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PLEASE KEEP
YOUR SPEED



DOWN THROUGH
THE VILLAGE

TWENTY IS
PLENTY



20 mph INJURES
30 KILLS

The Christmas holiday season is well and truly behind us, the youngsters back at school and everyone else back to their usual routine. We have not, however, left quite all behind as the Kingston Players are well into the rehearsals for our pantomime which will be on stage for your entertainment early in February. This year Robin Hood will be the theme and I cannot wait to see what the Kingston interpretation of this classic story will be. As always this is expected to be a sell out so be sure to book your tickets early.

Following its early 2018 lick of paint the Reading Room certainly looks bright and cheerful and by the time we have a new ceiling and lighting in place it will be a place for the village to be proud of for the many activities for which it is used.

24th February sees a special Gala evening when "My Cousin Rachel" will be screened following a special buffet with champagne and, I am assured, the attendance of very special "Red Carpet" guests. Do not miss out, book your tickets early.

These events alone are a good omen that 2018 will be a very special year for the village.

David

PARISH CHURCH FLOWER ROTA



2017

Jan 21st & 28th Jeanne Curtis
 Feb 4th & 11th Jeanne Curtis
 Lent starts on Ash Wednesday February 14th. No flowers until Easter
 April 1st Easter Sunday - all helpers please - Saturday a.m. (because of Good Friday & Easter gardens & Easter egg hunt on Saturday afternoon)
 April 8th Check flowers
 Apr 15th & 22nd Shioya Walters
 Apr 29th & May 6th Vanessa Walker
 May 13th&20th Jean Moore
 May 27th& Jun 3rd Margaret Birch
 Jun 10th & 17th Jenny Stanley
 Jun 24th & Jul1st June Wilkinson
 Jul 8th & 15th Caroline Carter
 Jul 22nd & 29th Carole & Jeanne
 Aug 5th & 12th Caroline Thompson
 Aug 19th & 26th Janet Gilbreath
 Sept 2nd & 9th Kathryn Pinkerton
 Sept 16th & 23rd June & Ruth Jarvis
 Sept 30th ?|HARVEST - EVERYONE
 Oct 7th check flowers
 Oct 14th, 21st 28th Jeanne Curtis
 Nov 4th & 11th Carole Walters
 Nov 18th & 25th Margaret Kelly
 Dec 2nd & 9th Di Phillips
 Dec 16th, 23rd 30th ALL HELPERS PLEASE

If you are unable to do the flowers on a given date, please change with someone and let Carole know –
 Tel 810566.

200 Club Draw

The numbers drawn in the December 2017 draw are as follows:

185	Lorna Watkins	£20
41	Margaret Cocks	£20
101	Steph Freeman	£20
7	Pat Hales	£15
70	Norma Hannaford	£10

The monthly draws take place at the Tuesday morning market on the last Tuesday if each month.

Elaine & Owen Roberts Tel. 810968

Copy for March Newsletter by
 Monday 19th February-- please.

 Editor

TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA



2018-

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Due to the Hall being decorated We won't be back until the 23rd of January -

Feb. 6th - Jenny.
 Feb. 13 - Chris.
 Feb. 20- Kit.
 Feb. 27- Cynthia / Irene.
 March 6 - Ann / Elaine.
 March 13 - Jeanette.
 March 20- Pauline.
 March 27 - Margaret.
 April 3 - Judy.
 April 10 - John.

Tuesday Morning Market
 In the Reading Room Every Tuesday 10am -12 noon
 Meet up for a Cuppa in a Warm and Friendly Environment.
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MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits the village every 4th Tuesday at the Fire station from 11 am to 11.40 am.

Jan 30, Feb 27 Mar 27, Apr 24, May 22 Jun 19 Jul 17
 Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 6 Dec 4

KEEP THE DATE!
 A welcome return to Kingston for genial Irish singer-songwriter
ANTHONY JOHN CLARKE
 Kingston Reading Room
Saturday 17 February 2018 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)
 With support from Silvington
 Tickets £10 advance, £12 door from John,
 01548 81086

Kingston Players Present:

ROBIN HOOD

 Adults: £7 Children (under 10): £3
 Thursday 8th – Saturday 10th February 2018
 7pm for 7:30 at Kingston Reading Room
 Contact Zoe Walters to book tickets: 810259,
 zoewalters96@gmail.com or via Facebook

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

(Also see Parish WEB site for further details)

Morning Market every Tuesday 10 a.m. till noon

Mother & Toddler Group every Wednesday 10-11.45am
(Bigbury Memorial Hall)

2017

Jan 27 th	7 for 7.30	Flicks in the Sticks. "Victoria & Abdul R/R behind the fiction. R/R
Jan, 31 st	7.30pm	History Society Robert Hesketh "Smuggling in Devon – the truth
Feb 8 th , 9 th , 10 th		Village Pantomime "Robin Hood" R/R
Feb. 21 st	7-9pm	Craft Evening – Reading Room
Feb. 22 nd	7.30pm	History Soc. "Surviving sites from Bronze Age" Nigel Grist R/R
Feb 24 th	7 for 7.30	Flicks in the Sticks "My Cousin Rachel" R/R
Feb 28 th	7-9pm	Craft Evening – Reading Room
March 8 th	7-9pm	Craft Evening – Reading Room
March 22 nd	7.30pm	History Soc. "A 1,000 years at Thorn" William Arkwright R/R
March 28 th	7-9pm	Craft Evening – Reading Room
March 31 st	afternoon	Making Easter Gardens St James the Less
March 31 st	7 for 7.30	Flicks in the Sticks "The Limehouse Golem" R/R
April 14 th		Dawn Chorus walk details to follow
April 21 st	10.30am	Historu Soc. Tour of Hamerdon Hse & Gardens Plympton
April 28 th	7 for 7.30	Flicks in the Sticks "Goodbye Christopher Robin" R/R
May 24 th	7.30pm	History Soc. "History of RAF Harrowbeer Yelverton 1941-45 R/R
June 30 th		Church Table Top Sale R/R

STAY AND PLAY

Kingston Stay and Play every Thursday morning 10 - 12
£1. Per family
Under 5s play sessions
contact Karen 810070.

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CAROLS ROUND THE VILLAGE

We had an excellent turnout for our annual Carol Singing on 22 December, and were for once blessed with a dry, mild and calm evening. Our efforts raised £200 for 'Action for Children'.

My thanks to all those who sang, collected and donated. Thanks also to Dick and Rachel at Vicarage Farm, who provided welcome seasonal refreshment, and to Craig and the staff at the Dolphin for their customary hospitality.

John Wurr

Letter to the Editor

I think it is a time we all said a big thank you to David Carter for the years he's managed our village Newsletter. I remember it was some forty years ago that the late Gret Atkinson produced its early versions, about a couple of pages run off on a Roneo machine, I recall.

It must be a monthly chore for you over so many years now, but it is such a significant tool in publishing all the various activities, information and interests which contribute to the life of this Kingston community and we hope you know we value what you do and that you enjoy it! Thank you, David!

Ann Nodes. (Part Time at 3 Chapel Row, Kingston)

Your comments are greatly appreciated. This is my humble contribution to village life.

Editor

KLHS

Jan:31st 7:30pm

Kingston Reading Rm

"Smuggling in Devon" by Robert Hesketh



Please note change of
date/time

Flicks in the Sticks Hollywood Gala Evening

A reminder of the Reading Room fund-raiser on Saturday 24th February. A film showing of 'My Cousin Rachel'. Champagne, buffet, raffle, red carpet and some celebrity guests (with any luck!!). Tickets are flying out the door and spaces are limited, so if you haven't got your ticket yet, contact Sally Denham on 830231 or saldenham01@gmail.com

Why not get into the spirit of the event and dust off the black tie or evening dress? (strictly optional, of course) Arrival at 6.30 prompt, please.

****Please note – 'Flicks'n'Chips' will NOT be available for this screening – The Dolphin will be busy with your buffet ****

To ALL dog walkers

Once again there has been a regular amount of dog poo on the road and up to the recreation ground. There have also been dog poo bags thrown over and in the hedge.. I would like to remind people that poo bags may go in any bins, and there is one at the entrance to the recreation ground. **Please be responsible dog owners, a few of you give the rest a bad name.**

Alison Lewis

READING ROOM NEWS

For anyone who has been away and missed the action in the Reading Room at the beginning of January 2018, Jo Gulliford has made a marvellous job of painting the hall, disabled toilet and kitchen. It was decided in March 2017 that the hall was looking shabby and down at heel, and we asked Tesco to help us via the BAGS OF HELP scheme. This has been a long winded process, and we finally get the money in the Reading Room account at the end of this month. Yes, we know we are hoping to have a new ceiling and lighting in August, but Jo is happy that a touch up will have everything looking 100% again after the major works.

You may remember that the Reading Room Committee held a public meeting on 14th October 2014 and 39 of you came along and gave your views on the way forward. Please come to the hall on 3rd and 4th March to see a presentation –

What you suggested, what has been achieved to date, and what is coming next.

Pauline Deschamps

Hon Sec. Reading Room Management Committee

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

KINGSTON COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS:

SATURDAY 27th January. Doors open 7.00 pm. Film starts 7.30pm

Victoria and Abdul, Cert PG, 111 mins.

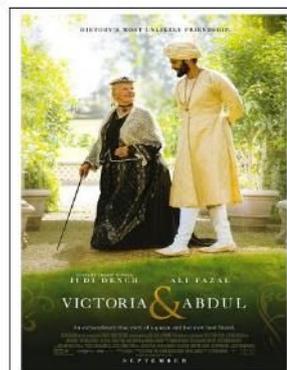
Starring Judi Dench, Ali Fazal

In the twilight of her reign, Queen Victoria forms an unlikely friendship with young Indian clerk, Abdul Karim.

History's most unlikely friendship

"Dench is captivating as the cantankerous queen"

"Victoria and Abdul is a delightful film"



Saturday 24th February. Doors open 6.30 pm. Film starts 7.30pm

My Cousin Rachel, Cert 12A, 106 mins.

Starring Rachel Weisz, Iain Glen

Adapted from a novel by Daphne Du Maurier. A young Englishman plots revenge against his late cousin's mysterious, beautiful wife, believing her responsible for his death.

Hollywood Gala Night* Champagne

Buffet* *Red Carpet* Celebrity Guests*



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January 2018

THE OYSTER SHACK – NEW OWNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

I have some news to share with you. After fifteen years of nurturing The Oyster Shack, into what has become one of the top (and most cherished) seafood restaurants in the country, I am handing the reigns over to a new custodian from the 1st February onwards.

Kieron Vanstone and Dino Buonaguidi, the new leaders of the ship are thrilled to be taking over at The Oyster Shack.

Kieron was born locally and worked in the restaurant as a teenager, as did most of his family, and he is very excited to be returning to his roots in Devon.

Dino is a London-based chef and restaurateur, who has worked all over the world and owns the renowned Yab Yum Resort in Goa, India, as well as running quirky London drinking-hole Vault Towers.

Both Kieron and Dino want to maintain it's delicious local menu, excellent sustainable ethos and all round fabulous shack'y dining experience and are excited to meet you at the Shack.

I am keen to reassure you that nothing is changing within the business: for the past year Ali, who I am sure you have all met, has been managing the ship brilliantly, along with our front of house team. The commitment of Head Chef Andy Richardson for the past four years and the rest of the team to their roles will ensure that your enjoyment of wonderful food and enjoyable ambience will continue as ever.

In the meantime – the team hope to see you at The Shack to enjoy some glorious seafood and the many events and offers over the coming months. Please note that the restaurant will be closed from Monday 15th January and will re-open on Friday 2nd February onwards.

If you would like to stay in touch here are my details: chris@rocktails.co.uk

Chris

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ENERGY BILL REDUCTION WORKSHOPS

South Dartmoor Community Energy are running a series of free 1hour evening workshops for anyone who would like to find out how to get the best energy deals for either themselves or friends and family. The workshops will also cover the extra support available from energy companies, smart meters and home energy saving tips.

The workshops are taking place on;

- Tuesday 6th February in the MARS Pavilion, Chatwell Lane, Modbury, from 6-7pm
- Wednesday 7th February in the Aune Room in The Old School Centre, South Brent from 7-8pm
- Wednesday 21st February in the Beacon Room, Ivybridge Library from 7-8pm
- Thursday 22nd February in the Yealmpton Parish Rooms from 7-8pm

All the advice and information is free and impartial and there will be lots of top tips and time for questions. Refreshments and reference materials provided. Booking is essential for the workshops so please call 0800 112 3044

or e-mail Katie@southdartmoorcommunityenergy.org to book your place.

'Drop in' energy advice surgeries will take place for one hour before each workshop. These are open to everyone and residents are encouraged to bring a recent fuel bill for the best advice. To find out more please visit www.southdartmoorcommunityenergy.org.

Promoting Dementia Friendly Communities



Four Rivers Dementia Alliance

LET'S TALK ABOUT DEMENTIA IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Come and join us to find out how to support people living with dementia in your community, or to share your experiences and ideas on

Friday 2nd February 2018
at

The Watermark, Ivybridge
Erme Court, Leonards Rd PL21 0BZ

9.30am-3pm

Everyone welcome:

Individuals, carers, groups, organisations & businesses

Speakers will be: Gary Stredor - MP; Helen Penwarden - Devon Federation of Women's Institutes; Ian Sherriff - Academic Partnership Lead For Dementia at Plymouth University; & Dr Edmund Jack GP.

Buffet Lunch

This is a FREE EVENT however BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL via

<https://talkaboutdementia.eventbrite.co.uk>



For more information contact
Adrian@scathemerve.org.uk
Tel: 01803 962266



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Church News

Our new vicar, Rev. Matt Rowland, was licenced at a great service in Modbury church in January and we are looking forward to getting to know him and for him to get to know Kingston.

Next month sees **Mother's Day on 11th March** when we will be bringing flowers to church for the children and young people to make their own posy during the service, to give to mothers and grandmothers, so do come along and bring your children and grandchildren. Easter comes fairly early this year so put the date in your diary for making **Easter Gardens on 31st March** in the church during the afternoon.

We are planning a couple of new things this year, firstly a **Dawn Chorus walk on 14th April**, for those of you who love the early morning birdsong and a breath of fresh air, this will be followed by breakfast - watch this space for further information! Secondly a **table top sale on Saturday 30th June in the Reading Room**, this will be first come first served as space is limited, book a table for £5 then any proceeds from sales are yours – you can sell anything such as bric a brac, home made goods, run a tombola etc. we will sell tea and coffee. If this is something of interest to you please **contact Pauline Deschamps on 01548 810949** to book a table.

The Friends of St. James the Less are getting together on **1st February** for an **evening meal** hosted by Robert and Carol at Scobbiscombe House, this is an opportunity for a social get together as well as to find out how much money has been raised by the friends and what the PCC propose to spend it on. If you would like to join the Friends, whose fundraising is for the church but is restricted to be used for the fabric of the church building and the churchyard, please take a membership form available in the church.

When you are planning to renew your **home insurance** check out Ecclesiastical, they are offering to donate £130 to our church for every new home insurance policy taken out this year (to celebrate their 130th anniversary). Visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or call **0800 7830130** and quote TRUST130.

Planning a holiday? Winter sun, a last minute ski trip or that dream Summer holiday, clicking through **TheGivingMachine** can raise a huge donation for St James the Less Parish Church, Kingston. Download the Shop&Give App for iOS or Android, or the Shop&Give Reminder for your Desktop and never miss a **FREE Donation!**

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/search/shops/travel-&-holidays

Local contacts for St. James the Less, Kingston Church Wardens:

Brian Alloway, 810692, bj6devon@gmail.com

Robert Beard, 810500, r.beard@scobbiscombe.co.uk

Both Churchwardens will be pleased to help you find the right person to talk to and help with any church-related arrangements. Please note full information is also on the Parish website as well as the team website:

www.modburyteam.org Kingston.

The Devon Countryside Access Forum is a statutory local access forum under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. It has seventeen members who advise on the "improvement of public access to land for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area..." The Forum gives independent advice to a number of Government bodies in addition to Devon County Council, district and borough councils and parish and town councils.

Devon County Council is currently appointing members to the Forum and would like to receive applications from anyone with an interest in recreational access.

All applications will be considered and we would love to hear from landowners and managers, access users and people with other relevant professional interests such as planning, education, sport, sustainable transport and business, or people who could represent groups currently under-represented such as young people or ethnic minority groups.

Why don't you consider applying to join the Forum? It's an interesting opportunity and you can:-

- contribute to the debate- share your experience and expertise from your specific field;
- meet and work with others- listen to and share ideas on solving access problems;
- help make a difference- influence local and UK policy affecting access;
- be informed- receive regular local and national access information updates.

Although membership is voluntary, a generous mileage rate is paid.

For details and an application form please see www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf **The closing date is Friday, 9th February 2018.**



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A Neighbourhood Development Plan for Kingston

Kingston must maintain its character as a living village in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The Questionnaire Report is on www.kingstonplan.org. Your answers to the questionnaire are presented as tables and also as bar/pie charts to help make the information clear. There were 36 questions to answer so there is a lot of information in the Report. However we felt you should be able to see all of it, and without any interpretation at this stage. The report is therefore exactly what you said.

A Report on the Very Special Questionnaire is also on the website and this one has pictures.

Finding your way through the Report: the first section includes general questions about the household, which helps us show that a representative cross section of the community responded. At an 80% plus response rate that is quite clear!

The following section, Questions 1-5inc., gave an opportunity for everyone of 11yrs and over to respond. 333 of you did take the time and trouble to do so. The 2011 Census gives the Kingston population as 387. There were 824 written/text comments, where we had asked open questions, and these will also be on the website as soon as possible. Some summary information is already at the end of the Report. The end result is a lot of valuable data about what Kingston really thinks and we will be doing some further analysis as we progress with the Plan.

Please note that the following summary is a list of key points, but is not comprehensive or a substitute for reading the whole report. Comments can be made through the Contacts page on www.kingstonplan.org or the contact emails below. We would also be delighted to hear from anyone who thinks they can contribute to the discussions and next stages of developing the policies in the Plan. You do NOT have to be an expert just have a strong interest in the future of the village.

What do we now know about our community? 54% of respondents are aged 60 or over and 39, (12%), respondents reported a health issue which affects their everyday living. 23 respondents reported their mobility was affected. Factors relating to an ageing population should therefore be of concern to all of us.

39% of respondents have lived in the village for more than 20 years.

Superfast Kingston

'not on main transport routes, but as well connected as city dwellers'

56% of households have subscribed to superfast broadband, *well above the Devon and Somerset and UK averages for rural communities. There are still a few homes too far from, or not connected, to the two fibre cabinets. We asked Brian Mitchell if he would comment on some of the issues raised about broadband coverage; please see elsewhere in the Newsletter. He has also offered to help anyone who may need advice on subscribing to superfast.

Flooding and sewage problems

6 homes have experienced flooding by rain or sewage or both! NPTG is looking at infrastructure implications for new build.

Housing – where to build

The table at Q11 gives the actual numbers of you who commented on the suitability or otherwise of the 10 sites, proposed by landowners, for possible new housing. There is also a bar chart version showing opinion on each site's suitability. We did not ask you to rank the sites in order of suitability. The planners will assess each individual site on its suitability, not compare it with others. Nor are all the sites comparable to one another. Some are for large numbers

of homes and some for single homes. Very few of us have in depth planning expertise, but that does not invalidate your opinion. Your views are based on your experience of living in Kingston and it is clear from the overall response to the questionnaire that residents gave considerable care and thought to their responses. Both NPTG and the Parish Council will take your opinions into account in making relevant decisions.

Housing – how many and what sort of new homes

51% of you think 1-10 new homes should be built over the next 20 years, which agrees with the number of new homes the South Hams/West Devon and Plymouth Joint Local Plan suggests is appropriate for the village to sustain. Their estimate is based on a consideration of the sustainability of the village, for example village facilities / distance from health services/provision of public transport etc. However, a further 36% of you do think the number could be raised to 15-20 and the JLP number is indicative not absolute.

95% of you think that these new homes – there will be new homes – should be built in small (< 10) developments and as single homes. 1 bed homes are a lower priority than 2 - 3/4 bed, and 5 bed homes are given a very low priority. Considerable interest is shown in eco homes and sheltered accommodation, while private rental is a very low priority.

95.5% of you want new Housing Association property to come under the Local Lettings Plan.

The environment we love to live in

It is abundantly clear that Kingston residents value the natural and historic features of the parish very highly indeed. In addition 37% of text comments relate to environment and heritage. We cannot take it for granted that these will automatically be protected and **we are asking for your help in building the evidence base to help do this.** See later on in this article.

Over 90% of respondents highly value the dark night skies. Any discussion on details of new build/development must take this very strong view into account.

Smaller scale forms of renewable energy are supported by many, but there is less support for wind turbines and solar panels on open farmland.

Transport- more vehicles, less parking space

Respondents own/have responsibility for a total of 334 vehicles, (2011 Census = 298 cars/vans) and 50 of these are parked on the road. Text comments on parking head the list of concerns expressed by respondents. See also comments on bad driving below.

Only 8 respondents ever use Fare Car, but 61 use the Friday bus at least occasionally. 9 respondents use private taxis regularly and a further 104 occasionally. The taxi/Fare Car figures could be related to the limited service now offered by Fare Car. Fare Car journeys are shared with residents of Bigbury and Ringmore which might

increase numbers overall. The figures for potential use of other suggested bus routes may be useful, especially as the bus would also serve Bigbury and Ringmore.

Walking to the Dolphin!

The public footpaths and the Dolphin compete to head the list of most used community amenities! The village Newsletter continues to be the most used source of information for parishioners followed by word of mouth and the noticeboards.

Bad driving and parking concerns

Bad driving and litter cause most concern although parking comes through strongly in the text comments. 18% of text

comments are about concerns and suggestions associated with speeding.

Working from home and Kingston based businesses

44% of respondents are retired and 47% are working, 12% of these work part time and 15% are self-employed, the latter is becoming known as a feature of many rural/isolated communities.

15% of respondents work at home. 40 respondents run a business, 7 of these run 2 or 3 businesses giving a total of **48 businesses** run in/from Kingston. 9 of these businesses employ others. 40% of respondents think there is a need for employment opportunities in Kingston. Issues are also raised in the text responses on suitable premises for business and poor transport links.

Values

Q 35 was based on values. It gave a series of statements and asked for the extent of respondents' agreement or disagreement. Respondents could tick as many boxes as they wished. This was not a 'wash up' question, but intended to seek out your views on the character of Kingston in a balanced way. The values you have supported, so very clearly, back up the Neighbourhood Plan vision statement, which emerged from the Village Drop in in November 2016.

Our remote rural character, special qualities and key features of land and seascape are very strongly endorsed. Most respondents thought the single access lanes should be preserved and there was little support for bringing the local highways and access to the village up to 'modern' standards. Most respondents prefer traditional design for housing although good contemporary design is not ruled out

Second and holiday homes

There are clearly strong reservations about second and holiday homes, but some support for the contribution they make to the village. 15 second/holiday home owners responded to the questionnaire.

A paper copy of both the Site Assessment Report and the Questionnaire Report are available in the Reading Room and the Church for those without access to the Neighbourhood Plan website. If you cannot find a copy please contact the Clerk.

What is so special about Kingston? YOUR COMMENTS NEEDED

We all believe that Kingston is a very special place – but what exactly are the features of the parish that make it so distinctive?

At the Drop-In session, held back in November 2016, to kick-off the Neighbourhood Plan, participants posted up their thoughts about living in the village. One of the key themes that came out of this exercise was that people really appreciate the environment of the parish. The responses to the Questionnaire have strongly reinforced the importance that residents attach to the landscape, wildlife and also the rich history of Kingston.

As we develop some firm *policies* for the Neighbourhood Plan, we need to actually pin-down the physical and cultural features of Kingston that contribute to its distinctiveness. This will help us to develop policies that protect and enhance what is important.

The draft **Kingston Plan Character Assessment** is an attempt to do just that. The document starts with a brief profile of the parish, followed by descriptions of the geology, landscape, wildlife habitats and also the historical development of Kingston.

Please take a few minutes to read through the draft Character Assessment on www.kingstonplan.org – any suggestions for additions or corrections would be

very welcome! Send these directly

to richard@rdalley.demon.co.uk or through the Contact page on the website

Do not forget you can contact us anytime through: Judy Alloway 810692, allowajudy1@gmail.com or Flo Watts 810019, flowatts1@gmail.com or through our website, www.kingstonplan.org

KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY **PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY 2018**

The society was originally formed in the 1970/80s to research the history of the village and its environs, keep up to date records for the future, hold talks and make visits to places of historical interest; also to produce publications about the local area. The subscription is £3:50pp and new members are always welcome especially to serve on the committee. Present members Chairman-Jennie Stanley; Secretary-Rae Musk; Treasurer-Alan Coleman-Smith; Archivist-Carol Beard; Events-Margaret Kelly & Jennie Stanley.

- Wednesday January 31st at 7:30pm *PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME. Lecture by Robert Hesketh, a freelance writer and photographer with a strong interest in local history, entitled "Smuggling in Devon-the truth behind the fiction"
- Thursday February 22nd at 7:30 pm Nigel Grist, local historian and Modbury resident, will give a detailed look at the surviving sites from the Bronze Age; also exploring the ancient Tin Mining industry on Dartmoor.
- Thursday March 22nd at 7:30pm John Gibson, joint owner of Thorn House, Wembury- overlooking the banks of the River Yealm with a historical garden created by William Arkwright -will take us back through the history of the estate with a talk entitled "A 1,000 years at Thorn"
- Saturday, April 21st at 10:30am There will be a tour of Hemerdon House and Gardens, Plympton. This is a fascinating late 18th Century country house and the home of the Woolcombe family over many generations; we will be shown around by a descendent of the original local family. The cost will be £7:50pp; and a local hostelry may be found for lunch (more details later)
- Thursday May 24th at 7:30pm Stephen Fryer, member of the "Harrowbeer Interest Group" formed in 2004. Stephen will give a talk about the World War Two Airfield entitled "The History of RAF Harrowbeer, Yelverton 1941-45.

We hope you will enjoy the programme that we have planned for you but if you have a request for a speaker or visit to an historical place of interest please let us know we are always open to suggestions.

All details may be found on our website kingstonlocalhistory.co.uk with further information on www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk

Meetings take place mostly on the fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm *PLEASE NOTE OUR EARLIER STARTING TIME in Kingston Reading Room; refreshments are also available and our events/trips/visits to historical venues are organised jointly by Margaret Kelly margaret.cmkelly@btinternet.com "Little Barn" Kingston 01548 810358 and Jennie Stanley stanz@stanz.plus.com "Brae Cottage" Kingston 01548 810819.

FEEDBACK REGARDING SUPERFAST BROADBAND.

In January 2018 Kingston past its first anniversaries of the availability of mobile telephone coverage and superfast broadband.

The Neighbourhood Plan survey included questions around superfast broadband which is defined as speeds in excess of 24Mbps. Analysis of your feedback shows that, of the Kingston homes able to receive superfast broadband, **a whopping 60% currently get the benefits of subscribing to superfast broadband.** This is well above the UK average for rural communities. Kingston may be off the main transport routes, but when it comes to technology, we are as well connected as city dwellers!

Whilst superfast broadband is available to the majority of our village, there are a few homes on the periphery that are either too far from, or not connected to the two new fibre cabinets at Yellands and The Plain. We hope that future investment and technology will address this.

Some responses to the Neighbourhood Plan survey said that villagers had not seen an improvement in their broadband speed. Possibly these villagers expected the old slow broadband service to automatically speed up. Unfortunately to go superfast you need to subscribe to a superfast broadband package from one of the Internet Service Providers (ISPs) such as; Plusnet, John Lewis, Sky Broadband, Vodafone, BT Retail, Post Office (There are many more ISPs and deals to choose from).

A few other villagers said superfast broadband was too expensive. That is a fair point but the cost of superfast broadband has been falling significantly, and in many cases there's only a small difference between the price of superfast broadband and basic broadband services.

Ofcom has reported that the difference between the monthly rental fees for ISPs' lowest-cost 'superfast' services and their lowest-cost "current generation" services is often relatively small, with the price differential ranging from £5 to £10 a month for most ISPs that offer both types of service. Indeed some Kingston villagers have made savings after reassessing overall outlays for voice, mobile, TV and superfast broadband and bringing all together under the same provider.

Some benefits of superfast broadband: -

Superfast broadband increases house prices. A survey carried out by ispreview.co.uk found that 68.8% of respondents would be put off from buying a house if it lacked fast broadband. 73.9% considered that broadband was "critically important" to their home life.

With more and more gadgets requiring the Internet, you need a fast connection to keep all the household happy. Therefore, with up to 80 Mbps downloads and 20 Mbps uploads, there's less dawdling and more doing in Kingston. Improved speeds bring people closer. Villagers are now able to have "free" voice or video calls from their homes to relatives and friends around the world. A great way to celebrate special occasions like Christmas and birthdays. Streaming a wedding or hosting a video business meeting from your Kingston home or business is now possible and totally free of charge!

The price of security TV systems for homes and businesses has dropped dramatically. CCTV systems can be easily connected via the Internet so that home owners can receive alerts on their mobile telephones as well as remotely accessing live cameras and CCTV recordings - even from another part of the world!

Without superfast broadband, villagers can miss out on some services such as: -

- YouTube, BBC iPlayer, Netflix, and Sky Go. There's no more slow buffering of films, games, or catch-up TV.
- We can become one of Spotify's 140 million users who listen to on-demand music
- Backing up digital photos to iCloud so they won't get lost and can be accessed from anywhere via the Internet.
- Shopping on-line and ordering your groceries for delivery can be done quickly
- Accessing a menu to read on-line is fine but isn't it better to watch someone cook the recipe on a YouTube video?
- There are thousands of YouTube instruction videos that can help DIY enthusiasts.
- Kingston students are no longer at a disadvantage. On-line learning is much easier and faster, and tutorials are more interactive.
- Setting up your own business from home with superfast broadband allows access to customers worldwide from your kitchen table.
- On your way home on a cold night you can access and turn on your heating remotely via the Internet.

Need some advice regarding broadband? Brian Mitchell, who led the successful SB4K (Superfast Broadband for Kingston) campaign team, is willing to give free guidance. If you want help please contact Brian on 01548 810545 or 07494 454 999 or email him on 3brianmitchell@gmail.com.

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A message from **Brain Tumour Research** a Registered charity number 1153487 (England and Wales) SC046840 (Scotland) Company limited by guarantee number 08570737 www.braintumourresearch.org Contact Name :- Wendy O'Brien - Communications Officer - Suite 3 Shenley Pavilions - Chalkdell Drive - Shenley Wood - Milton Keynes – Buckinghamshire - MK5 6LB United Kingdom - Phone 01908 867200

Brain tumours are indiscriminate; they can affect anyone at any age and they tear families apart. What's more, they kill more children and adults under the age of 40; than any other cancer yet just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease.

There will undoubtedly be people in your local community affected by a brain tumour. **You might already know who they are. They deserve our help. Becky Vines (from Shropshire)** was one such person. She was diagnosed with a brain tumour at the young age of 23 years old. She was given just a year to live but, against the odds, gave birth to a daughter and survived for a further nine years. Sadly, she lost her fight against the disease and died at the age of 31. Christmas 2017 was her daughter Phoebe's first without her Mum and the seven-year-old's biggest hope is to raise as much money as possible to help scientists find a cure.

Brain Tumour Research is a national charity striving to fund a network of dedicated research centres. We support the UK's largest group of laboratory-based scientists progressing world-class research into brain tumours, to improve treatments, survival rates and quality of life for patients, and ultimately find a cure. We are the only national charity dedicated to research into brain tumours and campaigning to increase the national investment in brain tumour research. We rely solely on local communities like yours and the generosity of the general public.

Here are a few simple and easy things the people you represent can do to help us fund the fight

1. Take part in our Wear a Hat Day in March – the UK's premier brain tumour research fundraising event. The event is being supported by businesswoman, model, actress, and television personality, Caprice, alongside actor and author, Sheila Hancock CBE. Since it started in 2010, Wear a Hat Day has raised well over £1 million.
2. Visit our website, find out what's happening and take part in some of the fundraising events that are taking place in your region.
3. Spread the word by distributing some of our leaflets locally.

Please get in touch to discuss how we can work together. We look forward to hearing from you. Help us fund the fight. Together we will find a cure.



National Trust

The Pay and Scan car park ticket machines at Wembury, South Milton and Bolberry became operational in December.

Unfortunately both Wembury car park machines became faulty and so were out of order for a while however these faults have now been fixed and the machines working. We are aware of some problems when scanning membership cards, so we have produced a poster which will be displayed beside the machines giving the following guidance:

1. Press any button to activate machine.
2. Press the yellow 'members' button.
3. To scan your membership card hold it at an angle of 45 degrees to the machine with the QR code facing upwards (shown by photo on poster next to machine).
4. Take ticket and display in your vehicle.

For every member card scanned our area will receive £1 from central National Trust which is vital funds for our conservation and improvement works across the stunning South Devon coast.

During January the South Devon National Trust Volunteers came out and helped us cut scrub at Wembury Point and at East Soar. The group are volunteers who involve themselves in practical conservation works for the National Trust Rangers and Gardeners in South Devon and East Cornwall, working on a Sunday from 10am – 4pm. The group is looking for new members so if you would like more information please email southdevonntv@hotmail.com If you are looking ahead and wanting to plan some great days out then have a look at our events listed below and for further information go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events

17th March 2018, 11am -12.30 – Spring clean the beach – Ayrmer cove, Ringmore. Join the rangers on the beach to help clean up this beautiful cove. We will provide litter pickers and bags. Bring some gardening gloves, shoes that could get wet, sunhats, and sun cream, or layers and waterproof depending on the weather! Meet down at Ayrmer Cove.

18th March 2018, 11am – 12.30 – Spring clean the beach – South Milton Sands. Join the rangers on the beach to help clean up this beautiful beach. We will provide litter pickers and bags. Bring some gardening gloves, shoes that could get wet, sunhats, and sun cream, or layers and waterproof depending on the weather! Park in the National Trust car park and meet by the main boardwalk from the car park to the beach.

For information regarding the work of the South Devon National Trust team please call Lorna Sherriff on 01548 562344 or email lorna.sherriff@nationaltrust.org.uk

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Planning

Please note there are currently 3 live planning applications in Kingston being considered by South Hams District Council planners. These are
4241/17/FUL - 1 affordable dwelling, Upper Townsend Park
3965/17/OPA – 12 dwellings, to include 6 affordable/to rent Sanderson's Field
4068/17/OPA – 13 dwellings, to include 4 affordable/to rent, Vicarage Park Limited

Anyone wishing to comment on any of these applications should either write to South Hams District Council, Planning Department, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE, or visit the website, www.southhams.gov.uk, and follow the link to planning, then enter the relevant application number into the search box.

If you would like up to date information about progress with the Neighbourhood Plan, visit www.kingstonplan.org where you will also find contact numbers if you have any comments, questions, or would like to volunteer to help!

There is also a wealth of information about all sorts of things, including planning, on the Kingston Parish Council website – www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk – it's well worth a look!

At the Parish Council meeting on 18/1/18, the above applications were discussed. KPC and parishioners have been given the deadline of 31/1/18 for comments to be in, although for Sanderson's Field and Vicarage Park Limited, it is likely these will be considered at the next SHDC Planning Committee Meeting on 7/3/18, which would mean comments can be taken up until then. We will keep you informed. Meantime, KPC will be contacting SHDC to register support for the single affordable dwelling at Upper Townsend Park, and to register objections to the 2 larger developments, referencing the AONB Management Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework, and the emerging Joint Local Plan, plus other material planning considerations such as highways.

Sewerage Overflow – Again!

Following recent heavy rainfall, and the seemingly inevitable subsequent overflow of raw sewerage over the public footpath and properties at Walkespool, KPC will be writing to South West Water AGAIN, to request that the essential upgrade and corrective works are carried out to the system as a matter of public health and urgency. Devon County Council, Footpaths, The Environment Agency, and Local MP Gary Streeter will be copied in to this letter, in the hope that action will be taken – watch this space and here's hoping!

Swing Project

Following the request from our older children and young people at the Neighbourhood Plan drop in day, and through the NP Questionnaire, we've been hard at work fundraising to provide Junior Swings at the Recreation Ground. Many thanks to all those who have raised money so far, and GOOD NEWS! We need £3,382 to purchase the swings, and to date have raised £2,848, leaving us needing only £434 to place the order, and hopefully have the swings in place by Spring/Summer of this year. We're nearly there! The Bingo Night on 20/1/18 raised...£230.00.....Well done Kingston!

Thank You - Kingston Neighbourhood Plan Task Group

The Kingston Neighbourhood Plan Task Group, volunteered in November 2016 to help Kingston Parish Council to create a Neighbourhood Plan and although only half way through have done so much work it's time for recognition of their accomplishments so far.

A great deal of hard work has already been done behind the scenes, good examples are the construction of a Neighbourhood Plan Web Site, the many hours spent in deciding what questions, enveloping, distribution and collection of the 187 village Questionnaires followed by the huge task of inputting the data and to then produce the end product onto the Neighbourhood Plan Web Site.

KNPTG have and still are attending numerous meetings with of SHDC, NPGs and other various important relevant professionals and committees. Understanding what is required and how to present all the information is not as straight forward as anyone might think!

The creating of a Neighbourhood Plan is not an easy task; the project is not at an end yet. "Thank you's" and "well done" from the public have been passed to all the members of the Task Group, KPC and any one that has helped them.

Kingston Parish Council acknowledges and greatly appreciates all the work put in by the Task Group, without their effort the NP would not be created.

For anyone who has not seen the result of the Questionnaire then please do go on your computer search station and enter www.kingstonplan.org Please Note - If anyone thinks they would like to help KNPTG please don't hesitate to come forward as there is still plenty to do!

Recreation Ground Monitoring Dates

Thank you to the Monitoring Team. Your continued support is valued greatly with thanks passed to you by KPC, as always. Here is the reminder for the forthcoming weeks

2018

29 th January	Ali Lewis	5 th March	Flo Watts
5 th February	John Connor	12 th March	Kit Connor
12 th Feb.	Leah Worthington	19 th March	Rachel Hardy
19 th February	Sally Denham	26 th March	John Wurr
26 th February	Sue Green		

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READING ROOM SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10:00 Pantomime Rehearsals	29 18:00 ■ BOWLS Club 18:00 BOWLS club downstairs	30 09:00 Morning Market 17:00 Pilates 19:30 KEG (Brunel)	31 09:00 Art Group 19:00 KLHS	1 Feb 09:30 Play and Stay	2 18:00 ■ BOWLS Club	3
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11	12	13 09:00 Morning Market 19:30 KEG (Brunel)	14 09:00 Art Group	15 09:30 Play and Stay 19:00 Parish Council	16 18:00 ■ BOWLS Club	17 15:00 Seasonal Folk Concert
18	19 18:00 ■ BOWLS Club 18:00 BOWLS club downstairs	20 09:00 Morning Market 17:00 Pilates 19:30 KEG (Brunel)	21 09:00 Art Group 18:00 Langston Shoot Dinner 18:30 NPTG	22 09:30 Play and Stay 19:00 History Society	23 18:00 ■ BOWLS Club	24 18:00 Flicks in the Sticks
25	26 18:00 ■ BOWLS Club	27 09:00 Morning Market 17:00 Pilates 19:30 KEG (Brunel)	28 09:00 Art Group 19:00 Crafters	1 Mar 09:30 Play and Stay	2 18:00 ■ BOWLS Club	3

This schedule is up to the date that the newsletter was finalised

Please note that you can now see the Reading Room Schedule in

real time via the Parish WEB site

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES & THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday	4 th 2nd before Lent	11 th Next before Lent	18 th Lent 1	25 th Lent 2
Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Sunday Worship	Communion by Extension	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
Bigbury 11.00 am	Holy Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Holy Communion*
Kingston 9.30 am	Holy Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Village Service
Modbury 9.30 am	Holy Communion	Family Service	Holy Communion	Sunday Worship
Ringmore 9.30 am	Sunday Worship	Holy Communion	Village Service	Holy Communion

* Service in traditional language.

There is Holy Communion by Extension at the Korniloff, Bigbury-on-Sea at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 20th February.

Rural Dean's Reflections Reverend Jackie Taylor

As the ancient steps made their way down the side of Mount Zion to the Kidron Valley, we looked on the very stones that Jesus probably walked on as he made his way with his disciples to the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. On a wall at the top of the steps, a frieze depicts their decent down them – and nearby another scene - Jesus being dragged up the same stone flight after his arrest - to the house of the High Priest.



Even stones told stories in their silent witness as words in the Bible came alive in unexpected ways for those of us who were blessed with this time on pilgrimage in the Holy Land. It was a year ago this month when we began the season of Lent together in the lands where Jesus walked.

This year we step into the season of Lent on 14th February – Ash Wednesday – which happens to be on the same date as Valentine's Day. Days that resonate with people for different reasons – one Christian, one secular, yet each with love at the very centre of

them. On Valentine's Day, we celebrate the love we share in those special relationships in our lives. Ash Wednesday and Lent point us to the greatest act of love of all on a journey that will lead him to the Cross. A journey that is acknowledges the worst in humanity, its mess, its violence, yet also how it can be, demonstrated in the beauty, peace, truth Jesus. The love that took him – God's own Son - to the Cross, might have life and receive the joy of Easter.



Whether you choose to celebrate Lent, Ash Day or all three, I hope that we can all celebrate the gift remember and give thanks to God for the greatest gift Christ, to whom even the stones of the Holy Land tell stories in their silent witness. How much more can we?



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Wednesday, Valentine's of love. We can of love in his Son, Jesus

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