Little Gransden, which was called so residents in our ward, which includes villages from Caldecote to Great Gransden, could understand more about the increased commercial aircraft noise and I was naively hoping there would be the opportunity to register my protest about the noise made by light aircraft flying low overhead. As it happened someone else raised this, but it quickly became apparent we have far more to worry about than someone doing loop the loop over our rooftops.

Unless the residents in this area and a few miles beyond act collectively, smartly and quickly, we are going to kiss goodbye to the mainly quiet and peaceful background to our normal living lives, and rural tranquility will be replaced with an ever increasing number of large commercial aircraft flying over our heads at around 9,000 feet, (closer than Toft is to Kingston) as Luton airport expands. And it gets worse, flights are not limited to the daytime and Luton Airport hopes to add a second runway soon.

The only good news, apart from Kingston is not the worst affected village, is there is a handful of local individuals who have started a campaign, who are collecting flight and noise data, and we need to get behind them if we want to prevent the unthinkable.

The meeting was attended by between 150-200 local residents and the presenter, Rob Payne from Abbotsley, produced a fact packed presentation and there was cross party support from many local councillors who also had something to say.

My takeaways from the meeting were:

This is not a done deal but we have to act quickly and get behind the campaign.

The consultation process, which seemed to be a low key affair and took place while everyone was in lockdown, was flawed and I believe even excluded South Cambs District Council.

We need to complain in numbers, but probably not as NIMBYs, but with practical alternatives, reasons why the consultation process should be revisited, and include impact statements for the environment, physical and mental health wellbeing, etc.

To start this process I would advise you to contact Cllr Tumi Hawkins and express your concerns, hopefully Tumi can provide much more information and point you in better and more directions than I can because this note covers pretty much all I currently know.

Nigel Hillyard

August Music Night

The next Kingston Music Night will be on Thursday, August 18th at 7.30pm. Peter Holly will be the presenter and the theme will be "New Women" and "Old Songs". Peter has drawn the songs for the evening from the songlists of women who have come to the fore over the last few years and who have delved into the music archives for their inspiration. A twist on the usual proceedings will be included and a bar will help to augment the occasion. All are welcome.

Peter Holly

District Councillor News

Market Toolkit and Trader Directory

One of SCDC objectives is to work with parish councils, local communities, and businesses to help establish and expand local markets within the district, as well as finding additional opportunities for businesses to trade. We have now developed a Market Toolkit at

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/south-cambridgeshire-markets/market-toolkit/> for anyone thinking about setting up a market within their village. There is also an online Trader Directory at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/south-cambridgeshire-markets/stallholder-directory/> that helps to link market organisers and market traders alike and to help identify additional trading



opportunities in the District.

If you want to set one up, then please contact the team by email at businesskeyprojects@scamb.gov.uk.

Combined Authority – Local Transport Plan Consultation

The Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) is the Combined Authority's long-term strategy to improve transport in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. The results from this are to be used to update the region's first Local Transport Plan that was put in place in early 2020. It took over from the County Transport Plan of 2014 that included the creation of the Cambourne to Cambridge Busway. You can read the draft plan and respond to the consultation on the website at <https://yourltcp.co.uk/>. Consultation **end date is 4th August 2022**. Do have your say.

Luton Airport Flight Path and Holding Area change

The meeting on 5th July was attended by over 160 people ending in standing room only! Councillors from all parties also attended and spoke. Thank you to the organisers RELAS (REject Luton Airport Stacking). The flights are now over a much wider area than we were led to believe at consultation, as is the overall impact, so we were misled. Many people now find the noise disrupting sleep and the normal enjoyment of their homes and gardens.

The post implementation review period of 1 year started on 1st June 2022, so we must collect data using <https://www.flightradar24.com/> or <https://travisltn.topsonic.aero/>. Send complaints to the CAA by email to noise@ltn.aero giving your name, address, postcode, date, time and location of the incident and describing how the noise affected you. Copy your local councillors and MP so all are aware. SCDC Leader Cllr Bridget Smith has written a complaint letter to the CAA on our behalf.

RELAS needs help to pull together all the data and present our case, so contact info@relas.uk if you have information, are able to assist or for updates. Join the RELAS facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6> for updates.

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Terry Osborne

Terence Edward Osborne was born on 10th October 1939, one month after the beginning of World War II. The date of his birth was to dramatically affect the course of his life. He was born not at home in the two-room Guinness Trust building in Bermondsey, a stone's throw from the Thames and Tower Bridge, but rather in Seaford, Sussex, where his mother Nell was sent to escape the bombing. His father Edward, a docker by trade, was killed in April 1941 in northern Greece while fighting with the Rangers Section of the Kings Royal Rifles. In his memoir *My Life* Terry simply states, "I never knew my father".



The tragic circumstances surrounding Terry's earliest days meant that his first memories were not set close by the great River Thames but rather criss-crossing the course of a quieter rural stream, the Bourn Brook. Although not an official evacuee, Terry came to live in the village of Kingston in 1944, lodging with Oliver and Lily Collett and their son Raymond. He remembers fetching milk from Library Farm (Moat House), water from a well in the back garden and from the village pump.

He returned to London sometime in 1945 and had a memory of hiding under the table with his mother as a Doodlebug silently fell on a block of flats in the next street. The War finally over, life returned to normal and Terry went to watch cowboy films at a cinema on the Old Kent Road, afterwards going to the pie and eel shop on Borough High Street for dinner. He happily sat outside his grandparent's favourite pub with a bottle of pop and a packet of crisps. Bomb sites were his playgrounds. One day as he was playing on one his mother called him home. There he found Ralph Collett, to whom his mother had become engaged, with a mate loading their furniture onto a small lorry. This was the moment Terry discovered that he and his mum Nell were going to live in Toft.

At Easter 1947 Nell and Ralph were married at the Methodist Chapel across the road from No 1, Council House, High Street, Toft, where Terry was to live until 1962. With that marriage Terry gained a large family of aunts, uncles and cousins. He attended Toft School alongside those cousins and took up the time-honoured pastimes of village lads: roaming the fields, in and out and over the Bourn Brook; sliding on frozen ponds; playing football on the meadow and cricket in Bernie Ward's garden; scrumping from the many fruit trees in the village orchards; and – most exotically – Sunday School trips to Hunstanton, Great Yarmouth or Clacton.

With time Terry also gained four other siblings: first came Barry (1948), then Anthony, known as “Joe” (1949), followed by the two girls: Rosemary (1952) and Jacky (1959). His step-father, Ralph, spent all his working life working for Ken Tebbit at Orchard Farm. Terry was soon doing odd jobs around the farmyard, unpopular tasks included milking a recalcitrant goat, feeding chickens, collecting and washing their eggs, and as Paul Tebbit wrote in his letter of condolence to Valerie, “And against his will, I’m sure, he was forced to babysit me, taking me out in my pram around Toft”. Terry longed to be in the fields with the men. He vividly recalls one early morning accompanying Ralph to a field called Lord’s Meadow down by Bourn Brook, “We stood just inside the field and he whistled and the horses all galloped to us”.

Terry’s favourite season on the farm was Harvest, as he wrote, “Summer holidays was harvest time ... Harvest tea is something I will never forget. We would keep a look out for the car to come down the Drift roadway, because in it was our tea brought to us by Mrs Tebbit. Hot tea in an urn, fresh sandwiches and homemade cake – Sitting in the harvest field, it will stay with me forever”.

Terry’s education began in London where school seems to have been a more rigorous and disciplined affair. Arriving at the one-teacher school in Toft the curriculum was more relaxed. “I remember Mrs Radford read a lot of stories to us and we did a lot of singing, walking in the fields and lanes was another of her favourites”. Like the majority of his school mates, Terry did not pass the 11+ and went on to the secondary school at the crossroads in Comberton. Here he was introduced to team sports, football and cricket, which were to become important interests throughout his life. Once a week a whole day was spent at Bourn School doing woodwork, which Terry liked more than any other lesson.

On leaving school at 15 Terry had many jobs. He missed doing National Service as it finished just before his 18th birthday. His memoir charts his career of miscellaneous farm-related jobs such as cowman, milkman, poultryman by the ability they gave him to purchase, first a brand-new push-bike from Mr Jakins in Toft, followed by a series of increasingly powerful motorbikes. The last of those farm jobs started with

a two-week stint of potato-picking with Mr Cyril Miller at Payne's Farm, Kingston, which lasted for 25 years and saw him happily married to his boss's daughter Valerie.

Terry and Valerie married on 9th June 1962 in Orwell Methodist Church. Valerie remembers it as a beautiful summer's day. They would have celebrated their 60th anniversary in a few days' time. They lived for most of their married life in their bungalow Meadowlands in Rectory Lane, Kingston, where first Christopher and then Nicola came into the world aided by the capable hands of Nurse Bond.

An important part of Payne's Farm's income was derived from the sale of soft fruit, which was sold from a stall up on the old A45. Terry was heavily involved in this venture about which there are many tales. I would like to quote just one eloquent and evocative memory where Terry charts the length of the strawberry-picking season by the weekly tolling of the church bell. "Strawberry picking lasted about three weeks, every day of the week of course. So you would hear the church bells ring three or four times. One year I heard them ring five times – that was five weeks".

After Terry finished work at Payne's Farm he found employment further afield. He had completed a carpentry training course later in life and found a job with a building company, Mills and Douglas. Later he became a groundsman at Hills Road Sixth Form College. He rose to become the head caretaker with four or five people working in his team.

Terry's daughter Nicola has some affectionate memories of what Terry was like as a dad. She describes him as a kind and thoughtful father; as uncompromising, with a strong sense of right and wrong; compassionate with a heart for the underdog. Where he was able to, he did good. He was comfortable in all company and situations. She described her life growing up as made simple by his certainties and his clear moral code. You knew where you stood, the boundaries were clear and well-defined.

Valerie received many, many cards and letters of condolence. Many people made Nicola's point about him being comfortable in all company and being able to connect with all those he met. When Nicola gained a place at University College London to read History, her proud father, like so many others, ferried her belongings back and forth from home to college. However, unlike most parents, he did so in the farm truck, which he parked up on Gower Street in central London. and wandered into the college reception area where Nicola found him engaging those on the desk in conversation.

There has been much said about Terry's working life, which began long ago, as a child in the Tebbit farmyard. But he also had many sporting interests, which took up much of his leisure time. From boyhood onwards, he played football and cricket. But in his adult life his sporting interest was focused around Eversden Cricket Club and I would like to quote from another of those many letters of condolence: "As well as being blessed with a fine team on the pitch, we had such great fun off it ... Terry was the archetypal Club man, who did a huge amount to promote the success of the club in his various roles ranging from Chair to being the inspirational founder/leader of the Juniors team. That team introduced some future stars to the game including a Woman's World Cup winner and a future Essex County Cricket Captain. Not many coaches, even those from much bigger clubs, can claim such success".

There is mention of fun in that letter and Terry and Valerie's life together had much fun and laughter in it, particularly before Terry suffered his stroke. Valerie spoke delightedly of the regular meetings of the Friday Friends Club in various local hostelries and gales of laughter that erupted from their get-togethers. I am going to quote again from Paul Tebbit's letter, "Terry was very good company. A group of us met up on a Friday night and put the World, Farming and Cricket, to rights. Although Terry had forthright views on most subjects I don't remember him ever being unfair or unkind in our discussions. He enjoyed the company in particular of young people. There will be lots of (now ex-young) people who have reason to be grateful to Terry for helping and encouraging them in sport and cricket in particular ... He was a determined man who knew his own mind and was universally respected and will be remembered with warmth and affection by all who knew him."

I began this eulogy by saying Terry's earliest memories wandered across the field between Kingston and Toft and back again. To almost the last day of his life that short journey was an intrinsic part of his daily routine. Each morning he would get in his car and drive over the bridge to Toft Shop to collect his paper. Recently, mobility being increasingly a problem, he would park outside, hoot his horn and Justin or the girls would come out and pass the paper through his car window. Once or twice I was at the shop when Terry pulled up. I would pop the paper through the window and after a few words of greeting and thanks, he would drive briskly off across the bridge once more on his way home. As one of the condolence cards said of Terry, "although a townie by birth, he embraced the countryside, so we had so much in common." If he embraced the countryside, then the countryside and its people certainly embraced him. The fields and meadows where once he roamed have lost a much loved figure in the landscape.

Eulogy given by Barbara Preece, Lay Minister at St Andrew's Church, Toft, at Terry's Service of Thanksgiving on the 1st June 2022.



Terry Osborne (front row, far left)

There are people who know more about Terry's playing days than I do. Here he is with some of his closest friends – some still going strong and some sadly gone. It's an Eversden team. In those days (the sixties?) it was a real village team made up of mainly local lads. Terry first played for Eversden when he was called on at the last minute to make the numbers up. Unfortunately, he was already registered with Hardwick and somebody reported Eversden for playing a ringer. From this troublesome start Terry went on to be the heart and soul of Eversden cricket. When he stopped playing he coached the youngsters, looked after the ground, and supported the team of course. He became chairman and president. Every cricket club needs a Terry Osborne but they are a rare breed. Eversden dropped on lucky. How Terry got involved with Eversden cricket is all in his autobiography, *My Life*. If you haven't read it, it is on the Eversdens' village website in the Archive section. It records Terry's early years in London, his evacuation to Toft, and his late teens. It came about because his job at Hills Road 6th Form College required him to be computer literate. Undaunted, Terry took up the challenge, mastered word-processing, and produced about 30,000 priceless words.

I expect it was through cricket that I first got to know Terry (in the seventies?). Then a group of a dozen or so formed itself, meeting every Friday at the Hoops. We were all perfectly at home in each other's company. Unfortunately, we didn't solve the problems of the world but we had a good try. Precious times.

Terry was in on the start of Boys' cricket in Cambridgeshire and managed to get money out of The Lord's Taverners and the England and Wales Cricket Board to get

kit for his teams. He didn't want anybody left out because he (or she) couldn't afford all that expensive gear. A bit later he got involved with umpiring. Umpiring took him to many grounds including some famous school grounds. He couldn't help noticing the rows of practice nets available to the privileged. He was familiar with the laws of cricket but wasn't averse to applying a few rules of his own. He took a dim view of time-wasting, over-enthusiastic appealing, and any form of dissent. (And, remember, the umpire is always right – Terry was no exception!) He expected the game to be played in the right way. I think he red-carded somebody on one occasion. He was keen to maintain the spirit of the game.

Terry loved all sport. Having watched a local farm turn into Bourn Golf Club, he took up golf, and then a bit of recreational table-tennis. But cricket was his first love. When Susie Kitson, his niece, started showing the boys how to bat and bowl, Terry picked her for the County Boys' team. Terry's perfectly reasonable logic was "If she's good enough, she should be in the team." Lord's took a dim view of her selection at the time. The publicity around her selection for the boys' team got her noticed by Cambridgeshire Ladies. From joining in with the game as a ball-retriever in Terry's back garden, Susie went on to play for England. It was a proud moment for Terry when she took the last wicket to win the World Cup from Australia.

One day a Mrs Pettini turned up at Terry's coaching session at Comberton Village College. She brought her nine-year-old son Mark along because he was mad on cricket. Terry could see that Mark had something special. Mark Pettini progressed from Terry's Boy's team and went on to join Essex and become captain of England Under Nineteens, and later Essex. His respect and gratitude for Terry never faltered. He held Terry in high regard and even took the time to visit him in hospital. That was the effect Terry had on the young people he worked with. Local lads now grown up remember with affection and respect their time in Terry's teams.

Valerie and Terry watched many an hour of cricket at Eversden. Some time during the game Terry would take a walk round the ground having a few minutes with everybody he met on the way. Then he would finish up at the pavilion and sit with a cup of tea with Ginge, or Malcolm, or anybody who wanted to talk cricket or just put the world to rights.

Terry treated everybody the same. When he was school-keeper at Hills Road 6th Form College, Colin Greenhalgh, the Principal, liked to sit with him for lunch. He said one day, "You know, Terry, you are the only person in the world who calls me 'mate'". That was Terry Osborne.

Dave Farnell (reprinted with permission from ***Tail Corn***, the Eversdens' parish magazine, June 2022).

Kingston is so quiet nowadays (apart from interminable building works) but during the summer months in the 1960s and 70s Payne's Farm was full of activity, fun and games, as the youth of the surrounding villages – boys and girls – came to pick fruit, starting with strawberries and raspberries and continuing with plums, apples and pears, all of many varieties. The orchards then filled many acres beyond Field Road right down to the stream and beyond; there were also fields of strawberries and marrows at Brookside in Toft. Cyril Miller did not enjoy good health and the formidable Joyce Miller presided with Terry as the farm manager: between the two of them they managed to maintain a semblance of order. Every so often a fruit fight would break out in Terry's absence but most of the time we worked hard as we were paid for each tray we picked. At the end of the week we would queue at the farmhouse's back door and Joyce would dispense our wages in cash in small brown envelopes.

One evening I went down to the orchard with my brother David and Matty Baker from Comberton for a joy riding session on the tractor: the key was always left in the ignition. Terry must have heard us and appeared in the distance: we all ran for it, but the next day Joyce banned us for the rest of the season. That didn't stop Terry later providing my brother with his first full time job on the farm when he left school at the age of sixteen.

Terry was very much involved with the villages of Toft and the Eversdens, where he had many friends, but it shouldn't be forgotten that he made an important contribution here as a key member of Kingston's Recreation Ground Committee (with Tony Smart as its Chairman). The Rec was acquired from Ebbe Heyman in 1987 and was developed and maintained by the committee members for many years.

I'm not sure that Terry was religious but he loved carol singing at Christmas. After his stroke the carollers had to be sure to sing at Meadowlands and Terry always wanted to know exactly where we'd been and where we were going. As he got older Terry adopted the persona of 'The Old Un', contributing occasional notes and queries under this pseudonym to the magazine, and enjoyed expressing forthright views about current affairs and anything else. But he was no reactionary curmudgeon. He remained curious and open minded; he possessed immense and irreplaceable knowledge of the area, of its people and of farming in all its aspects which he liked to share with anyone who expressed an interest. Above all he was honest and honourable, authentic: always Terry.

Peter Reynolds

Terry's autobiography, ***My Life***, may be read by following links from either the Eversdens' or Kingston's village websites.



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The Story of an Amazing Bookbus


Let me tell you a story about a decrepit old bus that was turned into the most magical place for children to sit, read and dream! It was our Year 1 teacher, Mrs Balls' idea to turn an old bus into a library, but it really was just a pipe dream originally. But in April 2021, when one of our lovely children Lyla died, Mrs Balls said, 'we must do this – and we will dedicate it to Lyla's memory'. So began the search for a bus and before we knew it, Ensign Bus Company donated a bus and during May half term last year it was towed onto the playground with the help of Mark Proud and his tractor when it got stuck!

At this point, it became a reality and we had to work out how on earth to turn it into the special bus we have today. We started with cleaning the inside of the bus – which was very, very dirty. Not only was it very dirty, but we found a dead bird and also a pair of old pants! We had lots of parent volunteers to clean the bus inside and out – as well as Morrisons Community Champions and Terry, from Diamond Detailing washed the exterior of the bus, essential for the bodywork that then followed.










We set up a Just Giving page, did some interviews for local radio and papers and the donations came rolling in. The children did a Sponsored Run which raised lots of money, some children held cake sales and other activities to raise money themselves. One of the biggest fundraisers in the summer was a very well attended football tournament organised by parents Dave Norman and Simon Wade.

Over the summer holiday, the bus began to transform, with the many, many hours and hard work of Simon Coleman and Jason Neville – in intensely hot temperatures.

Other members of the local community got involved – Paul Church – who came to this school as did his children – donated both his labour and the resources to install electricity to the bus. Wolf Air conditioning donated their time and resources to fit the air conditioning and heating units –



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One of the most difficult tasks was to stabilise the bus – which was standing on 4 quickly deflating tyres and wobbled when you walked on it. One Saturday morning, a few of us gathered to watch (with hearts in mouths) as Barry Norris jacked up the bus and slid concrete blocks underneath so that the bus is as solid as it is today. This was the most nerve-wracking part for me and for weeks I literally had nightmares about the bus falling over!

The old bus doors were a huge issue as they didn't open or close properly and let in lots of wind and rain! We found the wonderful Cambridge Window Company who came out and were not at all fazed by fitting French doors to a bus! They donated their time and resources and I know were very honoured to be part of this project.

We then started painting – the first time - and it took endless coats of paint – much of it donated by Brewers Decorator Centre and so many volunteers. Every time we thought that the painting was finished, we spotted more areas that needed doing! When the painting became overwhelming, we hired Simon from SB Decorating for all the painting – again so many coats!

Building the bookcases came next – the wonderful Matt from MSS Carpentry spent many days on and offsite building them. Thank you also to Stef Cooper for finishing off the carpentry at the end of the project.

When you get on to the bus, there is a special seat at the front, which is dedicated to Lyla and the books she loved best. This area was designed and built by Rowenna Edwards, a carpenter who happens to be the sister of Mrs Tagger (one of our teachers).

Whilst all this was going on, behind the scenes, the fantastic design for the outside of the bus was being developed. The children in Lyla's class – Willow class - drew willow trees and Greg Stobbs the designer, integrated their drawings and other ideas into the final design which looks really eye catching.

The wrap was fitted by Nick and his team at Cambridge Sign Company, who worked over many days to get this in place and ready for today. They have done a brilliant job – inside and out.

Of course, to get any of the wrap to stick, the bodywork of the bus had to be just right. It is thanks to Barry Norris that it was. He spent many hours – day and night – filling, sanding and priming the outside of the bus – and the roof even has a special coating. Special thanks go to Barry because all his work is now invisible – but was essential!

The bus has a very smart floor now, donated by the Flooring Store and generously fitted by Ashley Thulborn, Michael Reed and Liam Shorter – a grandparent, parent and former pupil of the school.

We had to remove all the old seats as they were filthy, so had to replace them somehow. The upholstery – in Lyla's favourite colour purple was generously donated and fitted by Salvatore and Guiliano – it gives the bus a high quality feel!

During all of this work, Lyla's mum, Simone and her friends and colleagues were doing all sorts of things to raise more money for the project, including climbing Snowdon and a sponsored 20 mile walk wearing purple tutus. As well as that, Simone's friends donated hundreds of lovely books for the bus.

And the books! We have had so many books donated by so many generous companies and individuals. We then had a team of parents and friends who helped to scan, catalogue and sticker around 2000 books over 2 days!

So many other companies, organisations and individuals have donated money towards the project. It has been very special to have worked with Little Hands in Bourn, who have run their own fundraising activities – and their children will be regular visitors to the bus.

We have also had generous donations from Bourn and Caxton Parish Councils, the Virtue et Fide Masonic Lodge, Usbourne Books, Durham Magneto Optics, St Johns School, Olive Olive, Scentsy, Marta's Tropics, Endomag, REJB Sport Services.

Behind the scenes has always been Jason Neville, our Site Manager who has been on hand to help anyone with any part of this project, including driving to Purfleet to pick up a new windscreen and a new bumper. His willingness to do anything for anyone has been so valued. Thanks also go to Fiona Neville who has worked her cleaning magic on the bus countless times!

The bus was given a clean bill of health by Barbara Nowack, from Cambridgeshire Council, who has advised on health and safety issues throughout.

I want to especially thank Tracy – Lyla's Nonna, who offered her services as project manager earlier this year when running the school and keeping the bus project on track proved to be very challenging. She has kept us on track and made sure we missed nothing. Without her, we probably wouldn't be finished yet!

I also want to thank the dedicated group of parents who got together to manage this project, raise funds and get donations. Without those parents tirelessly driving the project forward, we wouldn't have the amazing bus we have today. I want to mention in particular Tash Mead who has been with us from the very start to the end, but also Rowena Jones, Sophie Taylor, Norma van Ginkel, Catherine Byfield and Dee Sturdy. Lyla's parents, Simone and Paul have been with us all the way. Their commitment and

support for this cause has made it all the more special. We have a new Book Bus and library that is not only a fantastic resource for all the children at Bourn and Little Hands, but is also a wonderful and personal tribute to Lyla, who we will always remember – especially when we step on the Bus which is dedicated to her memory.

There is a gallery of photographs of the bus in progress, and the opening ceremony itself on the school website – please do take a look!

<https://www.bournschool.co.uk/News/Galleries/>

Laura Latham, Headteacher, Bourn Primary Academy



The Grand Opening

After more than a year of work to transform the old double decker bus into a library, on Friday 8th July the Bourn Book Bus at the Primary Academy was officially opened. Parents, pupils and the school team were joined by people who had lent their support or services at a special launch event. A balloon arch adorned the entrance to the bus and more than 100 cupcakes were made for guests. The children sang three specially adapted songs, changing the lyrics of 'Come and Join the Celebration' to the special day being the opening of the bus. The ribbon was officially cut by Elmer the colourful elephant of the children's book series to a resounding cheer. Judith Balls, the Year One teacher whose idea it was to turn a bus into a library, gave the final speech at the launch. Ahead of her retirement at the end of the school year, Judith reminded everyone to "smile often, think positively, give thanks, laugh loudly, love others, be kind" and because the bus hadn't happened by magic, to "dream big."



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Papworth Team Sponsored Walk

At the Papworth Team Zoom service in April we focused on the work of the Leprosy Mission and as part of serving others and extending generosity this year, we are trying to raise £8000 for a new research facility. The Research Centre at The Leprosy Mission's Anandaban Hospital in Nepal will replace a crumbling lab next to the leprosy hospital, situated high on a Nepalese mountainside. This is urgent as the current lab will not pass its upcoming Nepali government inspection. This means that discoveries in the pipeline, that pave the way to ending leprosy once and for all, will not come to fruition. The Leprosy Mission is raising money to build a new Research Centre, a place for medical breakthroughs. In the lab at Anandaban they are working on technology that will diagnose leprosy on a smartphone, meaning more people can be diagnosed and treated for leprosy than ever before and they will not become disabled or be rejected by their families.



We are planning a sponsored walk in the afternoon on 25 September to raise funds: there will be a couple of walks, a shorter, accessible one and a slightly longer one. The starting and finishing point for both will be Papworth. More details about timings and how to join nearer the time. Sponsor Forms are available to download from www.papworthteamchurches.org.



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