

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



March 2022

Village Diary

Saturday 5th Mar

Pub Night with Pizza Facile. Orders by Thursday lunchtime, if possible. We will start serving at 6pm.

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 2nd March

Black bin

Wednesday 9th March

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday 16th March

Black bin

Wednesday 23rd March

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday 30th March

Black bin

Editorial

I imagine all of us have seen the re-appearance of the snowdrops. Although we are still in the midst of winter, they are little reminders that we are getting close to spring. And the lengthening days are a good sign too.

Jubilee. The arrival of spring brings us ever closer to the Platinum Jubilee in June. Could I remind everyone that we would love to hear from anyone who is willing to be involved in any way, however small, with planning for the event. We would especially like to hear from any villagers with children under 16 who would help with the planning of events to involve them. All ideas welcome.

Village Hall. Slowly but surely events are returning to the Village Hall. February's pub night was well attended and Pizza Facile was available for pre-ordered pizzas. The coffee mornings are now on every Wed and also well attended. Do consider coming along. It's a very welcoming group (and good source of village info!). Jacqui Smith also continues to hold weekly exercise classes in the hall on Tuesdays

And finally. Keep your articles coming. Just send them to me by the 20th of the month.

Miki Ellar. miki.ellar7@gmail.com 07568706106

Cover photo: Snowdrops at Madingley

Vicar's Letter

You may have come across the online game Wordle.

If you haven't, it consists of guessing a 5-letter word by putting in a series of your own words. Each time you put in a guess, the game shows you how close you are to the hidden word: the right letters in the right places are green, the right letters in the wrong places are yellow, and letters which don't belong there at all are grey.

There are 6 guesses available, and it usually takes me 4 of them to find each day's word, but my wife normally gets it in 3! If Wordle is too easy for you, there's Quordle where you have to solve 4 Wordles simultaneously. If words aren't your thing, there's Nerdle where you have to guess an arithmetic sum, and Worldle where you have to guess a country from its outline.

Because we humans live most of our lives with insufficient information. We are good at picking up clues, spotting patterns, filling in gaps from our experience and general knowledge, and drawing conclusions as best we can.

In the Gospels we see that Jesus' followers had the same issue: they heard what Jesus was saying, saw what he was doing, and tried to put that together with what they understood from their Bible. They had the clues and made their guesses as to who Jesus was and what he was doing. Some of their guesses were spot on, some were in the right direction, but in the 'wrong place'. Some they just got wrong: those ideas didn't belong with Jesus at all.

They struggled along, and at one point it seemed that they'd got everything wrong – Jesus was crucified, dead, and buried. But then they got the biggest and best clue of all: Resurrection!

Then gradually, one by one the 'letters' fell into place: Jesus was God, come to be one of us, and his purpose was to give us all a way back to God, forgiven and accepted.

If there are things in your life just now which feel as if they don't belong, or as if they're in the wrong places, don't despair. Put Jesus in the right place, at the heart of your life, and then you'll be able to juggle or discard the other 'letters' as much and often as you like, letting God lead you to better and better 'answers'.

Revd. Steve Day

N.B. Clocks Go Forward at 1.00am on Sunday, 27 March

Church Services for March

Sunday 6th March **Holy Communion 8.30am**

Sunday 20th March **Family Service 10.30am**

ZOOM Chapel: **10.00am** 6th March

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

Team Bible Study/Lent Group 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

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

6th March Janet Clear

13th March Miki Ellar

20th March Linda Smith

27th March Lee Steele

Spring craft fair

Saturday 19th March 10-3pm

The Hub, Cambourne

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Cambridge Festival: 31 Mar - 10 Apr

The Cambridge Festival organisers have planned a line-up of 350 events for people to choose from. Divided into four main themes of society, health, environment and discovery, the programme includes debates, talks, exhibitions, lab tours, demonstrations, workshops, films, performances and more.

<https://www.festival.cam.ac.uk>

Kingston Parish Church
ONLINE AUCTION OF PROMISES
Closing Bids
Friday 29th April

As many in the village know our much loved church urgently needs some major roof repairs which are estimated to cost approximately £100,000 net of VAT which we can reclaim. It is planned that work will commence this August as long as sufficient finance is in place.

Some generous offers of grant aid, and loans, from various charities have already been received and we are optimistic of receiving more over the coming months but a condition of many of these grants is that the village contributes too. We already have £22,000 set aside in the church Restoration Fund for this contribution but we are likely to need about £5000 more.

Based on previous auctions in the village such a sum should be within reach with your support and on this occasion using an online platform we hope to attract bidders from beyond the parish boundary as well.

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Centuries Of History On The A428

Since July 2021, archaeologists from the Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) and the Cambridge Archaeology Unit, have been excavating on the proposed A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvement Scheme.

At a site known as Field 44 near the village of Tempsford the team has uncovered evidence of an ancient farmstead, in use over a 700-year period from the Middle Iron Age (c.300-100 BC) through to the late Roman period (AD 201-400).

Even before that, people were visiting the area. Although no evidence of where they lived has been found, flint arrow heads have been found dating back to the Neolithic (c. 4000-2200 BC) and Bronze Age (c.2600-700 BC).

The first evidence of a settlement is two large round houses from the Middle Iron Age. Each more than 15 metres in diameter, they contained evidence that people both lived and worked in them, including pottery, loom weights and personal dress items, including a ring headed pin.

After the Roman conquest in AD 43 the settlement continued to be occupied for around 400 years, with an oven used to dry grains and make malt for brewing, and querns for grinding grains. Goods were produced and traded. A Roman pottery kiln and imported goods such as fine Samian tableware and amphorae show the growing wealth and importance of the settlement.

As excavations continue more will be revealed about the site and those who lived there. The story of Field 44 is only just beginning.

Bourn School Bag Drop! Friday 11th March 2022

Please bring unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, hats, scarves, fashion accessories, jewellery, or perfumes in a tied dustbin bag to the front yard of 2 Short Street, Bourn, on the morning of Friday 11th March by 9am, or at drop off at the school gate by 9am if you have a child at Bourn School.

Everything will be sent to Happy School Bag 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 items, or items not listed above.

Thank you for your support! The BSA



Planning For Biodiversity

New planning guidance about better ways of protecting and enhancing biodiversity when development takes place have been adopted by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service in a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which must be considered and applied in planning decisions, alongside other existing considerations.

It means that 100% of all new homes should have an integrated nest box for species such as swifts, 25% of new homes on housing developments will need to include bat boxes, fences will need to feature gaps for hedgehogs and other species to roam more freely, green roofs will be encouraged to create valuable habitats of flowering plants and grasses for wildlife and a reduction in artificial lighting which harms nocturnal species will be required.

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Infrastructure for Kingston: County Broadband at work

Everyone in Kingston should have received letters from County Broadband ('CB') recently regarding the work they intend to do to bring another broadband offering into the local area. At the moment we do have "fibre to the premises" ('FTTP') broadband throughout most of the village, also known as "real fibre" or "ultrafast broadband", but a few outlying locations unfortunately missed out during the Connecting Cambridgeshire project of a few years ago. We are pushing CB to make sure their new service will have wider coverage. Currently, there are several providers of FTTP available to Kingston, but they all use the existing Openreach cabling and infrastructure. CB will be installing their own infrastructure, so they will be able to offer a completely separate rival service. Most of the work that CB are planning does not require parish council permission or input, so our powers are limited, but they are saying the right things about wanting to work with the local community, and we are doing what we can to get more detailed information.

Your Parish Council has had two recent meetings with CB about this, one on Zoom with the Project Manager, and one on site in Kingston with the Build Manager. I learned a lot from these and it was particularly interesting to look over the shoulder of the Build Manager as he was assessing their preferred cabling route while on location. Ideally, CB would seek to use as far as possible existing BT poles to carry their cables, but many of the poles along Church Lane were found to be "condemned" (ie in need of replacement at some unknown future date by BT) and not suitable to carry additional cabling. Common reasons for this were: the pole leans at too much of an angle, or the cables hang too close to existing electricity power wires. In those cases CB might seek to change the routing and use Power Network poles instead, or they might need to dig up the roads to lay the cables underground. My sense is that they now need to do quite a lot of work to re-design their infrastructure, and they will need to gather a lot of additional permissions eg from the Highways Department and from BT and Power Networks to achieve this. We have requested copies of the detailed plans, so that we can see for ourselves exactly what is going to be done and where, and hopefully have a chance to give more feedback where appropriate. It was very useful for example to be able to alert them at this stage to the fact of Church Lane being a bus route for both school and service buses. Normally they would think of digging up the road as being a minor issue, and they would assume they would only need to close half of the carriageway. But being on site, the Build Manager could see for himself that the road is too narrow for that strategy. We also stressed the importance of liaising with the bus companies so that we don't suddenly and without prior warning lose our service

when bus drivers discover on the day that they can't actually drive through Kingston.

Another issue that we are discussing with them (and with input from village hall committee members) is the location of a cabinet that they want to install in Kingston. We are looking at how best to camouflage this (perhaps with a wooden surround) so that it does not stick out too much as another piece of urban street furniture. Current thinking is to locate this near the village hall, near the oil tank storage area and just off the edge of the car park so that it does not take up any parking space.

Given the amount of preparatory work they still have to do, it would seem unlikely to me that CB will meet their preferred timetable of carrying out the build through the village in March, but who can say for sure. We await further information with keen interest!

Julie Conder

Kingston Parish Councillor

17th February 2022

EAST WEST RAIL PROJECT – UPDATE

Work on the design and planning stage of the East West Rail project has continued over the past six months even though there has been little official communication from EWR. A programme of quarterly focus group meetings has now commenced which cover areas possibly affected by the project. These have been split into regional groups – Kingston belongs to the South Cambridgeshire West Region.

A representative from the parish council attended the first focus meeting earlier this month. We were advised that EWR is currently considering feedback from the non-statutory consultation period regarding the five possible route alignments they highlighted earlier. They received about 10,000 responses and these will be used to help design the next stages of the project.

The next part of the process will be the production of a report which, at that stage, will highlight the one preferred route alignment that they wish to proceed with. There will then be a statutory consultation period to consider this route and it will then move forward to the planning stage. We do not as yet have a date when this document will be issued, however, we will be monitoring the situation carefully and will provide an update as soon as we find out more.

Full details of the five current possible route alignments can be found at www.eastwestrail.co.uk

Energy Supplier Scams

Scammers are exploiting the frequent closure of energy companies with e-mails purporting to come from a solicitor representing a recognisable energy company. They claim to be collecting outstanding payments and may reference your account being 'taken over'. This exploits the real possibility of such take-overs.

Don't reply, open attachments or be harried by references to legal action or disconnection. Check directly with your supplier.

If you think you may have been scammed in this - or any other - way contact your bank and report it to Action Fraud.

There always seems to be new opportunities to take advantage of us via the internet.

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.



Greater Cambridge Local Plan – First Proposals Consultation

I want to thank all those that sent in feedback to the emerging local plan consultation. Also those that attended the zoom workshops I held. Your comments are now being processed by the Planning Policy team, to be used to create the draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan. In the meantime, I have written an article that once again explains the true facts and busts the conspiracy myths and misinformation. You will find it in full on my blog at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/green-planning-proposals-protects-villages/> or on my facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi>

Water Resources East (WRE) – WR Management Plan (WRMP) Consultation

WRE is the body responsible for ensuring the long term supply of water for Eastern England. It is also creating its own Management plan for water supply up to 2050 and beyond. It is consulting on its emerging WRMP which is looking at options including better water management and big supply sources such as transfer of water and reservoirs. WRE consultation closes on Monday 28 February 2022. Check out more information on my blog at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/water-resources-east-consulting-on-water-resources-plan-for-eastern-england/>. South Cambs will be responding.

Wild Minds – Outdoor Activities for Teenagers.

This program was developed in 2019 by SCDC and Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust which runs Milton Country Park where the course was first hosted. It is now expanding to Wandlebury Park, offering activities to support 12–17 year olds' wellbeing through a range of outdoor activities. You can book a place for your child(ren) on the website at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/wildminds>

Climate and Environment Fortnight

The Council is inviting Parish Councils, residents, community groups and businesses to two weeks of free online events to celebrate climate action taking place in the district. It will cover a variety of topics by guest speakers including from Cambridge Carbon Footprint, Camcycle, HIHub, SCDC Business Support Team and Sustainable Communities Team. Find out more and reserve your place on the council website <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-and-environment-fortnight-returns-for-second-year/>

Grants for Local Groups working with Young People

SCDC has awarded nearly £78,000 for projects run by voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies aiming to improve quality of life for hundreds of children and young people in the District, addressing social disadvantage and equality of opportunity and issues such as mental health, diet and nutrition and anti-social behaviour. Get in touch if you want to apply for this grant. You can read more about it at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/grants-of-almost-78-000-given-to-local-groups-working-with-children-and-young-people/>

Community Chest Grant – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Grants

This grant is still available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire. This year to support the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it is being extended to provide a one-off grant up to £700 for permanent memorials. Application open till 12 April 2022. Check out the grants page at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/community-chest-grants>

Fly tipping on the rise

Incidents of fly tipping are increasing in the district. Advice to residents and businesses is to dispose their waste correctly. Always check the credentials of anyone who you engage to dispose of your waste. If it is to provide a skip or get rid of waste, always use a registered waste carrier. You can check the Waste Carriers register on the Environment Agency website at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>. You can be fined up to £400 if your waste is found fly tipped by you or someone else.

Solar Together Scheme

SCDC is once again taking part in the Solar Together Cambridgeshire scheme in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council. It is a group buying scheme for solar panels. To date, 411 installations have taken place in South Cambridgeshire (and that includes my home), installing 1.93 MW of Solar PV panels. The scheme launched on 7 February, so check it out here

<https://solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire/home>

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,

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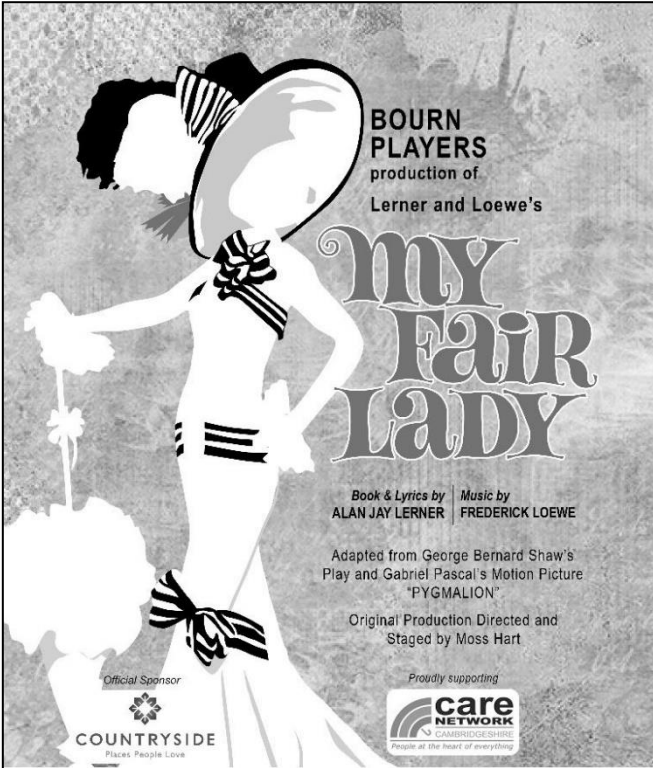
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Improving Energy Efficiency

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If anyone would like to send a message or card to Hedda, we will collate these into a book for her. Please drop these off to the Surgery, or post/email to the Practice Manager Mrs Tracey Wilson (tracey.wilson@nhs.net)

Repeat Prescriptions

We have had to take the decision to temporarily increase the ordering time for repeat prescriptions from four working days to seven days.

GP Locums at Bourn

Over the next few months when you have an appointment with a GP at Bourn Surgery this may be a locum GP. During this very busy time we are providing extra GP appointments by employing locums to work for us. The regular GPs are still working as usual during this time and this extra capacity is to help us deal with the volume of appointments that are being requested. The locums we are employing are GPs we have previously worked with, so you may recognise some familiar names!

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Old photographs of Kingston, 7: Church Lane Cottages, 1928



Photograph from the Cambridge Antiquarian Society's Photographic Record

This view is of Church Lane, looking north from the churchyard to Elizabeth and Shingled Cottages. The latter was indeed roofed with wooden shingles at a later date but here is clearly pantiled, as it is now. (During recent building repairs, Eddie Steele found many old shingles in the loft.) But who was the eponymous 'Elizabeth'? Both buildings are timber framed: Elizabeth is reckoned to be C18 and Shingled later, about 1840. Both cottages were acquired by the Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society, founded in 1938 (later renamed The Cambridgeshire Cottage Housing Society), and then sold into private ownership in 1994. Beyond is a cottage on the site of what is now Rose Hide House, which fell into dereliction and was demolished before the war. Finally, a barn belonging to North Farm is visible on the road side.



Peter Reynolds

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