

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

No doubt you will all be aware of the confused state of the village rubbish collection days. At present you are asked to leave the appropriate bins out in accordance with the letters that you received from South Hams District Council more details in the report from the Parish Council this month. If you do have any queries you are asked to contact Councillor Susannah Grant preferably by Email on sgrantkpc@gmail.com or Tel. 01548 810013

.I was pleased to have been able to report the wonderful news that Wendy Smith had celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year. It is now with sad regret that we now hear that she recently died and her obituary is noted in this issue

The village has also lost an active member of the community in the name of Judy Wurr who recently died suddenly. Our sympathies go to John and the family at this sad time.

A reminder to you all that British Summer time ends on Sunday morning when the clocks go back 1 hour.

David



Kingston must retain its character as a living country village.

Update from NPTG on progress of the Kingston Neighbourhood Plan.

We are very pleased to let you know that Kingston Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is in its final stages, with the culmination of hard work by KPC and NPTG, as well as very positive support from Kingston residents and others with a constructive interest in our community. The Regulation 16 consultation concluded on 14 September and an Inspector has recently been appointed to undertake an independent examination of the draft Plan. We have been advised of details of the Inspector (*see below*), who will now review the draft and advise whether it meets the "Basic Conditions" and addresses all other requirements; and, if appropriate, recommend whether the Plan should proceed to Referendum. We will let you know the outcome of the Inspection as soon as we are advised and in due course advise the Referendum process.

Thank you, Kingston, for your support for what has been very demanding and time-consuming process.

Kingston NPTG.

Inspector details

Mrs Deborah McCann BSc MRICS MRTPI Dip Arch Con Dip LD. She lives in South Hams

PARISH CHURCH FLOWER ROTA



2020

Oct 24th - 31st
Nov 7th - 14th

Margaret Kelly
Remembrance Sunday
Carole Walters
Shioya Walters

Nov 21st-28th

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 September 2020 draw are as follows:

182	Sue Way	£25
157	Heather Gillard	£20
60	Viv Freeman	£20
162	Ruth Westwood	£10

Owen & Elaine Roberts

1 Overlangs

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HELP!

YOUR READING ROOM NEEDS YOU

A £10 annual ticket for the 200 Club buys the holder a chance to win one of 4 modest cash prizes in the monthly draw and raises funds for the upkeep and improvement of the village Reading Room. However, collection of subscriptions for the 2020-2021 Club year (first draw takes place on 27 October) shows that our numbers (and therefore, our income) is significantly down from the last year. Some departures are inevitable, but in addition to those, almost 30 members have not responded to reminders that were sent out in emails or note form. So if you wish to continue lending your support to this vital asset – or indeed, want to join the Club – then please get in touch with Owen or Elaine (contact details page 2 of this issue) as soon as possible. And I should add that 3 subscribers have each bought a second ticket: open arms await anyone wishing to follow their generous example.

I am all too aware that present circumstances mean that the Reading Room is not the busy hub that it usually is, but it still requires upkeep and when we eventually get back to normal, we want it to be in tip-top condition. Any assistance that you can lend is much appreciated.

Andy Summer-Nutting

Chair, Kingston Reading Room Committee

TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA

2020



Sorry but the Market has to remain closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We will be here for you if you need anything delivered. Shioya and Hannah will deliver eggs, and shopping to your door or if you just need a chat on 01548 810259

Mel will deliver meat to your door ring

Dartmouth Butchers

9am -4pm

01803 832631 or

6pm-8pm

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Viv will have veg on his wall in Yellands Park and can deliver.

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October 27th

November 24th

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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 10-11.45 am
 (Bigbury Memorial Hall)

2020 Due to the Coronavirus pandemic these dates are provisional.

Nov 8th 10.45 Remembrance service St James the Less
 Nov. 28th 10-12 noon Christmas Bazaar – Provisional

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Kingston Sing for Joy

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 health/well-being benefits of singing. No
 experience necessary and all standards
 welcome.

In the Church of St James the Less
 7 pm to 8 pm on:

Tuesday 21 April Tuesday 19 May

THANKS

My sincere thanks to the many villagers who have offered
 so much sympathy and support to me and my family since
 Judy's sudden and unexpected death on 26
 September. The send-off you all gave Judy as we drove
 through the village on the day of the funeral was genuinely
 moving. My particular thanks go to Kim Watkins who
 suggested the 'fly-past' and helped to make it work, and to
 the Freemans for organising the bell-ringing team. Thanks
 also to those who joined the live-stream of the funeral
 ceremony at Weston Mill on-line. Nobody wants these
 things to happen, but when they do there's no better place
 to be living than Kingston.
 John Wurr.

OBITUARY

Wendy Smith passed away peacefully at the end of
 September, having reached her 100th birthday last May.
 She was a character and will be fondly remembered by
 many who live in the village.
 Alison

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Ash Die Back

You may have noticed the gradual appearance of red crosses on ash trees along the A379 between our village and Kingsbridge over the last few months. These are some of the trees that have become a hazard to the highway because of Ash Die Back and Devon County Council Highways department will be felling these trees over the winter period.

I am afraid that Devon has seen a massive increase of this disease this summer with the South Hams, West Devon and Mid Devon seeing the worst outbreaks. The situation is expected to get even worse next year as trees take time to totally succumb to this disease. However ash is also prevalent in our hedgerows and these will also be affected and as a consequence we can anticipate that our landscape will alter radically over the next few years. Those that remember Dutch elm disease may remember what the loss of enormous numbers of these trees had on the landscape. So what can we do to help?

Firstly we need to act now to minimise the landscape impact of ash tree loss. We should start promoting new trees and taking better care of existing ones. A small percentage of ash trees will be found to be resistant, or partially resistant, to the disease and scientists are also trying to breed genetically resistant ash. But with an expected 90% of ash likely to be affected the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum (made up of a number of organisations - DCC, Wildlife Trusts, Farming Organisations, Hedgeline, National Trust to name a few) have been working on a plan over the last 3 years to suggest ways to reduce the diseases impact.

Their main request is to ask that everyone uses the 3/2/1 formula. If a diseased ash tree (or any tree) needs to be felled: then we should plant at least 3 new trees for the loss of a large tree, 2 for a medium tree and 1 new tree for a small tree. They suggest that we should promote natural regeneration wherever possible, particularly in copses and woodlands. However this will not be enough on its own. We have to make sure we build a more resilient landscape with a diverse range of trees as there are other diseases that are expected to turn up on our shores over the next decade.

Unfortunately no one species of tree on its own can substitute for ash but experts estimate that 75% of organisms that live in ash trees can also live in the sycamore, a tree that is usually uprooted and cast aside as a nuisance and weed, but this species could offer a lifeline for those species that lose their natural home. Aspen, alder, field maple, birch, rowan and the new disease resistant elm, along with native oaks have similar traits to ash and could join the mix. Other options for wildlife, landscape and wood fuel are wild pear, crab apple or white willow. Unfortunately the 25% of creatures that only live on ash will probably die out to add to the general loss of biodiversity on the planet.

However this does not answer the main question for anyone with an ash tree on their land - what should I do? The Tree Council has just published an excellent document on line for homeowners and those with ash trees on their land which you can download. Go to www.treecouncil.org.uk. Click on Science and Research. Click on Ash Dieback and then scroll down to public guidance. This document has all the information that you need and explains your responsibilities. The SHDC website www.southhams.gov.uk also has information specifically about trees. Put Ash Dieback in the search box and you will find a page focussing just on this disease; put in tree maintenance and it will tell you how to find out who is responsible for any tree; put in protected trees and you will find rules pertaining to all trees. These 3 pages will give you all you could possibly want to know about rules and regulations relating to trees in our area.

Thelma Rumsey
Kingston Tree Warden



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WEST DEVON AND SOUTH HAMS LEISURE CENTRES SET TO OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Fusion Lifestyle, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council Announce Leisure Centre Opening Dates

Fusion Lifestyle, together with South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council are delighted to announce that Dartmouth Leisure Centre will be fully open on 14th October and the health and fitness facilities at Meadowlands Leisure Centre will open on 12th October. The Health and fitness facilities at Meadowlands will open on the 12th October, followed by the pool at a later date. The pool will take a little longer to bring back online, due to the length of time it has been closed. We will notify all users as soon as we have a confirmed date when the pool will be up and running. In addition, the pool at Quayside Leisure Centre will open on 7th October. These openings join the already open Ivybridge Leisure Centre, Totnes Leisure Centre and Parklands Leisure Centre, to provide access to a broad range of leisure facilities within the area.

The centres will be operating in line with new government guidelines and those planning to visit will be required to book and pay online, minimising contact required at the centre and allowing for the track and trace process to be implemented. Gym users will be asked to arrive ready to work out, ready to go. The new measures, combined with meticulous cleaning routines, are designed to keep customers safe and offer complete confidence to use the facilities when they return to the centres.

Fusion Lifestyle has been working closely with South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council to deliver the safe, phased, reopening of centres with the aim of delivering accessible leisure facilities for everyone in the area.

Anthony Cawley, Director of Operations at Fusion said, *"We know our leisure facilities are really important for the health and wellbeing of the local community and we are really pleased that we are able to announce the re-opening of some of our facilities in a safe and viable way. We look forward to bringing you news of more openings soon."*

Cllr Jonathan Hawkins, South Hams District Council's Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing said: *"By supporting Fusion through this difficult time, we have been able to provide our District with community assets that are valued by a broad range of the community. Not many people realise that Fusion is a registered Charity, they do not have stakeholders. Any profit is invested back into health and wellbeing facilities for the communities they serve."*

Cllr Tony Leech West Devon Borough Council's Lead Member for Health and Wellbeing said: *"Having a date for Meadowlands to open again is very good news, and especially for those who have used it in the past. It is a brilliant facility, and we are hoping that as many people as possible will take the opportunity to start to use all of the facilities it provides. Having both Parklands in Okehampton and Meadowlands in Tavistock open, could also be a boost to our overall economy and provide our residents with the first class Health and Wellbeing services that they require"*.

Bookings can be made up to seven days in advance by downloading the Fusion Lifestyle app or by visiting the centre websites to register and use the booking facility.

Monumental Art in Plymouth this autumn

After an Indian summer in the South Hams Plymouth tempts us with an autumn of unique artistic and cultural events.

First off take a dusk stroll along Mountbatten Pier to see "Speedwell" the massive light installation shining out over Plymouth Sound. Sixty-seven meters long and six meters high, its size and scale are as daring as its message.

As part of the Mayflower 400 Commemoration it questions our ideas of past and future New Worlds. Huge LED lights project different phrases and words across the water.

Why Speedwell? In 1620 Speedwell was the unseaworthy sister ship of the Mayflower that was unable to sail across to the "new world". Because of a leak those aboard were forced to stay in the "old world" and reconcile their lives to that.

This daring monumental work of art is big, bold and beautiful. Commissioned by the Arts Council it will be on Mountbatten Pier till the end of November. With no museum threshold to cross it is free and accessible to all.

Even the pier car park is free. The number 2 bus stops right there. The Mountbatten ferry over to the Barbican runs till 2330 both Friday and Saturday and weekdays till 1815.

As the evening darkens take the Mountbatten ferry over to the Barbican to wait for nightfall. Time to enjoy delicious fish and chips on Southside St. The delay, as are the chips, well worth it. Stroll up Madeira Road for a magical view of Speedwell's words and their shimmering reflections on the inky black water: NEW WORLDS after a few seconds became NO NEW WORLDS. Then WORLD and NO WORLD. Even the single blast of NO was poignant. The words appear at random.

Based in Devon, award winning artists Leonie and Martin Hampton plus Laura Hopes, are thrilled for their work to be on display in Plymouth as are the many sponsors and the Arts Council. For fascinating insights into the making of Speedwell and Mayflower 400 events check out the web sites www.stillmoving.org and www.mayflower400uk.org.

The best daytime view of Speedwell is from Plymouth's Citadel high on the Hoe. Tours inside the Citadel along the ramparts are at last running again this autumn every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 1400 until the end of October. Blue Badge Tourist Guides add wit, sparkle and entertainment to the visit. The two-hour tour cost £10 per person. Bookable only online through Eventbrite.

Even more treats for Plymouth. Look II is the latest sculpture by world famous Anthony Gormley (he of the Angel of the North). The solitary 12 foot cast iron form has just been craned on land near West Hoe's harbour. Slightly hunched with neck craning forward the figure stares broodingly towards the horizon or is it peering at Speedwell's words? These two prestigious works of art sit and fit their perfect setting: glorious Plymouth Sound.

Janet Sellick Blue Badge Tourist Guide
Tel. 01752 830429 or 07929097829



Church News

The church continues to be open on Wednesday afternoons between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 for private prayer. Congregations of no more than 30 people are permitted each Sunday for ONE service. There are, at present, no hymn books or pew bibles available so we request that you bring your own. And remember to use the hand sanitizer both upon entering and leaving the church. Our usual Sunday service sheets have been replaced by an order of service sheet that can be downloaded from the Modburyteam.org website. Weddings and funeral attendance is also limited to no more than 30 people. **Remembrance Sunday, November 8th** - The Remembrance Sunday service will be led by Revd Neil Barker. It will commence 10-45 am. The two minutes' silence will be observed inside the church (at 11 am) and (weather permitting) the wreaths will be laid on the War Memorial in the churchyard at the end of the service. If it is raining the wreaths will be laid in front of the altar and transferred to the memorial later. In order to ensure appropriate social distancing, the maximum number of people attending the Remembrance service will be limited to 40. Even if you aren't a regular worshipper with us, please consider joining us on 8th for this special service. You will be most welcome!

The village came together during the week leading up to our Harvest service on October 4th. Many kind, people, both members and non-members of our church, generously donated groceries and household goods that Vanessa, Guy, Judy and Brian then delivered to the delighted folks working in Kingsbridge Food Bank and Shekinah Mission.

Have you considered becoming a **Friend of St James the Less church**? Friends are a group of people in the village who appreciate the very presence of our church and its graveyard, and understand the need to keep its entire fabric and function in working order. Friends are not necessarily worshippers and indeed, some have no religious faith. That is no barrier. By becoming a friend, you can be assured that our church and graveyard will still be here for the generations who follow us. If you feel you would like to join The Friends, please contact Don Kelly who will be delighted to give you further details on how to join and how your participation will help us all. His email is donaldkelly8@aol.com or phone number 810-358.



Tiggywinkle Times – aka our hedgehog news. **Please continue to look out for hedgehogs** on the roads. Remember that Kingston is now a 'hedgehog zone' and although the summer visitors and accompanying traffic have, for the

most part left the village, our little visitors (now "residents") have not!

DIARY DATES

Operation Christmas Child – is still going ahead this year but in a different format. If you would like to pack up your own shoe box, (or you may ask Shioya for one if you don't have one available for use – 810-259 walters.farming@gmail.com), you can then pack your gifts at home for a boy or girl aged 2-4; 5-9 or 10-14, please select an age group and gender and add the items

(excluding sweets and toothpaste this year) which may include toys, school supplies toiletries (soap etc.), sunglasses, small bags, hair accessories etc. Jennie 810-819 stanz@stanz.plus.com can supply woolly hats, scarves and gloves that the knitting group have created during the past few months. If you can, please add a little note to your recipient, letting them know you are thinking of them at this special time of the year. **Please plan to pick up your boxes within the next week or two** so that we can send our donations off as soon as possible. Additionally, this year, we will also be supporting a local children's charity and the same assortment of gifts will be sent there from us. We will collect these items in one large trunk and Vanessa Walker is coordinating the collection – 810-497 viwalker5@gmail.com and will be delighted to receive them. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation for these worthy causes, please call either Vanessa or Jennie. Your generosity will brighten the Christmas of so many children both near and far and we thank you for your support.

The local contacts for St. James the Less, Kingston are our Church Wardens, Brian Alloway, 810-692, bj6devon@gmail.com and Robert Beard, 810-500, r.beard@scobbiscombe.co.uk Brian and Robert 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.

Harvest Gifts

A huge thank you to everyone who brought bags of non-perishable groceries to the Church and to West View for Harvest. We had a large and varied collection of items which we shared between Kingsbridge Food Bank and the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. The gifts were greatly appreciated and will help so many people.

Thanks you so much

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Farewell to a Kingston Clerk

We heard of Judy Wurr's sudden and unexpected death with great sadness. Kingston Parish councillors give tribute to Judy who, for 5 years, was our very enthusiastic Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, and helped to bring the council into the 21st century technologically! Judy will be missed as a friend and villager; Kingston Parish Council pass their deepest sympathy to John, Adam, Max and all of Judy's family.

New Residents – a Warm Welcome

is extended from Kingston Parish Council to all new residents. If you need any help or information please do contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Green: e-mail kingstonclerk@gmail.com or phone 01548 810270.

Recreation Ground Monitoring Team

Thank you from KPC; all is well in the Recreation Ground. Weeks ahead are:

26th October	Sally Denham
2nd November	Q (Lorraine)
9th November	Colin Burton
16th November	Andrew MacMillan
23rd November	Peter Dowling
30th November	Simon Matson-Thomas

Next Kingston Parish Council Meeting – 19th November

The November Council Meeting will be held using the Electronic Platform of Zoom again. The logon connections will be placed on the header of the Agenda, which will be on the Parish Website (www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk) and the Parish Noticeboard (situated on the Fire Station wall) by Thursday 12th November 2020. Or, contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Green (kingstonclerk@gmail.com).

Waste Collection

October's change to collection days, ahead of the transition to a new "super-recycler" service from March 2021, has been complicated. SHDC has informed Kingston Parish Council that computer modelling to create the most efficient rounds has resulted in the split collection between Wednesdays and Fridays for Kingston, but that this will be reviewed to solve glitches such as adjacent houses and those in the same postcode area, receiving a seemingly random mix of days. In the meantime, please continue to put your waste out in accordance with <https://southhams.fccenvironment.co.uk> and we will keep the pressure on SHDC to fix the illogical anomalies. Suzannah Grant will take the lead for liaising with SHDC over this. Please feel free to contact her on sgrantkpc@gmail.com. Finally, from a first look, the proposed Christmas/New Year collections currently appear particularly confusing – we will continue to seek clarity from SHDC and a table showing the collection dates will hopefully be published in December's newsletter.

COVID-19

At time of publication Devon remains at MEDIUM. Test and Trace Support Grant. If you are required by law to self-isolate because you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, and you are on a low income, you may be supported through a payment of £500, administered by your local council. If this affects you, you (or someone on your behalf) can apply via: www.southhams.gov.uk/test-and-trace-payments.

Removal of RingGo App Fee. The convenience fee charged when purchasing parking tickets in South Hams car parks through the contactless RingGo app (which avoids encountering multiple touch-points and stand close to others in queues) has now been removed – please consider using it when you have to pay to park.

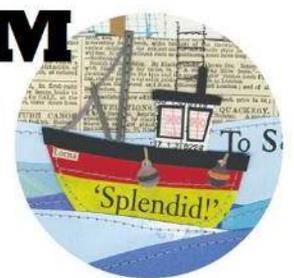
Winter Preparedness

The clocks go back 1 hour overnight on Saturday 24 October, so increasingly it's dark not long after 5pm now. If you are around the village in the dark, please **be bright, be light, be seen at night**.

Your Councillors are here for you

Eve White.	Chairman	(810289)
Mervyn Freeman.	Vice Chair	(810070)
Phil Anderson.		(810960)
Suzannah Grant		(810013)
Don Kelly.		(810358)
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READING ROOM SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2020

SUN 1 Nov	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
						Private Dancing
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Private Dancing
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Private Dancing
22	23	24	25	26 18:45 - 22.00 History Society	27	28 10:00 - 13.00 Christmas Bazaar 18:00 Flicks in the Sticks
29	30	1 Dec	2	3 18:00 - 22.00 FSG Social Even	4	5 Private Dancing

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 Parish WEB Site www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk Click on “ What’s On & Parish Newsletter” Click on “HERE”

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
1 st	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship
8 th	Remembrance (10.50 am)	Remembrance (10.45 am)	Remembrance (10.45 am)	Remembrance (10 am)	Remembrance (10.45 am)
	Please see the Team Website for further details of Remembrance Services				
15 th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
22 nd	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
29 th				Team Service* (10.30 am)	

* Places need to be booked via the Team Website

Remember, remember

On Remembrance Sunday we dutifully repeat the words “we will remember them”. But what exactly are we remembering? In one sense the answer is quite clear. We remember those who fought and died in the two World Wars and in conflicts since. We remember the bravery of those who were prepared to sacrifice everything for their fellow men and women. Armistice, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, reminds us of the dangers Britain has faced in the past. But as time passes, memories become stories and vivid experiences become history. Those under the age of 80 have no memory of world wars or even National Service.

The danger is that Remembrance Sunday could end up like that other November act of remembrance, Guy Fawkes Day. In January 1606, before the plotters had even been tried and executed, an Act of Parliament was passed to appoint 5th November in each year as a day of thanksgiving for “the joyful day of deliverance” of the King and Parliament, with everyone required to attend church and ponder on the way they had been saved from “slaughter in a most barbarous and savage manner”. But the deliverance bit has been long forgotten; Guy Fawkes is now just one of our traditions, part of our national heritage, an event in history.

True remembrance means honouring the bravery and sacrifice of those involved in the wars and conflicts of the past. These were ordinary men and women who gave up everything – in many cases even their lives – in the cause of freedom. In so doing they gave expression to the two Great Commandments quoted by Jesus: to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself

Oppression and terrorism are today’s realities, and men and women are killed and wounded in conflicts across the world. In this context, we say a heartfelt “thank you” to all Service personnel for their tireless work on our behalf. But “armchair support” is not enough. In a divided society we must seek to be peace-makers, supporting the work of others financially, and active ourselves to make our world a better place. May the example of those who have gone before inspire us to follow in their footsteps.

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