

# Kingston Parish Newsletter

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YOUR SPEED



**DOWN THROUGH  
THE VILLAGE**

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**TWENTY IS  
PLENTY**



**20 mph INJURES  
30 KILLS**

The Coronavirus is causing great disruption to our way of life and I suspect that this village is going to be as quiet as it has ever been with events having to be cancelled for the foreseeable future. Where I have been specifically advised of cancellations they have been notated as such. Where I have not been specifically advised I suggest you contact the organiser of any specific activity before attending as it is entirely probable that they will also be cancelled or postponed.

Regrettably this is necessary for your own safety. I know also that the spirit of this village will not be diminished and you will keep in touch with those neighbours who may live alone and would welcome some form of contact perhaps through social media or by telephone.

Please also note that there are people who still have to rely on the Food Bank in Kingsbridge and donations are still required (see inside for more details).

It is considered vital that this newsletter should continue through these difficult times and we will get it to you as usual for as long as we possibly can. Please do not approach the distributors when they are delivering for theirs and your own safety.

Lastly remember that the clocks go forward 1 hour this Sunday morning 29<sup>th</sup> March, the thought of summer now round the corner I hope will bring a little cheer into our lives.

Keep safe.

David

## Summary of KLHS presentation on 14 January 2020

150 years of Salcombe and Hope Cove Lifeboats presented by Roger Barrett of Salcombe Lifeboat Museum/ Salcombe Maritime Museum.

The presentation was supported by a very professional film, which included a range of information as well as wonderfully evocative photographs and pictures, with some of the seascapes terrifying. Those who were unable to be at the session are recommended by several of us who were, to buy/borrow a copy of the RNLI Lifeboat Station Histories (*Salcombe and Hope Cove version*) as the only way to appreciate the human contribution made to safety and rescue at sea, processes which go on across the UK. As well as a history of the development of the Salcombe/Hope Cove Lifeboat services and the evolution of their seagoing vessels, Roger shared with us examples of amazing heroism; human bravery in the face of personal danger; determination to fulfil the role despite dangers to the crew members; sense of duty and commitment, risk taking and underlying skill as well as the support of the local residents, albeit not directly involved in the rescue process. These characteristics were demonstrated through the tragedy in 1916 of what is now known as "*The Salcombe Lifeboat Disaster*" in which 13 men lost their lives in huge seas when a mountainous wave "pitch-poled" the Lifeboat stern over bow. A subsequent meeting in Salcombe showed the willingness of those who came forward to volunteer for the replacement crew. A schedule of awards linked to specific incidents over the lifetimes of the volunteers provides an impressive record of the contribution made by crew members. A particularly interesting and informative aspect of the presentation was the evolution of the service and its vessels from the early days to today's service with its strong shore team in support and the involvement of medics in the rescue process.

A truly uplifting presentation about a truly admirable service!!!

**PARISH CHURCH FLOWER ROTA**



**2020**

Lent - no flowers until Easter  
 Apr 11th EASTER All helpers please Saturday a.m.  
 April 18th Carole Walters  
 Apr 25th - May 2nd Shioya Walters  
 May 9th - 16th Vanessa Walker  
 May 23rd - 30th Margaret Kelly  
 June 6th - 13th Caroline Carter  
 June 20th - 27th Jenny Stanley  
 July 4th - 11th Flower Festival Vanessa  
 July 18th - 25th Carole Walters  
 Aug 1st - 8th Janet Gilbreath  
 Aug 15th - 22nd Kathryn Pinkerton  
 Aug 29th - Sept 5th Jean Moore & Penny McFarlane  
 Sept 12th - 19th Margaret Birch  
 Sept 26th Jeanne Curtis  
 Oct 4th Harvest - All helpers  
 Oct 10th - 17th Carole Walters  
 Oct 24th - 31st Margaret Kelly  
 Nov 7th - 14th Remembrance Sunday  
 Carole Walters  
 Nov 21st-28th Shioya Walters

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

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**KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB**

The numbers drawn in the February 2020 draw are as follows:

28	Dick Bond	£25
64	Peter Dowling	£20
173	Geoff Smith	£20
105	Glyn Maggs	£10

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**Copy for May Newsletter by  
 Monday 20th April please**

Editor

**TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA**



**2020**

March 31st Judy/Deidre  
 April 7th John  
 April 14th Jacky  
 April 21st Rae/Gina  
 April 28th Jen/Joan  
 May 5th Karen/Lesley  
 May 12th Kit  
 May 19th Cynthia / Irene  
 May 26th Anne/Elaine  
 June 2nd Jeanette/Margaret  
 June 9th Judy/Deidre  
 June 16th Pauline/Sally  
 June 23rd Ann/John  
 June 30th John

From Tuesday 24th March Morning Market will be closed till the end of April.

We will be here for you if you need anything delivered.

Shioya and Hannah will deliver eggs, potatoes and shopping to your door or if you just need a chat on 01548 810259

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Tina 07796975291

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**MOBILE LIBRARY**

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**2020**

April 14th	May 12th	June 9th
July 7th	August 4th	September 1st
September 29th	October 27th	November 24th

**All visits are suspended until further notice and any late returns due to this suspension will not become subject to any fines**

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**WELCOME**

We are delighted to welcome Susan [redacted] to the village having moved into [redacted].

We hope that you will be very happy here and become involved in, at least, some of what is on offer. Regrettably the Coronavirus pandemic will curtail many at the moment but keep an eye on this newsletter and the notice boards in the village for details.

## 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 10-11.45 am  
(Bigbury Memorial Hall)

### 2020

April 21<sup>st</sup> 7 - 8pm Sing for Joy St James the Less cancelled  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 7 - 8pm Sing for Joy St James the Less cancelled  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2 - 4pm May Fair St James the Less cancelled  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Flower Festival St James the Less  
Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm TBA  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Provisional Harvest Supper  
Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 10-12 noon Operation Christmas Child Packing boxes R/R  
Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon Christmas Bazaar

### Household Recycling Sites and Coronavirus

Please be aware that the Council run recycling sites and resale areas are closed until further notice. Residents are requested to only visit the sites with recycling if absolutely essential. Gateways will be manned to ensure the visit is vitally necessary, and if it is deemed to be so, there will be a no assistance/ no contact policy to protect staff. Thank You.

### KEEPING FIT WITH TINA

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### SPRING YOGA WORKSHOP

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Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 10 - 12 a.m

Reading Room

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810306 or 07922173343

pre-booking essential numbers  
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## THANK YOU

The family of June Jarvis would like to thank everyone for all their condolences and support following Mums death. Your kindness and best wishes really do mean a lot and makes our bereavement a little easier to bear

### POSTPONEMENT

**The concert with Anthony John Clarke, scheduled for May 2 has been postponed in the light of current circumstances. We will announce a new date as soon as Anthony John is able to confirm his availability. If you have any further queries please contact John on 01548 810806**

### Kingston Sing for Joy

Community singalong, purely for fun and the health/well-being benefits of singing. No experience necessary and all standards welcome.

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## FLICKS IN THE STICKS UPDATE

We regret that we have to cancel the viewings due on 28<sup>th</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April due to the restrictions being imposed in these difficult times. We must consider the safety of our audiences in view of the current crisis caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

We have been advised by Moviola not to book any films for May and June. As we take a break in July and August the next Flicks showing will, all things being equal, be at the end of September, i.e. Saturday 26 September. Until then, stay safe and keep well. We'll see you on the other side.

Flicks Committee

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### KEEP IN TOUCH

Are you one of those people who will be feeling out of touch during this time of self-isolation and would like to safely keep abreast of what is happening locally around you? Do you have a computer (laptop or desktop) or a WiFi-enabled mobile telephone that perhaps you are not sure how to use to get on to the internet?

If so, have you heard about the two local Facebook Groups "KEG" and "Charterlands Chatter"? if not, or even if you have and do not know how to join, contact

JudyWurr

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## FLICKS IN THE STICKS

### KINGSTON COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS:

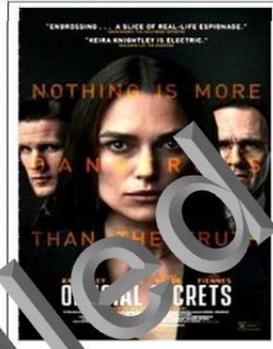
SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March. Doors open 7.00 pm. Film starts 7.30pm

#### Official Secrets, Cert 15 115 mins

*Starring Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes and Matt Smith*

The true story of a British whistle-blower who leaked information about an illegal NSA spy operation designed to push the UN Security Council into sanctioning the 2003 invasion of Iraq

*Nothing is more Dangerous than the Truth*



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Doors open 7.00 pm. Film starts 7.30pm

#### "Knives Out", Cert PG-13, 131 mins

*Starring Daniel Craig, Jamie Lee Curtis, Don Johnson, Christopher Plummer*

When renowned crime writer Harlan Thrombey (Plummer) is found dead in his estate just after his birthday, in a will that names and debonair detective Benoit Blanc (Craig) is mysteriously enlisted to investigate. From Thrombey's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of secrets and lies to discover the truth behind Thrombey's untimely demise.



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## Church News

Due to the Coronavirus Church Services in St James the Less are suspended following advice from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Church will remain open during daylight hours for private prayer. There are resources in the Church to help people pray.

**Now closed**

The food bank's need will now be greater than ever, so please donate if you are able.

Advice on Weddings and Funerals will be forthcoming, but in the meantime please look at Modbury Team advice.

### Provisional dates for your diary:

**Flower festival** – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020. To be held in St. James the Less. This will run every day starting at 11 am finishing at 16.00. Theme is "Children's Stories". On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> there will be Songs of Praise in the evening instead of the 9.30 service..

**Harvest Supper** - Provisional date Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

**Operation Christmas Child** – packing boxes Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 10.00 – 12.00 in the Reading Room.

**Christmas Bazaar** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 10.00 – 12.00

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

Brian Alloway, 810692, [bj6devon@gmail.com](mailto:bj6devon@gmail.com)

Robert Beard, 810500, [r.beard@scobbiscombe.co.uk](mailto: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 Modbury Team website:-

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## FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES'S THE LESS

**Many thanks** to everyone who turned out for the Friends of St. James's the Less "final fling" Barn Dance on 14 March, where the excellent caller was able to show us nifty hand-hold-avoiding moves that did nothing to spoil the authenticity and vigour of the event. Thanks too to Craigo, who provided excellent food to keep us going and the volunteers who donated wine, fine puddings and raffle prizes.

Those of us who did turn out, and there was a great attendance, enabled the Friends to make a contribution to the general church maintenance fund of around £267. An event worth repeating!

Unfortunately, tho', the Friends are cancelling the planned early May Bank Holiday Community Activities, where we were hoping to repeat last year's fun on the Playing Field and the Orienteering course. Whilst exercise in the open air can't be a bad thing it seems that, for the time being, we shouldn't take the risk."

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### Bring a smile to your face in these difficult times

#### Burning Issue

News has reached the editor that the California police department has disposed of a large amount of marijuana by burning it on the beach next to a sea bird sanctuary.

Later the Chief of Police said in a statement that they had left no tern un-stoned.

#### Want a Job

A Man who was applying for a job as a chauffeur was being interviewed by the wife of the house, "We call our servants by their surnames," she told him. "What's yours?"

"I think you'd better call me John," answered the handsome young man.

"I'm sorry!" The wife shook her head. "If you're not willing to be called by your surname we can't employ you."

"Oh, I'm willing. All right," smiled the applicant, "but I don't think you'd like to use it."

"Why not?" demanded the wife expecting to hear a name which had the headlines in connection with something scandalous.

"Darling, ma'am: John Darling."

#### Definitions

*A buffet supper* – where there aren't enough chairs for everyone to sit down.

*An epigram* – A platitude at a masquerade ball.

*Old age* – the time of life when its not so hard to avoid temptation as to find it

*The Economist* – One who can tell you what you want is going to happen next year and explain later why it didn't.

## Kingsbridge Foodbank urgently needs your help!

"Despite the suspension of Church services Kingston Church remains open throughout daylight hours.

The Foodbank collection box is still in the Church and we continue to deliver donations of food, drink and personal hygiene items to the Kingsbridge Foodbank. Please continue to leave items in, or by, the box in the Church, it is on the steps opposite the main entrance.

Not surprisingly demand is escalating and this is only the start—

The Foodbank has asked the area Churches for a direct funding contribution to ensure they can buy the items they most need. Kingston Church has responded, as will others. However individual donations would be very gratefully received. Every little helps!

Kingsbridge Foodbank is open on Saturday mornings, from 10-12 noon, in Horizons at the top of Fore St. next to the museum. Tel 07593 881633

[info@kingsbridgefoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@kingsbridgefoodbank.org.uk).

Please ring Judy on 01548 810692 or Andrew on 01548 810750 for Bacs details for the Foodbank

### STOP PRESS

The Church is now closed. The food bank still urgently needs support but this will now need to be in the form of money donations



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## KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Resume of a presentation on 27 February 2020 by Clive Charlton – Bere Ferrers local historian on 27 February 2019.

### FLYING TO THE END OF THE RUNWAY

#### 100 years of PLYMOUTH 'S AVIATION 1911 – 2011

This was an exciting and very informative session, supported by many evocative and varied photographs – some *'then and now'*- as well as other documents relevant to the fascinating rise and final demise of Roborough airport in Plymouth. This well researched presentation brought alive local history as well as the history of Plymouth's aviation, including a few interesting surprises for Kingstonians (see *below*). Clive had worked for BOAC but does not hold a pilot's licence and has This was an exciting and very informative session, supported by many evocative and varied photographs – some *'then and now'*- as well as other documents relevant to the fascinating rise and final demise of Roborough airport in Plymouth. This well researched presentation brought alive local history as well as the history of Plymouth outside the aviation industry for a number of years -not that this was apparent in relation to his knowledge of his theme.

Key aspects of this period as it related to Plymouth were technology, which brought both positive and negative impact; and what seemed a continuous process of keeping the airport and air services operational over a century, despite very strong competing views as to what should and should not be done. Throughout, there was tenacious and tireless optimism, supported by new airlines and new projects but the successes were compounded by timidity and a lack of foresight, which undermined achievement of a sustainable airport. The situation was compounded also by turbulence in the sector and in weather changes and rapid changes of airlines and flight routes. Clive used the wonderfully apt description of 'tendentiousness' to illustrate the continuous debate about the airport's future, supported by ongoing involvement of the media and the public, with exceptionally strong positive and negative views as to the way forward. Major issues, which contributed to the final demise of Plymouth airport, were the terrain (a corrugated landscape created by the ice age), topography, weather and the lack of hard runways. The ice age impact on the local terrain resulted in a corrugated landscape. These factors and the inability to locate a suitable (as *in acceptable to all*) alternative site, this last being the real limiting factor. The first flights using Roborough took place in September 1911. But in August 1911, Hilda Hewitt, the first woman to achieve a UK pilot licence had landed there, negotiating the hedges, which were not helpful for flying and landing. Known as Grace Bird to protect her writer husband, she later flew to France where she met a Monsieur Blondeau, thereafter setting up a company, which built hundreds of aeroplanes. She then moved to New Zealand but still stands out in history as "*an incredible woman*"

Illustrations demonstrated the development of small passenger planes and commercial services throughout the 100-year period. During WW1, the Royal Navy Auxiliary service, based at Laira's Chelson Meadows on the Plym river, undertook pioneering work, which moved the history of aviation forward and in 1917, developed a sea plane at Mount Batten; and in built a runway which now forms the base of Plymouth's breakwater. The presence of sea planes and spotter planes made Plymouth Sound a hazardous area with frequent accidents. Mount Batten saw the first cross Atlantic flight after several attempts. Mountbatten played a key role in the development of sea planes. Between the two wars, Europe was 'stirring' the idea of a different use for aircrafts – the start of commercial aviation. In 1923, A member of the Royal Flying Corps in WW1, Sir Alan Cobham became famous as a pioneer of long distance aviation After the war he became a test pilot for the De Havilland Aeroplane company and was the first pilot for the newly formed De Havilland Hire Service. He established a flying mail service from Plymouth to Belfast with Birmingham and Manchester as stops along the route. On one occasion, the service Parachute a consignment of clotted cream to Belfast. The Plymouth/Belfast venture proved to be a short-lived service. Further trials looked elsewhere from Chelston Meadows, with Roborough then still outside the city limits. Cobham returned to Plymouth, later expanding the site for training and making Roborough the first municipal airport in England. The opening ceremony in August 1931 included visitors arriving by air, notwithstanding the airfield's very limited size. The 1930s saw continued development of regular scheduled domestic air services, including to and from Plymouth. The pioneer was GWR (*Great Western Railway*) with planes sporting the same brown and cream colours as the trains. This was the first British commercial service. The routes for this 8-seater De Havilland plane

service varied over the years but were very similar to train services, in terms of stops, proving a very basic provincial service, effectively railway patterned air services. Detailed timetables were available, and it was a 20-minute car journey from the station to the airport at Roborough. This commercial air service provided good journey times and its timetable was largely rail based. Cobham worked tirelessly to make flying popular and safe and to increase awareness of the fundamentally important role of aviation. Throughout the 1930s, a local flying club, including the G-AEXT planes was based at Roborough with its outdated grass landing strips. Surrey Flying Services (SFS) played an important role in advertising and recommending services in Plymouth and Croydon. SFS aerial photography produced excellent postcards and pictures of the pre-war Plymouth city centre and Millbay docks. In the early post war period, Roborough remained in use for flying clubs, Royal Navy training and had a clear military presence for decades. The name of Plymouth City Airport was adopted when the RAF fully relinquished the site.

The emergence of commercial services throughout the 1950s was one of "*enthusiastic instability*" and organisationally a "*bumpy ride*". As services and air lines came and went. Plymouth City Council wanted Plymouth airport to be on the map and Danair (*Davies and Newman*) provided services from 1960. However, their service was seasonal and with short flights across water to the Channel Isles and Wales. The gradual expansion was followed by decline. Mayflower Airways then set up a service to the Isles of Scilly (1961-63) which was subject to the frailty and danger of aviation with a crash on take-off caused by a burst main wheel tyre. British Airways and Danair used Roborough for trips to Jersey and Guernsey managing the grass runways.

By WW2, a very different form of aviation was needed and Roborough became a small RAF base using outdated aeroplanes as the site could not accommodate larger planes. In 1941, the focus moved to RAF Harrowbeer, which was sited on flat land close to Yelverton. This busy airport base had proper hard landing strips and saw the use of spitfires. The forward looking Abercrombie Plan for the restoration of badly bombed Plymouth had made clear that Roborough would not be adequate for post war needs and developments and proposed that a larger airport should be sited outside the city but linked by monorail services. In the event, the search for an alternative airport location as proposed by Abercrombie began with plans subjected to opposing strong views. In the event, the proposal of Harrowbeer as a viable site became an issue between the environment (*National Park*) and the economy with a very large campaign including a referendum. The opposition included formidable opponents and in the event the plan was rejected by the House of Lords as a "*Splendid Fantasy*". Collaton was another potential site but this was widely opposed, including by HMS Cambridge because of cross fire from its gunnery. This led to a suggestion that Plymouth would "*die a lingering death by isolation*". Later in the decade, the idea of a regional airport for jet aircraft was mooted requiring a central position and appropriate for long distance flights. The chosen site was California Cross, but this was refused by each of the councils involved and the plan was scrapped. The view of consultants was that the planners should "look west" Winston Beacon (near Saltash) with its 100 acres and 3 runways was considered but the proposal was dropped in 1974. Throughout the 1970s Roborough continued without change and in 1972 Brymon came to the rescue with its small planes, to provide flights to France, Guernsey, Jersey and the Isles of Scilly. Roborough was then accepted as a viable site and was supported by ongoing technical developments, including the Dash 7 plane with its good size, comfort, speed and suitability for a short runway. Nonetheless, the control tower was described "*as a piece but held together by woodworm*". After 1975 Brymon started providing longer flights but looked elsewhere because of the limitations of Roborough and become less committed to Plymouth. The early 1980s were a difficult time, including shifts and changes in the airport management. In 1993, BA took over but only for a Dash 7 service Plymouth/Gatwick only. There was brief optimism when Deep Lane (now Sherford) was proposed with the promise of 11,500 jobs leading to a brief optimism. Throughout the 1990s a series of short-lived operators took over 2011 saw the last flight out of Roborough, which was then closed and later used for housing development. BUT - there remained on last (*illegal*) landing in 2015!!

## NEWS FROM



### Emergency Plan re Coronavirus

Rest assured your Parish Councillors and of course the fantastic Kingston Community are here for you during these difficult times. The situation is constantly evolving, so we ask that you keep checking the Parish website ([kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk)), and the KEG Facebook page, for the latest advice from government, and Devon County and South Hams District Council. Instructions on joining Facebook are available online.

We have some emergency planning already in place as follows. Thanks to all those who have offered so far. Any further offers of help gratefully received, particularly from those happy to be drivers if lockdowns and curfews are put in place.

- Vanessa Walker will be acting as overall telephone co-ordinator and contact. You can contact her if you are self-isolating and need things like shopping or medicines collected, mail posted, a friendly phone call, dog walking, etc. Phone contact 810497
- CORONAVIRUS IS CONTAGIOUS. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2M distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items being delivered will be left on your doorstep.
- Any offers of help in any capacity, please contact either Vanessa (as above), or Parish Clerk, Sue Green (contact details below). Here are some useful contacts/services available we have been offered so far
- Viv Freeman will leave any vegetables he has available on his garden wall, contributions as usual for Hope Cove Lifeboats
- Shioya and Hannah Walters can deliver shopping, and also have eggs and potatoes available at Scobbiscombe Farm. Phone 810259
- Mel and Richard (Dartmouth Butchers), can deliver meat and pasties. Phone the butchers 01803 832631, 9am-4pm, or 811135 6-8pm
- St Anne's shop is taking telephone orders on 810308. You can pay by cheque or by bank transfer. Ring Alison and Taff 811234, or Flo and Dave 810019 to arrange collection and delivery.
- Tina Mears can deliver home made soap and alcohol hand wash. Phone contact 07796975291
- Carmen Mears is happy to help with any jobs such as shopping, dog walking. Phone contact 07824662123
- Craig Worthington is happy to help. Phone contact 810770
- Darren Neil (Ace) is happy to help. Phone contact 07789535359
- The Pickwick is offering free pizza deliveries. Phone contact 810310

Copies of this list are available in the telephone box, and on the Parish Noticeboard. We will try to keep it updated as we go folks, so again, keep checking those 2 places, and the Parish website, or KEG Facebook.

### Coronavirus Scammers

Unbelievably at this time, we have been warned about two scams so far. Firstly, cold calling and offering to do shopping if you give out your card details over the phone. DON'T, it's a scam! Secondly, people claiming to be NHS staff calling at your house, supposedly to carry out

Coronavirus testing, but actually carrying out burglaries. **BE ON YOUR GUARD.**

### Kingsbridge Foodbank – Kingston Church St James the Less, the door is open

Kingston has always been very proactive in helping with the Kingsbridge foodbank. In this extra challenging time, the Kingsbridge foodbank have put out a plea to all villages. Any items you may wish to donate can be left in the box inside Kingston Church. The items are then taken to Kingsbridge for distribution. Money can also be donated. Please see the full details under the PCC Church news in this newsletter. Your help, no matter how little, will, as always, be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

### Annual Parish Assembly

Due to the current situation, all meetings are postponed, so the Parish Assembly will not be taking place in April. We will await further guidance as to when it can be re-arranged.

### Hedgehog Adoption Scheme

With the Coronavirus situation, this scheme will be on hold for the time being. If you are interested, however, then please contact the Clerk, Sue Green who is still advising on how to start the adoption process, ready for when it can be activated.

### Recreation Ground

Please continue to enjoy the Recreation Ground, while observing social distancing to protect your community. Also, remember that this is a DOG FREE ZONE, to ensure all can access and enjoy the area safely.

### Recreation Ground Monitoring Dates

Here is the rota for the forthcoming couple of months. Kingston PC appreciate and thank you for the voluntary offer of the monitoring of the Grounds – it is IMPORTANT though with the Coronavirus Pandemic to please take care, and that you follow the DAILY ADVICE of the Government around being in public places.

*Keep Your Distance - Keep Safe – Keep Well*

23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	Ali Lewis
30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	John Connor
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Leah Worthington
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Sally Denham
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Sue Green
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Flo Watts
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Kit Connor
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Rachel Hardy
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	John Wurr
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Ali Lewis

### Your Councillors are here for you

Eve White.	Chairman.	(810289)
Mervyn Freeman.	Vice Chair.	(810070)
Phil Anderson.		(810960)
Flo Watts.		(810019)
Alison Lewis.		(811234)
Heather Summer Nutting.		(811294)
Don Kelly.		(810358)
Sue Green ~ Parish Clerk.		(810270)

## READING ROOM SCHEDULE APRIL 2020

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED 1 Apr	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
		19:30 - 21.00 KEG (Brunel)	18:30 - 21.00 Keep Fit witt			20:00 - 22.00 Private Danc
5	6	19:30 - 21.00 KEG (Brunel)	18:30 - 21.00 Keep Fit witt	18:30 - 22.30 NPTG		20:00 - 22.00 Private Danc
12	13	19:30 - RR AGM	18:30 - 21.00 Keep Fit witt	19:00 Parish Council		20:00 - 22.00 Private Danc
19	20	19:30 - 21.00 KEG (Brunel)	18:30 - 21.00 Keep Fit witt	18:45 - 22.00 KLHS		20:00 - 22.00 Private Danc
26	27	19:30 - 21.00 KEG (Brunel)	18:30 - 21.00 Keep Fit witt		1 May	20:00 - 22.00 Private Danc

This schedule is up to the date that the newsletter was finalised **Note that many of these bookings may have to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak so check before you attend.** Please note that you can now see the Reading Room Schedule in real time via the Parish WEB site Parish WEB Site [www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk) **Click on "What's On & Parish Newsletter" Click on "HERE"**



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**Hiring Charges  
Kingston Reading Room**



- Sessions are 8:30am to 1:30pm, 1:30pm to 6:30pm, 6:30pm to 11:30pm. If more time is needed to set up or clear away, then it should be booked.
- Hall users that satisfy the objects of the Reading Room charity Trust deed are charged at £6 per session. They must be non-profit (and may be subject to financial review) and open to all residents of Kingston Parish and be advertised in Kingston as such.
- Private events are charged at £7.50 per hour or part hour, including set up and clean up times.
- Sole occupancy of the Reading Room for a full day is charged at £275.
- Afternoon session children's parties are charged at a concessionary rate of £10 per session. The meeting room is charged at £5 per session. Existing agreements will be honoured.
- Bookings are recorded in the Reading Room bookings calendar which is available on the Parish council website. Please check the calendar before requesting a booking.

All enquiries to:  
 Judy Wurr, Bookings Secretary – 01548 810065  
 Kingstonreadingroom@gmail.com



## SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

**In view of the coronavirus outbreak,  
all public worship is suspended  
until further notice.**

**There will therefore be  
no church services in April**

### Living stones?

Noel Edmunds famously described church as 'the dullest experience that we have to offer in this country.' As a vicar I have been to my share of dull services, and been responsible for some of them! In the Modbury Mission Community we want to work hard to ensure our services are accessible for all.

If you were to ask most people on the street what the church is, they would say the building on the high street, or on the hill or in the village square. But the Bible says that the church is not the building but the people who meet in Jesus' name.

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2. The church isn't a noun – something we go to – but a verb, something we do together. The church isn't made of stone blocks but is a structure made of living stones, ordinary people who trust in Jesus. The Jesus who was carried into a cemetery dead and yet walked out alive. The Jesus who is the conqueror of death and gives resurrection life to all who come to him. The church isn't a club but a family characterised by love, and a body where each part play a vital role.

Once we return to meeting in the churches of the Modbury Mission Community we will be thinking in our Sunday services what it means to be the church. There are lots of people who put down on their census form they are Christian but don't feel welcome at church. If that is you: you are welcome to join us once services restart to see that Christianity is not just a belief system but a *belong* system.

Matt Rowland

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

Readers: *Joyce Howitt (01364 73370), Michael Tagent (810520)*

**Website: [www.modburyteam.org](http://www.modburyteam.org)**