

# Kingston Parish Newsletter

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2023

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PLEASE KEEP  
YOUR SPEED



DOWN THROUGH

THE VILLAGE

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TWENTY IS  
PLENTY



20mph INJURES

30 KILLS

The Kingston Local History Society have what will be a particularly interesting talk lined up for the 23<sup>rd</sup> February when Liz Hext a local Kingsbridge Historian will be joining us in the Reading Room to talk about the History of the Kingsbridge Workhouse. The doors will open at 7 pm when there will be wine and nibbles available. All welcome, non members will be asked for a small charge of £5.00.

Looking ahead There is being arranged an Arts and Crafts exhibition for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April organised by the Arts Group. This will be open to all who may have skills in arts and crafts. Some details in this edition with more details to be available in future editions of the Newsletter.

A reminder that Flicks in the Sticks next film is this Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January showing the film "The Lost King" starring Sally Hawkin and Steve Coogan and which commences at 7.30 pm. This is a popular activity in the village to which all are welcome. So if you have not seen any previous screenings do come along

You will see in the Parish Council contribution this month that I have decided to retire as the editor of the Newsletter. After 23 years in the post I feel that it is time for someone else to take over the reigns. Anyone who may be interested please feel free to contact me or the Parish Council for more details.

David

## Kingston Local History Society



## History of the Kingsbridge Workhouse

Liz Hext  
Kingsbridge Local Historian

Kingston Reading Room Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Wine and Nibbles 7 pm

Presentation 7:30 pm

Non-members £5 - Free to those in Full Time Education

## PARISH CHURCH FLOWER ROTA



### 2022

Nov 20th- 27th	Caroline Thomas
Dec 4th- 11th	Vanessa Walker
Dec 18th-25th	Christmas- All

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### KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB

The numbers drawn in the **December 2022** draw are as follows:

66	Vicki Robinson	£25
128	Heather Summer-Nutting	£25
121	Andrew Kinder	£20
47	Jim Shaylor	£20
138	Nev Thomas	£15
32	Sandy Thompson	£10
59	Viv Freeman	£10

### YOUR VILLAGE YOUR READING ROOM YOUR 200 CLUB

A huge **THANKYOU** to all those who have agreed to continue their membership of the Reading Room 200 Club. Your continued support for this key village asset is much appreciated.

And to those who have not yet signed up to take part, please give it some thought. It's easy, just contact:

Owen & Elaine Roberts  
01548 810968 or 07910 111471  
[owenroberts10@hotmail.com](mailto:owenroberts10@hotmail.com)

**Copy for March Newsletter by**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February please**  
**Editor**

## TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA

### 2023

Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kit/Penny
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jeanette/Margaret
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	Anne/Elaine
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jacky/Deidre
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pauline/Sally
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ann/John
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jeeva/Lesley
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gina/Joan
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Joan/Vanessa
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia/Geoff
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kit/Penny
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanette/Margaret
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Anne/Elaine
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jacky/Deidre
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pauline/Sally
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ann/John
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jeeva/Lesley
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gina/Joan
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Joan/Vanessa
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia/Geoff
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kit/Penny
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanette/Margaret
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Anne/Elaine

Come along to meet up with old and new faces while enjoying a reasonably priced cuppa with freshly baked cakes. Laughter and chat free. Lots of stalls: all your essentials on the corner shop table to locally made haberdashery, crafted gifts and cards, organic soaps, creams, pasties, second hand books 50p to chutney.

If you haven't got any transport or don't fancy walking in on your own. Ring me, and I'll come and pick you up. Tina [07796975291](tel:07796975291)

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### MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits the village every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at the Fire station from 11 am to 11.30 am

### 2023

Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> ,	Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>
March "8 <sup>th</sup>	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	June 20 <sup>th</sup>
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

(Also see Parish WEB site for further details  
Morning Market every Tuesday 10 a.m. till noon

2023

- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 7 pm History Society Talk by Graham Naylor  
"Victorian Plymouth"
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Flicks in the Sticks "The Lost King"  
Doors open 6.30 pm Reading Room
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting. Reading Room
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 7 pm History Society. Talk Liz Hext "History of the  
Kingsbridge Workhouse" Reading Room
- April 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> Kingston Arts & Crafts Exhibition – Reading Room  
Details to follow
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Garden Club visit Hestercombe



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Tenor: Matthew Minter

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Saturday 18th March  
7.30 P.M.

St. Edmund's Church Kingsbridge

Tickets £18 (Under-16s free entry) from:  
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# FLICKS IN THE STICKS

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

*SOCIAL EVENT - Tickets £5 - includes  
wine and snacks. Doors open 6.30pm*

## 'The Lost King'

7.30pm

Starring : Sally Hawkin, Steve Coogan



**Kingston  
Reading Room  
Visitors  
welcome**



## SHORT MAT BOWLS



**The Kingston Short Mat Bowls Club**

Meet every Monday and Friday

7pm for 7.15 start

in the Reading Room

New members are always welcome

*If you have not played before come along and  
give it a try.*



## CHURCH NEWS

Our church is open daily for silent prayer, or to visitors who wish to see inside our lovely place of worship. Regular services of Morning Prayer are held on most Sundays at 9:30 am except the third Sunday of each month when a service of Holy Communion takes place at 11:00 am. Where Village Service is designated in the diary for the month, it will indicate that a member of the congregation will probably be leading a service of prayers and hymns. When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in any month, there may be team services. Very occasionally there may be an extra Holy Communion service inserted instead of Morning Prayer and such a change will be noted in the church calendar at the back of the newsletters and at the end of the Church News column. Our thanks go to those who spent many hours beautifying our church and its property for the Christmas season, for providing the trees, lighting, decorating etc. There are too many to mention and for fear of leaving anyone out in error, let's just say A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL for your generosity of time, talent and treasure!

Over 100 villagers, family and friends enjoyed the **Carol Service on 21<sup>st</sup> December** after which, delicious sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine were served rounding off the enjoyable evening. Thank you to the choir for their work over several weeks in preparation of the music, and to Jenny Kinder for leading them. Thanks go too to all who provided the refreshments after the service. **Christmas Day** was celebrated with an enthusiastic congregation of all ages from 1 to 93 in attendance! We welcomed the Revd. Simon Farmer, recently retired Army chaplain as our celebrant for the service of Holy Communion as well, of course with joyous singing of several favourite carols.

## RANDOM STUFF



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**Home Farm, Kingston**

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There are plans for a programme to take place on Mondays during Lent at our church, led by Gil Snook and Revd. Matt Rowland – there will be a choice of a morning or evening session. For further details, please call the church office or one of the wardens. At the time of writing we do not have complete information.

**Please consider becoming a Friend of St James the Less church.** By becoming a Friend, you can be assured that our church and graveyard will still be here for the generations who follow us. You do not have to be a worshipper in our church in order to become a Friend. We have several exciting events planned for later in the year. Don Kelly 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](mailto:donaldkelly8@aol.com) or phone number 810358.

**The local contacts** for St. James the Less, Kingston are our Church Wardens, **Brian Alloway**, 810692, [bjab6devon@gmail.com](mailto:bjab6devon@gmail.com) and **Robert Beard**, 810500, [r.beard@scobbiscombe.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.modburyteam.org)

### DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 9:30am Village Service , lay led**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 9:30 am Morning Worship led by Joyce Howitt**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 11:00 am Holy Communion led by Simon Franklin**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – first in Lent – Morning Worship led by Joyce Howitt**

### Started again

### Yoga classes

### Kingston Reading Room

Gentle/Beginners 10 – 11-15 am

Fitness/Some experience 11.30 – 12.45 am

Thursdays Blocks of 5 sessions £30

Drop Ins £10

Starting Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

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## KINGSTON ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION (KACE)

The good folk of Kingston have an opportunity to display the many artistic and craft skills of its residents in an upcoming exhibition of Arts and Crafts. Organized by the Art Group, it is proposed to hold it about a week after Easter (15/16<sup>th</sup>. April) in the Reading Room and will be open to, and offer something for, everyone.

It will be an exhibition of local skills open to all ages – that is a display, not a competition. It will not compete with, or compare with, the Produce show of late summer. The aim is to celebrate, display and appreciate the many and varied talents of Kingston Parish residents over a wide and open range of arts and crafts – i.e. for the village by the village.

All residents are encouraged to join in and show the rest of us some of what they do in their spare time. The loosely defined categories, all 'Arts and Crafts' including traditional and modern, are intended to be all inclusive and the organisers will do their best to accept and find a slot for every reasonable entry. Another aim is to meet other local people with unknown but similar interests. Expect some surprises in both the who and the does what!

Because this is only an exhibition; work can be signed or unsigned, and, if the Exhibitor feels it would serve a purpose, include a title and/or a short description can be displayed.

If you're not currently an arts and/or crafts person perhaps this is your opportunity to be inspired, learn more and join in what is going on in the village! The initial ideas for categories will invite and anticipate the type of work submitted rather than be prescriptive and limiting. So, if you work, or are just interested, in any 'arts and crafts' please get in touch.


More details and categories next month

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**Kingston Local History Society**



**Victorian Plymouth**

An Illustrated talk by Graham Naylor  
Plymouth Local Historian

Kingston Reading Room Thursday 26th January 2023  
Wine and Nibbles 7 pm  
Presentation 7:30 pm  
Non-members £5 - Free to those in Full Time Education

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*Bigbury*  
*Ladies - Gents - Children*

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**New Residents.** Kingston Parish Council extends a warm welcome to all new residents. If you need any help or information please do contact the Parish Clerk (e-mail: [kingstonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonclerk@gmail.com)).

**Recreation Ground Monitoring Team**

Thank you from KPC; all is well in the Recreation Ground.

Weeks ahead are:

6<sup>th</sup> February Lorraine Squire

13<sup>th</sup> February Colin Burton

20<sup>th</sup> February Peter Dowling

27<sup>th</sup> February Simon Matson-Thomas

**Next Kingston Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Reading Room.**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. The Agenda will be placed on the Parish Website ([www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk)) and the Parish Noticeboard (situated on the Fire Station wall) by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Public are welcome to join the Open Forum which is held at the beginning of each KPC meeting for any questions you may have.

**Kingston Parish Newsletter.** KPC would like to extend its huge thanks to David Carter for editing and producing the newsletter for well over 20 years. In doing so, David has made an exceptional contribution to our village and we are sure that the whole village joins us in our gratitude. David would now like to step back and 'pass the baton' on to someone else. You will need basic IT skills and the ability to dedicate some time to the newsletter around the third weekend of every month (second weekend in December). A printer is provided by KPC and expenses (paper etc.) are also covered. If you are interested in taking over, please feel free to contact David direct for more detail on [davidcarternews@btinternet.com](mailto:davidcarternews@btinternet.com) what it involves or to contact the parish clerk or any of the parish councillors (contact details further below).

**Modbury Fore Street Closure.** Further to the KPC notice in the December/January edition of the newsletter, advising that sections of Modbury Fore Street would be closed for approximately 3 months from 19<sup>th</sup> January to allow essential water works and repairs to take place, this work has now been postponed to 2024.

**Winter Preparedness.** Now that we are well into winter and have already experienced more than one occurrence of icy conditions, please note that Kingston is not on any gritting routes – the closest to the village is the B3392 (from the A379 at Harraton Cross to Bigbury), where the Kingston road leaves/joins at Seven Stones Cross. If needed, there are grit supplies in bins at certain strategic points in the village. However, please remember that the grit is supplied for the use on the village highways only. If it gets colder, Cllr. Merv Freeman will bring out the parish supplies of salt. If you should need to use this salt, the ratio is ONLY 1 tablespoon per square metre.

**Water – Where Does It All Go?** of year One of the most notable features of our parish, especially at this time, is how much water there is – on the roads, in the fields, in our gardens .... Some of this is rainfall, which leads to surface water, but this is added to by a lot of spring water (no surprise as our village founders would have built where fresh water was available). All this water wends its way across the parish to the sea, some in open streams, some in culverts and drains. It tends to combine in valley down at Walkspool before moving on to the sea at Westcombe. Unfortunately, this means that anything in the water tends to get washed along until it meets an obstruction. Then, it attaches and as things build up eventually there is a blockage; when enough water builds up behind the blockage it gets dislodged and moves on to the next straining point (or the sea) – a natural cycle of cleansing. This means that any plastic, cigarette ends, bits of twig, leaves, oil and road debris entering the water and joining its journey slows the flow and contributes to blockages. This can cause the water to back up towards the source and flooding occurs. Water is a powerful and devastating element, causing damage whenever it gets out of control. Your help in keeping the smooth flow of water is required. The village sewerage network is fragile: it was designed and built in simpler times when washing was only done once a week, and bath night was a weekly fixture. It now struggles with modern lifestyles and several dozen houses have been added to the system since; it is now at full capacity and can burst from the constraints of the pipes and cause problems down at Walkspool. Although responsibility lies with South West Water, we can help by simple adjustments to our behaviour. Please: never pour fat or oil down the drain – cool it in a pot, soak it up with kitchen towel and then place it in the bin; and take care when using disposable wipes – even if they claim to be "flushable" please put them in the bin as our elderly system cannot cope with them, whatever the manufacturers claim.

**Rural Cost of Living Survey.** KPC would be grateful if residents could consider completing the Rural Services Network's Cost of Living survey. It can be accessed via: <https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/suffering-from-the-rural-cost-of-living-make-your-thoughts-known-in-household-survey>.

**Potholes.** Devon County Council (DCC) are currently dealing with a very high number of pothole reports due to the cold and wet weather. However, approximately one third of reports received are duplicates. On their Report a Problem page you can: report potholes for assessment; provide an email address to receive automatic updates; see where potholes have already been reported; and see where DCC have already asked their contractor to carry out repairs. Where a report already exists you do not need to create a new report to receive updates – just select the relevant report and click on 'add me to this pothole'. Your help in reducing the number of duplicate reports DCC receive will enable their inspection team to work as efficiently as possible during these challenging conditions.

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**Saving Money on Childcare Bills.** If you are a working parent or carer, there is government help with paying for childcare: you can get up to £500 every 3 months to help with the costs of childcare – if your child has a disability you can get up to £1,000 every 3 months. Your child must be 11 or under and usually live with you; they cease to be eligible on the 1 September after their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. Visit the Childcare Choices website to see if you are eligible: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>.

**Sources of Information.** Kingston Parish Council website: [www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk). If you have anything you feel would benefit our community by including it on the Web Site, please contact Cllr Merv Freeman on 01548 810070 or by e-mail on [burlockcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:burlockcouncil@gmail.com). If you are on Facebook, the Kingston Events Group (KEG) and Charterlands Chatter pages are also well worth joining.

**KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Your Councillors are here for you**

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Phil Anderson		(810960)
Suzannah Grant		(810013)
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# KINGSTON READING ROOM

## The Reading Room Bookings Calendar for FEBRUARY 2023 .

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED 1 Feb	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
	● 18:00 9.30pm Bowls club	● 09:00 -12:30 Morning Mar ● 18:00 - 10pm KEG Band P	● 08:30 -1.30pm Art Group	● 10:00 -13:30 Yoga classes ● 19:00 Reading Room Man:	● 13:30 - 11.30pm local ever	
5 ● 18:00 -7pm Disco Fit	6 ● 18:00 9.30pm Bowls club	7 ● 09:00 -12:30 Morning Mar ● 18:00 - 10pm KEG Band P	8 ● 08:30 -1.30pm Art Group	9 ● 10:00 -13:30 Yoga classes	10 ● 18:00 - 9.30pm Bowls club	11
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26	27 ● 18:00 9.30pm Bowls club	28 ● 09:00 -12:30 Morning Mar ● 18:00 - 10pm KEG Band P	1 Mar ● 08:30 -1.30pm Art Group	2 ● 10:00 -13:30 Yoga classes	3 ● 18:00 - 9.30pm Bowls club	4

This calendar shows the bookings as at the time this newsletter was finalised. You can access the calendar on [www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk) Click on **Reading Room** then **Reading Room Bookings**

### Kingston Reading Room

#### Hall Hire charges 2023



- 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 must be booked.
- Commercial events are charged at £7.50 per hour or part hour, including set up and clean up times.
- The charge for sole occupancy of the Reading Room for a full day is by negotiation.
- Hall uses that satisfy the objects of the Reading Room charity trust deed are charged at a subsidised £10 per session. They must be non-profit (and may be subject to financial review) and open to all residents of Kingston Parish, be advertised in the Kingston Newsletter and on Kingston related social media (e.g. KEG Facebook page) as such and be approved by the Management Committee at least one month in advance of the first session.
- Private parties for Kingston Parish residents are charged at a concessionary rate of £10 per session.
- The downstairs meeting room is charged at £5 per session.
- 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:

**Benjamin Russell (Rusty), Bookings Secretary – 07824 702465**

**kingstonreadingroom@gmail.com**



## SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service	Communion	Communion
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (BCP) (8 am) ----- All Age Service	Sunday Worship
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Village Service	Communion	Communion	Village Service
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March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion

### Love bade me welcome

This month we celebrate Valentine’s Day, a yearly celebration of love.

When we are looking for a life partner it can feel like we are seeking to earn love by wearing the right clothes, being entertaining enough, interesting enough or thin enough

Sometimes growing up we can look to earn love from our parents by trying to gain the right grades, achievement or job.

In the work place and sports field we have to earn our place.

We can slip into thinking true love has to be won.

But the best type of love to show and receive is unconditional love. I believe that at the heart of the universe is a relationship of love between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Christian faith is not just a philosophy, a set of commands and rules (important as they can be) or a set of beliefs but an invitation to enter in to the relationship of love at the heart of the universe.

For me George Herbert, writing over 400 years ago, best summed it up in the first line of one of his poems:

*‘LOVE bade me welcome;’*

Happy Valentine’s Day!

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