

Kingston Parish Newsletter

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YOUR SPEED



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THE VILLAGE

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TWENTY IS
PLENTY



20 mph INJURES
30 KILLS

The festivities are over and we are now all back into our normal routines but with many activities to keep you from getting bored in the pipeline.

The History Society's talk in January is about the history of St Luke's and what they do, with February being the history of the Stowford Paper Mill which operated in Ivybridge until recent years.

Flicks in the Sticks first offering of the year will be "King of Thieves" In the Reading Room on Saturday 26th January.

Work is even starting on the next panto which will be staged early into 2020 so if you are interested in taking part or helping behind the scenes go along to the Reading Room at 10 am on Sunday 27th January.

The Church has many activities during the next few weeks and months and the next Bluebell walk will take place on May 5th from Scobbiscombe House with the kind permission of Robert and Carol Beard.

So let us hope for a grand year in 2019, at least in this great village of Kingston.

David

Kingston Local History Society Presents



The History of Stowford Paper Mill and Paper Making in Ivybridge over 226 Years

Presented by Sheila Hancox, Ivybridge Heritage and Archives Group

Thursday 28th February 2019 in the Reading Room, Kingston

Welcome and Refreshments at 7pm
followed by a lecture at 7:30pm

Non-Members Suggested Donation of £3 at the door.

PARISH CHURCH FLOWER ROTA



2019

Jan 27th Feb 3rd 10th & 17th Jeanne Curtis
Feb 24th & Mar 3rd Jennie Stanley
Lent - no flowers until Easter
April 20th - Easter Saturday, all helpers please a.m.
(because of Good Friday)
& Easter gardens & Egg hunt on Saturday afternoon)
April 28th, May 5, 12, 19th Carole Walters
May 26th & June 2nd Shioya Walters
June 9th & 16th Vanessa Walker
June 23rd & 30th Margaret Birch

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

Tel 810566.

KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB

The numbers drawn in the December 2018 draw are as follows:

81	Penny Amos	£20
210	Alan Coleman-Smith	£20
100	Joe Freeman	£20
52	Jenny Ebsworth	£15
182	Sue Way	£10

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

Owen & Elaine Roberts

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WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome John and Bridget [REDACTED] to the village having now moved into [REDACTED]. We hope that you will be very happy here and become integrated into our Village with all that it has to offer.

**Copy for March Newsletter by
Monday 25th February- please**

Editor

TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA



2019

Jan. 29 th	Jenny/ Joan.
Feb. 5 th	Lesley/ Gina/ Chris
Feb. 12 th -	Kit
Feb. 19 th	Cynthia / Irene.
Feb. 26 th	Anne/ Elaine. .
March 5 th	Jeanette
March 12 th	Pauline.
March 19 th	Margaret
March 26 th	Judy.
April 2 nd	John.

MOBILE LIBRARY

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

2019

February 5 th	March 5 th
April 2 nd	April 30 th
June 25 th .	



On the 7th October Jo Gulliford and Bridget Handyside-Dick ran the Plymouth 10 km race to raise funds for the Reading Room revival project. Thanks to the support of our informal running group...the "Dames in the Lanes".... various sponsors around the village and a generous donation of £250.00 from the Devon Rural Archive, we raised £450.00! Many thanks to everyone involved.

The "Dames in the Lanes" meet on a Wednesday evening for a 5 km run and at other times for a run/walk. If anyone would like to join us please contact Jo on 07968170353.

Apologies for the late entry of this article which had become caught up in my spam file.
Editor

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)

2019

Jan. 24th	7pm	History Soc. Talk "St. Luke's Hospice" Reading Room
Jan. 26th	7pm	Flicks in the Sticks "King of Thieves" R/R
Jan 27 th	10am	Initial Panto Read through Reading Room
Jan 31 st		Friends of St James the Less get together R/R
Feb 6 th	7pm	Inaugural meeting for Kingston Board Games group R/R
Feb. 23 rd	7pm	Flicks in the sticks "Leave No Trace" R/R
March 14 th		Talk "History of Kingston" by Viv Freeman R/R
March 30 th	7pm	Flicks in the Sticks "Bohemian Rhapsody" R/R
April 20 th	2-4pm	Easter Gardens
May 5 th	11.30-1400	Bluebell walk Scobbscombe House
May 25 th	1300-1600	Church May Fair
July 21 st	10am	Operation Christmas Child Cream Teas/raffle R/R
Aug 3 rd		Kingston Fun Day
Oct 5 th		Harvest Supper R/R
Oct 26 th	10am	Operation Christmas Child Packing Boxes R/R
Nov 30 th	10am	St James the Less Christmas Bazaar

YOUTH CLUB

Sadly the number of children aren't enough to keep youth club going, as so many children have other activities on the night.

Thank you for everyone that did support us

THANK YOU

To all the wonderful people of Kingston thank you so much for supporting me in raising money for my world Scout jamboree in America 2019. A special thank you for Andy and Heather for the brilliant quiz and murder mystery evening, to the Dolphin Inn for all their support in hosting the quiz and also to Zoe Walters for donating the money at the panto. I have reached my target thanks to all your great support and I am really looking forward to the scouting experience and meeting other scouts from around the world.

Love Megan.

Carols Round the Village

The collection from our carol singing in aid of Action for Children raised £130 which I have sent to the charity.

Many thanks for all who sang and helped, those who provided refreshment on the way and everyone who donated. A great effort.

Vanessa walker



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Like playing board games?

- Your move!

A number of villagers have expressed an interest in meeting up informally to play board games. The idea is still in its early stages but might work along these lines.

We would meet in the Reading Room, say monthly or possibly bi-monthly. Anyone interested in playing would be welcome and invited to take along one, or more, of their own games to play. Any board game for between two and six players that isn't too noisy and can be completed in about an hour would seem to be appropriate. Tile games of a similar type might also be included. Straight card games are not being considered at present.

Once there potential players for any games would either invite others to play their game or choose to play someone else's. When a game is over the players might choose to play again or play a different game with others. Either way the expectation would be that everyone would circulate a bit during the session.

The date and times of any sessions have yet to be decided but the sad demise of the Youth Club (full marks for trying though) means that there could be a regular Wednesday evening slot available in the Reading Room.

How a Board Gamers group might work in practice has not yet been fully worked out. If you're interested why not pop along to the RR on Wednesday 6th February at 7pm and be in at the start! Bring your own game (after the chat we might even get a game in!), nibbles or drink, although we would hope to get some tea, coffee and biscuits going in the future.

The group is totally open, everyone is welcome. We are aware that there are already several established groups who play in each other's homes - long may they continue! We are trying to offer a more fluid type of session where different players can play different games, if that is

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

KINGSTON COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS:

SATURDAY 26th January. Doors open 7.00 pm. Film starts 7.30pm

King of Thieves, Cert 15, 108 mins

Starring Michael Caine, Jim Broadbent

Based on the true story of the Hatton Garden heist. A misfit gang of old lags plan one last job and get away with over £200 million in cash and jewels.

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Saturday 23rd February. Doors open 7.00 pm. Film starts 7.30pm

Leave No Trace, Cert PG, 109 mins.

Starring Thomasin McKenzie, Ben Foster

Will and his teenage daughter, Tom, have lived off the grid for years in the forests of Portland, Oregon. When their idyllic life is shattered and both are put into social services, they begin a journey back to their wild homeland



what they want - come along and help us play it out!

It would be helpful if you would contact me before the initial meeting on the 6th. so that I can better estimate the numbers and perhaps get some early ideas together to put to the group. We already have around ten expressing interest. If there is sufficient interest and we can make it practical the first proper KBG (Kingston Board Gamers!) meeting is proposed on the following Wednesday, the 13th. at 7 pm. - until probably around 9:30 pm..

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CHURCH NEWS

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 14th March – VIV FREEMAN is giving a talk on the history of Kingston, and there will be cheese & puddings and refreshments in the Reading Room.

Mothering Sunday – 31st March

Easter Gardens – Saturday 20th April 2019 from 2 – 4

Bluebell Walk – Scobbscombe House– Sunday 5th May 2019, Walking between 11.30 – 14.00, lunch from 12 – 14.00 Donations to support St James the Less Church.

May Fair – Saturday 25th May –from 13.00 – 16.00 bric-a-brac, second hand books, children's toys, Pimm's tent, plants, cakes, cream teas, face painting.

Operation Christmas Child – 21st July Reading Room – cream teas and raffle to support the Christmas boxes.

Kingston Fun Day – Saturday 3rd August.

Harvest Supper – Saturday 5th October 2019.

Operation Christmas Child – Packing boxes in the Reading Room 10 – 13.00 Saturday 26th October.

Christmas Bazaar – 30th November from 10 – 14.00

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

Brian Alloway, 810692, bja6devon@gmail.com

Robert Beard, 810500, r.beard@scobbscombe.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 Modbury Team website: www.modburyteam.org Kingston.

News from your church treasurer

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the support we get for our church, St. James the Less, in Kingston and explain a little about our church finances.

Our events committee raised £1,856 in 2018, mainly from the May Fair (£1,004) and the Christmas Bazaar (£580), both of which we hope you enjoyed as much as we did! The rest of the fundraising income is from sale of cards and tea towels, the table top sale and from The Giving Machine (TGM). We would love more people to sign up to TGM, this is where online shopping creates donations from the supplier to your chosen charity (St. James the Less parish church Kingston), thousands of suppliers donate in this way including Amazon, John Lewis, Next and many others, anyone can sign up to it and it is very easy to create donations at no cost to yourselves when you are ordering things on line.

The Friends of St. James the Less raised £1,000 in subscriptions in 2018, this covered the cost of our Architect inspection, which we are required to undertake every 5 years, and repairs to the boiler. All funds raised by the Friends are restricted to being spent on the building and churchyard maintenance.

The total expenditure in 2018, covering our contribution to the diocese (£9,236 used mainly for staffing including the cost of our vicar) and all the running costs of our church, was over £20,000 and is on the increase so we are very grateful for all the support you give.

We also raised funds for other charities, £447 for the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth, £646 for the Royal British Legion and £275 for The Salvation Army. We also donated a total £1,500 from our income to charities supporting disasters around the world and £225 to the Mission to Seafarers.

If you would like to know more about how our church is run and you are on our electoral roll, you can attend our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 3rd April.

Jacky Coleman-Smith

READING ROOM

We have been successful in our application for a grant from **TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME** in Kingsbridge.

We will be in store for voting from Friday 1st March 2019 – Tuesday 30th April 2019. Please go and shop in Tesco Kingsbridge and VOTE for our scheme – **LET THERE BE LIGHT IN OUR BASEMENT!** – We have applied for £1500 to renew the lighting in the downstairs meeting room, toilets, corridor, and storeroom.

Kingston Reading Room Management Committee

PMA

Phil Anderson
Plumber
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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 Neighbourhood Plan is now awaiting agreement by the Parish Council, after which it will go to SHDC for comments. Following any amendments, the final draft of the plan (which will be known formally as the 'Regulation 14' Plan) will be released to you all for comment during a six week consultation period. Other 'Statutory Consultees' such as South West Water, Natural England etc. will also be asked to comment on the plan at the same time. A summary of the Plan will be circulated to all homes in the parish. Full copies of the Plan will be available to read on the website. Paper copies will be available in the Reading Room and the Church, which is open each day, and possibly in the telephone box. There will be a short response form or you to complete either on paper or via www.kingstonplan.org.

The Plan is very much based on what you told us you wanted, firstly through the Village Drop In event which identified the vision statement and the five broad themes of housing, transport and vehicle movement, environment, employment and community wellbeing, on which the questionnaire was based. Secondly through the Community Questionnaire itself, to which 86% of you responded in considerable detail. Both of these activities are fully reported on www.kingstonplan.org which carries information on everything the Neighbourhood Planning Group does.

We collected the evidence which underpins the Plan through:

- The Independent Housing Needs Survey carried out with SHDC.
- The Village Drop-in Open event and further targeted meetings with young people and young children
- A call for landowners/developers with building ideas/plans and meetings to discuss these
- The appointment of a consultant and a Site Assessment report drafted. Lee Bray our consultant has advised us throughout, pulling the Plan together and providing the technical expertise we need.
- A detailed Character Assessment of the Parish which is still on the website for comment
- Meetings/consultation with SHDC officers and members, the AONB and others
- Reading rather a lot of reports, papers etc and kept up with the progress and modifications of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.
- Liaison with other NP groups. Congratulations to Bigbury whose Plan has now been 'made'.
- A Biodiversity Report on Kingston commissioned from Devon Wildlife Trust. Did you know we have 10 species of bats flying around the place? Check out this report!

You might like to also check out the Campaign to Protect Rural England maps of the dark night skies, (www.nightblight.cpre.org), over Kingston and see again how exceptional a place this is.

It is all on www.kingstonplan.org

What next: a number of other documents must be submitted with the Plan including a Statement of who and how we consulted and a Monitoring Framework. The Parish Council will monitor the 'made', that is the agreed, Plan and when appropriate consider a review. Inevitably things change including the political context. However changes involve a new consultation with residents etc., more evidence collection to support the changes and a new vote. We need to get this as right as we can.

You can contact us anytime through: Judy Alloway 810692, allowayjudy1@gmail.com or Flo Watts 810019, flowatts1@gmail.com or through our website, www.kingstonplan.org



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NEWS FROM



Welcome!

At the KPC meeting on 17th January, we were delighted to welcome Phil Anderson, who has stepped forward to serve on your Parish Council until this 4 year term of office finishes at the end of April (and hopefully beyond). A warm welcome Phil, and we hope you enjoy working with us in serving Kingston Parish.

On that note – A Second Appeal.

Way back in the December Newsletter, when you were all busy with Christmas preparations, we asked if anyone wanted to join us on the Parish Council to fill 2 casual vacancies until the term of office finishes at the end of April. Is there anyone else out there who'd like to join us?

This is a golden opportunity to give it a go, to see if this is a way you would like to contribute to the village of Kingston's community.

What does the role involve? There is a meeting once a month, except in August and December. Powers and Duties and a Code of Conduct can be found on the Parish website. In a nutshell, KPC is committed to keeping the pound Local whenever possible, listening to and representing the views and wishes of parishioners, and acting upon this when we are legally able to. We also administer the business, duties and functions associated with the Parish and its land.

The next Parish Council elections will be held in May, when we hope to bring our numbers back up to 7. (A great way to serve your community and boost your CV)!

Anyone interested, please contact Sue Green, Parish Clerk (details below).

KPC Meeting Report

The Kingston Parish Council Meeting was held on Thursday 17th January when we welcomed the attendance of Parishioners to the Open Forum. Particular interest was expressed in the latest planning application for 9 houses at Sanderson's Field. KPC decided in the business section of the meeting, after hearing and reading all opinions, to put forward a response of Objection, with a covering letter to South Hams District Council. This should now be found on the SHDC Planning Web Site under Planning Application 4022/018/OPA.

DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert attended the meeting, giving various reports and updates for DCC and SHDC One report amongst many concerned the recent Waste Review. Waste and recycling will be going out to the private sector by 1st April 2019. This will make a very significant saving to SHDC. It will be seamless to residents as all comments, complaints or questions will be directed through a SHDC team to monitor the management and running of the new service, which is to be aligned across Devon. There will be more kerbside collection for recycling, including glass and food waste, with new receptacles being provided for food waste to enable weekly collection. This all sounded good news in theory – watch this space!

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan is getting closer to completion and the KNP Task Group hope that KPC will be able to sign off the Plan at the February KPC meeting.

Allotments are thriving with all having tenants. There is a waiting list, so if anyone would like to add their name to this list please contact the Clerk,Sue Green, e-mail address kingstonclerk@gmail.com

Reading Room Ceiling Revival Project is very near to completion, the curtains and some lighting are still to be finalised.

The Sewage problem has reared its smelly head again! SWW do appear to be dragging out this continuous problem that re-occurs at Walkespool, the last resident before the Sewage Farm. KPC are giving their full support to the residents of Walkespool by being in contact with the Environmental Agency, SWW, and various other relevant bodies. Cllr Gilbert also kindly offered to investigate the situation.

Icy roads? Salt Bins Reminder

The salt in the Salt Bins on the road sides within the Parish of Kingston will not now be automatically refilled by SHDC. Any new stocks bought will have to come out of the Kingston Precept, which is your pocket. Please be aware of this, and use any salt wisely. KPC ask Parishioners to only use the salt on the roads. The salt in the Road Side Bins is for the Highways only and for No Other Use. The ratio of grit/salt to use out of the bins is 1 tablespoon per square metre **ONLY**

Recreation Ground Monitoring Dates

Thanks again to everyone on the monitoring group keeping a very keen eye on the tidiness of the grounds, which are being so well used when the weather is dry! Here is the rota for the next few weeks

7th January 2019	Sue Green
14th January 2019	Flo Watts.
21st January 2019	Kit Connor.
4th February 2019	John Wurr
11th February 2019	Ali Lewis
18th February 2019	John Connor
25th February 2019	Leah Worthington

Your Councillors are here for you.

Eve White.	Chairman.	(810289)
Mervyn Freeman.	Vice Chair.	(810070)
Flo Watts.		(810019)
Alison Lewis.		(811234)
Heather Summer Nutting.		(811294)
Phil Anderson		(810960)
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10:00 Pantomime Pre-meeting	● 18:00 - 21.30 Bowls Club	09:00 - 12.30 Morning Market 19:30 - 21.00 KEG (Brunel)	09:30 - 12.30 Art Group	18:00 Friends Steering Group!	● 18:00 - 21.30 Bowls Club	
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READING ROOM SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2019

This schedule is up to the date that the newsletter was finalised Please note that you can now see the Reading Schedule in real time via the Parish WEB site Parish WEB Site www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk Click on “What’s On & Parish Newsletter” Click on “HERE”

**CHILDREN'S PUPPET SHOW:
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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
3 rd	Sunday Worship	Communion*	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship
10 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion* (8 am) All Age Service	Sunday Worship
17 th	Lay led service	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion by Extension	Village Service
24 th	Communion	Team Evensong (4 pm)	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Communion

* Service in traditional language.

SOWING SEEDS

February can be a time of looking ahead beyond the dark cold days of winter to the spring and summer, maybe planning or booking holidays or dreaming of those already booked. For gardeners it can be a time of planning and preparing for the plants and crops which are going to make their gardens burst into flower or produce the vegetables for their tables. It's a time for purchasing and maybe starting to plant the seeds that will enable these dreams and plans to come into being, as gradually over the months these lifeless dried up grains, watered by the rain and warmed by the sunshine, burst into life and grow into fine plants. Often all this happens without any further input from the person who planted them.

The Bible contains a number of Jesus parables in which he drew parallels between the growth process of seeds and plants and the development of faith. In one of these he tells us that the Word of God, like the seed, grows in God's good time, and this reminds us that we often never know what an effect the evidence of our faith in our lives is having on the people with whom we come into contact. Nor do we know what effect the experience of bringing a child to church for baptism will have on the child's parents, godparents or family members. It may well be that on that day a seed of faith is sown in someone's heart, which in God's good time will start to grow, and as Jesus reminds us, in another seed related parable, just as a minute seed can grow into a big bush, so that tiny seed of faith could grow into something big.

When we think about it, aren't we as individuals very similar to seeds and plants? Just as the growth of a seed is influenced by the things around it, so our development as individuals is influenced by the conditions and the people around us - starting from our childhood and continuing throughout the whole of our lives. So how important it is that we affirm, encourage and support one another! When we think that someone has done something well, why not tell them? When we know that someone is going through a rough time, why not offer help or support instead of assuming that their family is already supplying all their needs? Often it is the knowledge that people care that can make all the difference to the life of a lonely person, and can sow the seed of hope for the future in their hearts.

Joyce Howitt

Matt Rowland

Vicar: *The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)*

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Friends of St James the Less Parish Church, Kingston

20 January 2019

Now that all the fun of Christmas is over and we have enjoyed so much activity with something for everyone in the village, did you ever wonder what it might be like if we didn't have the community buildings to use and to look at as integral to village life – the Dolphin, the Reading Room and the Church?

The first two are ably looked after. In the case of the pub, Craig and his family make sure we have a thriving fun place, the Reading Room Committee, a charity run on behalf of the Parish Council, makes sure we have a venue for all sorts of activities.

And the Church ...?

The Church building and churchyard, such a familiar and necessary sight for us all, typifying an English village, looks to the Friends of St. James the Less, a small group of volunteers, to raise funds towards the fabric of the building to ensure that it remains in good shape, not only for those who worship there, but also for those who value the building itself as part of our heritage and environment.

The small minority of Kingston's population who use the Church building for worship cannot possibly provide the finance needed for its upkeep. There are very few sources of income. For this reason, the Friends were formed, under the auspices of the Parochial Church Council, to ensure that the building remains a very visible and natural part of our heritage.

The Friends' Committee is now appealing to every Kingston resident to become a Member. There needs to be no commitment other than paying an annual subscription of £20 (in instalments if preferred), all of which goes towards the upkeep and general maintenance of the Church building. In return there will be social and community events during the year which will appeal to everyone, not just churchgoers. For instance, here's advance notice of the Community Sports Event we will be holding on Bank Holiday Monday, 27 May. We hope to provide events for everyone!

Please, show your support for keeping our Church building alive and well. Become a Friend! We will be back in touch to tell you how ...

Thank you.

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