

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



September 2022

Village Diary

Saturday 3rd September

Pub Night

Thursday 8th September 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

Wednesdays at 8-9pm (starting 14th Sept)

Yoga class in the Village Hall,
cost £7 per person.

Wheelie bin collection dates

Thursday 1st September

Black bin

Wednesday 7th September

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday 14th September

Black bin

Wednesday 21st September

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday 28th September

Black bin

Editorial

To use the old cliché, you will have noticed that the "nights are drawing in". But my goodness, what a summer it has been with two major heat waves, almost unbroken sunshine and drought conditions. Brown seems to be the new green.

But fear not, Sept has lots of treats in store, which you will see here in the magazine. First of all, do please read the notice about the BBQ. Tickets are available and it helps the organizing committee to have some idea of numbers.

And any summer overindulgences will be helped by several exercise classes offered by local residents. So check it out.

And finally, a big welcome back to school for our younger residents.

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Vicar's Letter

Water – or the lack of it – has been on all our minds lately. As I write this, lawns look like beaches, and the leaves on the trees are turning prematurely brown.

Scientifically, water is extremely unusual: all other chemical compounds of a similar molecular size are gases at our normal temperatures rather than liquid; water is the only known non-metallic substance which expands when it freezes; and the hydrogen bonds which make those two things happen also mean that water is an amazing solvent, able to dissolve more different substances than any other liquid.

These properties mean that life on our planet is entirely dependent on water, so it's no wonder that water has become such a potent symbol of life. This is especially true in places where water is more limited than in our (normally) green and pleasant land, such as Israel.

The Bible is full of images of rain, streams, and rivers as blessings from God, and uses the idea of 'thirst' as a symbol of being cut off from God: Psalm 42, for example, begins "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God."

The drought which has baked our gardens, leaving soil like rock, is mirrored by a spiritual drought in our social, cultural, and political lives. We are suffering from increasing levels of loneliness, anxiety, and lack of care for the poor and the outsider – a drought of friendship, peace, and compassion.

You may have seen on the Internet the video showing how dry soil actually takes **longer** than wet soil to absorb water (which is why too much rain now will cause flooding). The longer we go without spiritual water, the harder our soul gets, and the harder we find it to undo the damage.

So when Jesus claims that he can give "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" to those who ask him, we need to pay attention: this living water is the cure for our dried up souls. And once water has softened the earth around the spring, it flows on to bring fresh life further afield, and so Jesus' spiritual water will flow out to restore our cracked communities.

Let's start asking for that water, as well as rain for our gardens, and we will see our lives as well as our lawns growing green again.

Revd Steve Day

STOP PRESS

The village coffee morning on Wed 28 Sept will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support Big Coffee Morning. Please come along and support this worthy cause.

Church Services for September

Sunday 4th September Holy Communion 8.30 am

Sunday 18th September Family Worship 10.30am

Saturday 24th September HARVEST FESTIVAL 6.30 pm
followed by Harvest Supper

ZOOM Chapel:

Sunday 4th September 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

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| 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

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 4 th September | Linda Smith |
| 11 th September | Lee Steele |
| 18 th September | Annabel Diggle |
| 25 th September | Christine Stone |

Harvest Supper Saturday 24th September

Ride and Stride 10th September

This year's sponsored Ride and Stride takes place on the 10th September. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Peter Reynolds for a sponsorship form. All proceeds will be divided between the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (one of our benefactors) and Kingston's Church Restoration Fund.

Village Hall news

The committee is planning to hold its AGM on Thursday 22 September at 8.00pm. Due to some unavoidable absences we may have to change this date to ensure we have a quorum, and we will notify the village, in good time, if this is the case. It will be a brief meeting to wind up our affairs under our existing system of governance, before we begin to function under our new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status. We will be holding an AGM as a CIO later in the year, which will be a bigger event, when we hope to appoint some new members.

We do need a new generation of committee members, so please talk to anyone on the committee if you are interested. The new CIO status is beneficial as it removes legal and financial liability from individuals serving as trustees/committee members.

County Broadband are booked to set up our "free for life" wifi on 18 August, as a gesture to the community. Fingers crossed that it will be up and running by the time you read this.

Paul Wright (Chair)

New arrivals

Laurie and Harriet Pirie, their two sons - Hudson (4) and Kit (2) - and their two dogs have recently moved into 6 Cranes Lane. We wish them a very warm welcome and look forward to seeing them around the village and at future village events.

RIDE + STRIDE
for Churches

10TH SEPT. 2022

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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 soon. Sponsor Forms are available to download from www.papworthteamchurches.org.



Papworth Team Ministry (C of E)

The Papworth Team Ministry Team Office:

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Ermine Street North
Papworth Everard
CB23 3UY

Email: papworthteamministryoffice@gmail.com

Web: www.papworthteamchurches.org

Our Team Administrator, Revd. 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

you're invited to

KINGSTON SUMMER BBQ



Adults £12, Children 6-14 £5, Children 0-5 free

Ticket price includes a variety of barbecued meats*, homemade bread, plus a selection of delicious salads and desserts

Tickets available until 4 Sept from:

Pat Draper

/ Louise Gaffney

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/ Isabelle Nett

**Fully licensed bar serving wine, real ale, lager
& soft drinks (card payments only)**

***Vegetarian/Vegan options available. Please let us know of any dietary requirements**

Saturday 10 Sept

Doors 5pm, Food 6pm

South Sea House

No tickets available on the door

Celebrate the Harvest!

Saturday – 24th September



Join Kingston villagers in the Harvest celebration:

- **Harvest Church Service** - Celebrate our blessings with thankfulness through worship at the church service – 6:30pm Saturday, September 24th, at The Church of All Saints and St. Andrew Kingston Parish
- **Harvest Community Supper** - Join together at 7:30 after the Harvest Service in the Village Hall for a supper to be served at 7:45, with apple puddings and entertainment to follow. A pay bar will also be available. Tickets are pre-sale only and are £10 for adults and £30 for a family. Tickets are limited - must be purchased by Sunday, 18th September and are available from Lee Steele and Torrie Smith
- **The Church of All Saints and St. Andrew Viewing** - The church will be open on Sunday, September 25th for those who would like to view the Harvest decorations and, perhaps, have a moment of quiet reflection on our blessings in this harvest time and our lovely Kingston village.

OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR PUDDING SKILLS! Anyone wishing to provide an apple pudding (crumble, Charlotte, etc.) would be greatly appreciated. We can provide the apples if needed! Please contact Lee Steele if you can volunteer an apple pudding for our community supper.

Village Emailing List – are you on it?

As many of you will know, I have for a number of years operated a village-wide emailing list, used to circulate information to residents on various topics: upcoming social events in the village, lost and found pets and other property, security and local crime, distributing the e-version of the parish magazine among the topics covered.



When I was Parish Clerk, the messages also included Parish Council matters. Since my retirement from that role the emailing list is now also operated by the Parish Clerk, Katie Vickers, who uses it to send out messages from the Parish Council.

If you are not receiving emails from me and Kingston Parish Council from time to time, **you are not on one or both lists**. This may be because you don't want to be on them, or because you have never joined, or possibly because you used to be on the lists but somehow your name has slipped off – this has occasionally happened in the past, I'm not sure why. Either way, all it takes is an email to me (pandsstokes@gmail.com) and/or one to Katie (kingstonpc.cambridge@gmail.com) and all will be restored. If you're not sure whether you are on either list or not, send the emails anyway! You can always request removal from either list at any time.

Recently I have had occasional problems with Gmail treating my messages as spam, and refusing to send them. In an attempt to overcome this, I tried to set up the emailing list as a 'Google Group'. However, this proved unworkable for various reasons, and after several attempts, I decided I was probably stretching the patience of you all too far, so I have given this up. I am therefore continuing with the regular emailing list as before, and I will deal with any 'non-deliveries' as they arise.

Peter Stokes

KINGSTON MUSIC CLUB

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15 September, when Pat Draper will present a programme of music and commentary. This follows a wonderful session in August provided by Peter Holly with the title 'New Women, Old Songs'.

Simon Draper

Diary Date for Friday 28th October

Klezmer Concert, 7.30pm in Kingston Church - FREE ENTRY!

Klezmer music is traditional folk music of the Jewish diaspora with a rich history dating back into the 16th Century but extending into 20th Century. It was popularised in New York by amongst others, Itzhak Perlman. Sometimes called 'Jewish Jazz', Klezmer incorporates haunting melodies and laments from the Arab Mediterranean and lively dance music played at weddings and festivals.

Often a tune is introduced with a 'doina', an elaborate improvised prelude on a single instrument. Improvisation is in fact a key part of Klezmer and as the rhythm builds the musicians branch out with new patterns and modes.

The Mulberry Klezmer Band is based in Cambridge, playing at street parties, concerts, and community events. The main instruments are violin (fidyl), saxophone, french horn, clarinet, flute, accordion, bass, darbuka and tom drum with cymbal.

A pay bar will be available. All proceeds to Kingston Church Restoration Fund.

With grateful thanks to Simon Draper for arranging this and to the Mulberry Klezmer Band.

Torrie Smith

The Story of Gransden Lodge Airfield...

Gransden Lodge Airfield is today home to the Cambridge Gliding Centre, but some of us will remember when it was a busy WW2 airfield from which top-secret radar trials and signals intelligence could be carried out, and home of the only Canadian squadron in the R.A.F.'s élite target-marking Pathfinder Force. It was used too, by the R.A.F.'s Bomber and Transport Commands. Lads from Longstowe would cycle up to the airfield and get through the perimeter fence whereupon a friendly mechanic might let them climb into one of the aircraft. Later the Airfield was the venue for the first post-war motor races to take place in the U.K. and during the Cold War was even under consideration as a base for American forces.

Afterwards it was returned to agriculture for a while before becoming the home of the then University Gliding Club in 1990.

LONGSTOWE HISTORY SOCIETY

The Story of Gransden Lodge Airfield



Illustrated talk by

Chris Sullivan

Tuesday 27th September 2022

7.30 for 8pm

LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

Admission: £3 (Members free)
Refreshments included

Everyone welcome

Klezmer Concert

Kingston Church

CB23 2NG



Friday 28 October

7.30 PM

Free Entry

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District Councillor News

Cost of Living Support Resources: The District Council has created an online cost of living support resource on SCDC website. It signposts to locally available support in and around South Cambridgeshire for issues including health, childcare, travel costs, government payments etc. Find it at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/>.



On a national level, check out the 41 different government schemes available to help at <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Zero Carbon Grants: The Council has just announced the twelve projects that received funding in the fourth round of grants. So far, more than £400,000 has been allocated to 61 different grass roots projects.

Northstowe Town: The Full Council of SCDC recently approved the allocation of almost £15M of funding to enable the building of the Community Buildings at Northstowe, the new town in the District. Building work on the sports pavilion should begin in the next few months.

A428 Development Community Forums (Cambourne and Bourn Airfield)

Thank you to all those that attended the meetings. There were useful presentations from the NHS on how new residents can get registered with local surgeries. There is no immediate plan for new dentists in the area. The GCP explained the status of the Cambourne to Cambridge busway. County Transport talked about overall upgrades for walking, cycling and busway along the corridor. The recording is available on the council website

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-forums/>

Planning Compliance (formerly Enforcement): The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service has published guidance on what is (and what is not) a breach of planning at <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/planning-compliance/>. It includes a helpful, explanatory video. Where it appears there is a breach of planning control, complaints can now be submitted using an e-form. It enables documents and/or photographs to be uploaded which will help the compliance team with their investigations.

Luton Airport AD6 (Airspace Deployment 6)

There are ongoing concerns and reports about the impact of AD6 that many in the west of the District are experiencing. I was interviewed on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire last month and you can read about it at <https://bit.ly/AD6onBBCRad>. The SCDC Leader Cllr Smith is continuing to raise this matter with Luton Airport on our behalf, recently meeting with the CEO of Luton Flight Operations. The important point to note is

anyone who is being disturbed should continue to complain to Luton during this post implementation period (PIR). Please join the facebook RELAS group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6> for more information, updates and help. I suggest where possible make a video recording on your phone of the flight event that caused the disturbance as part of your record keeping. Send it to Luton airport by email noise.enquiries@ltn.aero or noise@ltn.aero. Also use the airport complaint site at <https://bit.ly/Ad6Complaint>. All the reports will be data that will be used to assess the success or otherwise of the deployment at the end of the PIR.


Drought Declaration: Environment Agency has announced East Anglia as one of 8 drought regions. Both Anglian Water and Cambridge Water (supply most of our district) made statements to say they do not envisage introducing hosepipe bans because they have a level of resilience built into the water supply networks they operate. But they urge residents to use water carefully.

Regular Updates Don't forget to check out my monthly reports to the parish councils on my blog at www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports for full details on these and more. Follow my Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/> where I post up regular public information posts from community groups and other local authorities.

Here to Help You so contact me if you need help with SCDC services (planning, housing, housing repairs, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health, noise nuisance, etc) by phone 01954 210840 or 07802 323269, email tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk, @CouncillorTumi on Twitter

New Yoga Class

Caitlin Magee will be starting a yoga class in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th Sept at 8pm-9pm. It will be a weekly class and cost £7 per person.



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Advance Notice:

Henri Persson Viola da Gamba Recital

Monday 17th October, beginning at 7.30pm
In Kingston Church.

All are very welcome to attend – please invite your friends. Refreshments will be served beforehand from 6.45pm and then after the concert which will last about one hour, beginning at 7.30. There will be no charge but rather a retiring collection for the Church Restoration Fund.



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TRACK THE TRACTORS – NEW APP



The inaugural “Five Churches Vintage Tractor Run” will take place on Saturday 17th September 2022 starting from Croydon Cambridgeshire SG8 0DL at 11:00 and running though Arrington 12:15, Wimpole Hall 12:45

Wimpole 13:30 Orwell 14:00 and Barrington 15:00 (all times are approximate).

Family members of all ages will enjoy seeing a wide range of vintage tractors in action at this FREE to attend event and have the opportunity to talk to owners about the makes and models on display.

Visitors will learn about the role of tractors in farming and food production at the demonstration points en route and a new downloadable app (See QR Code below), will allow everyone to TRACK THE TRACTORS on the day, so they don’t miss them as they drive between villages.

Widening the scope and format of the traditional tractor run will make this a great day out for all involved and raise valuable funds for Arrington, Barrington, Croydon, Orwell and Wimpole Churches.

TRACK THE TRACTORS

Donations can be made by cash or card reader on the day or by

BACS: The Benefice of the Orwell Group of Parishes

A/C No: 04196597 Sort Code 09-01-50

For further information:

www.beneficeorwell.co.uk/events/five-churches-vintage-tractor-run/



For tractor owner entry details contact: Ray Parcell 07786 582210 or rayparcell61@gmail.com

New Collection Banks To Recycle Small Electricals

Eight new pink collection banks have been installed at recycling points to help local people recycle small electricals like toasters, phones and hairdryers. Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled. These items contain precious materials like gold, aluminium and steel and need to be recycled separately. Anything up to 29cm in its largest dimension will fit in the new recycling banks. The recycling banks can be found at: Gwydir Street car park, Lammas Land car park, Abbey Pool car park, and Chesterton Road public toilets in Cambridge: Morrisons car park, Cambourne: Tesco car park, Bar Hill: Village car park, High Street, Melbourn: Tesco car park, Fulbourn and at Milton and Thriplow Household Recycling Centres. Small appliances can also be handed in for recycling in-store at Curry’s on Newmarket Road in Cambridge.

DAVID HENRY HEATH 17th January 1925 – 31st May 2022

David Heath died at peace in Home Meadow Care Home in Toft on the 31st May, aged 97, following a short illness. It is a measure of David's great age that, remarkably, his mother (an orphan born in 1896) was a witness of Queen Victoria's funeral procession in 1901. His father joined the army in the First World War and was transferred to the Royal Flying Corps; he was wounded just before the Armistice but stayed on in the Royal Air Force as a driver. David, the eldest of four children, was born at Aldershot on the 17th of January 1925, his father being stationed at RAF Farnham at that time. The family moved to Poplar in East London where the infant David narrowly escaped drowning in the basement during the great Thames Flood of January 1928.



The Heaths settled in Ilford: David passed the recently introduced 11 plus examination and was educated at the local Beal Modern school (later Beal Grammar School and now Beal High School). In 1939 David's father, an RAF reservist, was called up (he was to become a survivor of Dunkirk). The Beal School was evacuated to Ipswich soon after the outbreak of hostilities: David's mother went with the children as a school helper. The school then moved again to Reading but family circumstances were straightened; David was not able to stay on and, at the age of fifteen, started work as an office boy in a Dickensian firm of solicitors. Bombing raids on Ipswich docks led David's mother to take the decision to move to Cambridge where the Women's Voluntary Service found the family a pair of cottages, formerly the almshouses, in Broadway in Grantchester, next to the Rose and Crown (then a 'spit and sawdust pub', now the Rupert Brook). *'I was more than a little disgusted by our new accommodation. Having got used to a modern semi in a good residential street, I was disenchanted by an ancient row of thatched one bedroom cottages ... we had no water inside and the smelly wooden shack at the back hardly justified the title "toilet"'*. Things improved when the family was offered a cottage opposite belonging to the Burkitts. David's parents stayed on in Grantchester for the rest of their lives, his mother living to the age of 95 in one of the cottages in Wright's Row.

David found work as a junior clerk in the University Estates Management Department and then in the office of G P Jones, grocers of Trumpington Street. From a neighbour he acquired his first decent bicycle, with three speed gears, for £12, paying in 2s 6d instalments over two years: this was the beginning of many years cycling with the Cambridge Town and Country Cycle Club and the Cyclist's Touring Club.

David learned First Aid with the St John's Ambulance Brigade, joined the Civil Defence Unit at Maris Lane in Trumpington and then the Air Training Corps, before being called up in 1943 to the medical service of the RAF. He served at RAF airfields in East Anglia, treating wounded aircrew. He was later sent overseas to a Sea Rescue Unit based at Aberdeen, near Freetown in Sierra Leone, then a British colony; this proved to be a relatively uneventful posting, *'almost an escape from the war'*.

At the end of the war David was sent to The Grange at Littleport, a RAF Hospital in the Fens, north of Ely. Here he *'...began to notice a particularly attractive girl behind the NAAFI counter. Her good looks were enhanced by delightful auburn hair which impressed me greatly'*. This was Denise, known as Ann, a local WAAAF. Following demobilisation, David thought nothing of pursuing his courtship by bicycle from Grantchester: he and Ann married in 1948. Their first home was a room in the Blue Ball in Grantchester, whence they moved to Phillips Road in Cambridge and proceeded to purchase their first house in Queen Edith's Road. David began his career with the Federated Employers Insurance Association in Sidney Sussex Street; he qualified with the Chartered Insurance Institute and became in due course a Senior Claims Investigator and Negotiator. After the Federated was taken over by an American firm, Allstate, David's office was relocated to Stevenage. David disliked the new regime and the commute and declined offers of promotion, instead taking early retirement at the age of sixty-three.

David described his first visit to our village in an article for the Church and Parish Magazine: *'In 1949 I cycled to a remote village called Kingston, which no one in Cambridge, where I lived at the time, seemed to have heard of. My intention was to look at some wall paintings in Kingston Church, described with some enthusiasm by Arthur Mee in his famous King's England series. My only recollection of that visit is not of the paintings but the startling sight – to me – of a large colony of bats swarming round the tower and nave interior. I could hardly have imagined at the time that eight years later I would move with my wife, Ann, to a strange little cottage in Kingston called The Dovecot.'*

The Heaths took up residence in September 1957. *'I always remember our first night in our hastily sorted bed and being woken by a barn owl hooting just outside the cottage so that I really felt that we had come to live in the heart of the countryside. It*



David in
Grantchester c1942

was so quiet and peaceful, well away from the road which carried very little traffic anyway, whilst the surrounding old fruit trees seemed to hide us in a wood.'

The Dovecot became a much loved, 'forever home' for Ann and David. They had much work to do on the house and in the garden. David was a keen grower of fruit, vegetables and ornamentals,



The Dovecot

specialising in tomatoes, chrysanthemums and sweet peas: these last he liked to take to competitive flower shows. He shared his interests in gardening and cycling with Fred Peterken, the diminutive bachelor of Orchard Cottage in Crane's Lane, then just a tiny C17 cottage (not a listed building and very sadly demolished this year). The two friends both purchased identical greenhouses made by Crittalls of Essex.

David introduced Ann to cycling and together they toured all over the British Isles and beyond, sometimes with friends. They also took up long distance walking, enjoying the scenery of the National Parks, Wales and Scotland on foot. They liked bird watching and visiting castles, cathedrals and churches. Later on they took many holidays on canal boats and travelled more widely in Europe and the United States.

As Ann grew older her health deteriorated and she also became increasingly agoraphobic: this was difficult for David, inhibiting his social life, but he never complained. She died in 2010. David continued gardening, now with the help of Martin Prentis, and walking, although his excursions were much more modest: in the end just to the bench on the village green and back. He enjoyed writing, contributing many articles for Kingston's magazine, and completed his autobiography, *A Straw in the Wind*. (Characteristically he believed this would be of little interest to any but his family and only had ten copies printed.) He had always enjoyed good draft bitter



Ann and David at Aphrodite's Rock. Cvorus

beer and had favourite public houses the length and breadth of the British Isles, preferring what he called 'old hostelrys', the quirkier and more ancient the better. Kingston's village pub nights gave him great pleasure. He was popular with young and old, easy going, liked to be called Dave, and possessed a self deprecating good humour and a sense of the absurd. He was the natural and obvious choice to perform the re-opening ceremony of the newly refurbished Village Hall a few years ago.

David was modest to a fault; his autobiography he entitled *A Straw in the Wind: Muddling Through*. *'It will be seen that I did not reach great heights in my working career which I put down to my lack of talent, my truncated education and failure to push myself and my limited aptitudes forward with any degree of determination. I think I possess what is known as a grasshopper mind for, even outside the world of work, I flitted from pastime to pastime without becoming truly skilled in any one of them.'* In fact, from modest and difficult beginnings, David had a very successful professional career, served his country and, moreover, made an enormous contribution to village life in Kingston, holding office as a Parish Councillor for many years and as Chairman for four years in the early 1990s. He was the Parish Path Liaison Officer and played an important role in improving the parish's ten miles of rights of way, in cooperation with the County Council and local land owners. He was a member of the Ramblers' Association and of the Cambridge Rambling Club, organising and leading walks throughout the county into his 80s. He was an excellent photographer and gave several slide shows to Kingston's Neighbours' Group, usually featuring his recent travels. David confessed to lacking faith and described himself as agnostic, but he was always a generous supporter of Kingston church.

I was very pleased to be able to take David over to Grantchester before the Covid pandemic to revisit old haunts and have a drink with him in the Blue Ball. The Reading Room was open that day and conversation there led to David writing an article for Grantchester's parish magazine. Even at the very end of his life in Home Meadow he retained his sense of humour. Jack Diggle visited and said to him that he still had a twinkle in his eye. 'Half a twinkle, perhaps', was David's reply. He looked forward to being reunited with Ann. R.I. P.

Peter Reynolds (*Words in italics above are from Dave's autobiography. I have this available as a Word Document and I am thinking of having a few copies printed. Anyone interested, please contact me*).



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Table Tennis in the Village Hall

The Village Hall now has a table tennis table, bats and balls, purchased at a subsidised price through Table Tennis England. Following my email round the village a week or two ago, a number of people have expressed an interest in playing.



It looks as if we will be having a weekly drop-in table tennis evening at the village hall, with a small charge per person – this is not yet fully settled, but details will be circulated to all interested players.

If you would like to join the group, or just receive messages about table tennis in the village hall, please get in touch with me at pandsstokes@gmail.com.

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