

KINGSTON PARISH

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VILLAGE

NEWS

March 2024

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Number 478

Although it seems like it's been raining forever, there are signs spring is just around the corner, with daffodils and primroses starting to emerge. And with spring comes more events and activities in the village – more details inside...

There is a full update of how things are progressing with the re-development of the Reading Rooms. Any help you can give to the project will greatly assist in future-proofing this valuable community asset.

And finally, don't forget the clocks SPRING FORWARD on Sunday 31st March!

Katherine

**All copy for April Newsletter by:
Monday 25th March please to
Katherine Harding.**

Thank you



Soup of the Day

**Join us for a bowl of soup
in the Kingston Reading Room
Friday March 1st 2024 12pm to 2pm**

**Voluntary Cash Donation will fund the
Kingsbridge Food Bank**

Also, tins of food and dried goods etc. are all welcome
Any Questions? Please call 810497

*Have you heard the rumour
there will be Apple Crumble?*

DON'T FORGET –

- Soup Kitchen in aid of Kingsbridge Food Bank – Fri 1st March 12-2pm, Reading Rooms
- ANDY & HEATHER are back hosting the Pub Quiz! Weds 20th March - 7.30pm in the Dolphin Inn.
- History Society Talk on The Plymouth Blitz – Thursday 28th March

**PARISH CHURCH
FLOWER/CLEANING ROTA**



2024

March 3 rd – 10 th	No flowers/Jacky C-S
March 17 th – 24 th	No flowers/Vanessa W
March 31 st Easter	All helpers/All helpers
April 7 th – 14 th	Carole Walters/Carol Beard
April 21 st – 28 th	Shioya Walters/Shioya Walters
May 5 th – 12 th	Penny & Rachel/ Lorraine (Q)
May 19 th – 26 th	Caroline T/Jeanette K
June 2 nd – 9 th	Margaret B/Karen Freeman
June 16 th – 23 rd	Margaret Kelly/Margaret Kelly

KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB

The numbers drawn in the February 2024 draw are as follows:

99	Josie Grey	£20
98	Anne Dewar	£20
172	Karen Freeman	£15
211	Wilf Walters	£15
139	Ian Seeley	£10

Owen & Elaine Roberts -

owenroberts10@hotmail.com

01548 810968 / 07910 111471

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

(Also see Parish Website for further details)

Morning Market - every Tuesday 10 am til noon

2024

March 1 st	Soup Kitchen – Reading Rooms 12-2pm
March 20 th	Quiz Night – Dolphin Inn, 7.30pm start
March 28 th	KLHS talk – Reading Rooms, 7pm
July 27 th	Kingston Produce Show



Lost church key



Sadly, the large old key to the North Door of the church has been lost. It was lost on a walk so may be in the grass somewhere... It's 4 ¼ inches long and has no identifying marks that we know of.

If found, please call Robert Beard, on 01548 810500. Thank you.

**TUESDAY MARKET
TEA/COFFEE ROTA**



2024

March 5 th	Pauline/Sally
March 12 th	Ann/John
March 19 th	Sandy/Sue G
March 26 th	Gina/Joan
April 2 nd	Margaret/Janet
April 9 th	Joan/Vanessa
April 16 th	Cynthia/Geoff
April 23 rd	Kit/Penny
April 30 th	Jeanette/Margaret

**TUESDAY MORNING MARKET
KINGSTON READING ROOM**

EVERY TUESDAY from 10am to 12 noon

Come along to meet up with old and new faces while enjoying a cuppa & chat.

Freshly baked cakes, biscuits, pasties, sausage rolls, organic milk, yoghurt, eggs, potatoes, meat and the corner shop table.

Organic soaps and creams, chutney & jams, haberdashery, crafted gifts, books (50p), woodwork, cards and much more!

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Kingston Local History Society

The Plymouth Blitz

An Illustrated Talk by Graham Naylor

Kingston Reading Room
Thursday 28th March 2024

Wine and Refreshments 7pm
Presentation 7:30pm

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CHURCH SERVICES: MARCH AND APRIL 2024

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
March 3rd	Sunday Worship	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service
March 10th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (8 am) (BCP) ----- All Age Worship	Sunday Worship
March 17th	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
March 24th Palm Sunday	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship (3 pm)	Communion
March 31st Easter Day	Communion by extension	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion by extension
April 7th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Communion
April 14th	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service	Communion (8 am) (BCP) ----- All Age Worship	Sunday Worship
April 21st	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
April 28th	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion

AFTER WINTER COMES SPRING

This winter has been more noticeable to me lately. Bare trees claw with their bony fingers at the sky, whilst other twigs lay strewn dejectedly across the ground. Unrelenting wind. A constant greyness covering all. Dirty, damp, slimy roads inflicting their mess upon what seems like everything, shoes, cars, coats and children!

On a human level, people suffer from S.A.D. (Seasonal Affective Disorder), bills arrive from Christmas and failed New Years resolutions inevitably lay slumped behind us under the guise of being 'saved' for the summer. Unremitting bleakness drowns the radio, TV and internet imaginations leaving us lowering our expectations of what might bring joy.

Yet the Christian faith does not accept the low standards of surrender to the powers of dreariness. As gardeners and farmers know, preparations are made for the coming light of spring. Doing so means actually participating in the deeply Christian act of long-suffering and vigil. For it is the Christian belief that life with faith in Jesus Christ requires a person to 'die' to their old life of selfishness and hopelessness and rise again to the indestructible life with Christ by a faith (Romans 6:5-11) in patient longing for his return.

Therefore as Christians inhabit this season of winter, we look upon the buds of the tree branches knowing they are rammed with potential. We see the daffodils driving their way triumphantly towards the sky awaiting their chance to bloom and radiate. And we know that such a time is promised for us and this world, strengthening us in the face of the bleakness and sorrow that comes across our paths. The words of the Ash Wednesday service contain a charge to take notice of our own mortality. But it also contains the encouragement that true optimism and certain hope of life enjoyed beyond which we are disposed to accept, is found only in Jesus Christ.

Oli Long


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

Curate: The Revd Oli Long (732007: not Saturday)

Readers: Joyce Howitt (07929 117397), Gil Snook (07563 663410), Michael Tagent (Emeritus)

Website: www.modburyteam.org

KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Record numbers at the KLHS talk on Shipwrecks around Bigbury Bay!

Kingston Local History Society's events attendance records were soundly beaten by the numbers who came to hear Henry Wainwright entertain us on 1 February with a fascinating account of some of the wrecks of Bigbury Bay.

Estimates vary, but it may have been in the region of 70 or more, and there was a great deal of carrying of chairs required from the lower floor!

Our thanks go to Bob Musk for this photograph and also for ensuring that our visiting speakers achieve the required connectivity with the Reading Room's audio visual system.

We learned more about one of the closest wrecks to us, at the entrance to the River Erme and Henry took us through the stories of various wrecks driven ashore over history. Henry illustrated his talk with many charts, photos and other material and we had ancient sea shanties played to us.

A surprise addition to the event was John Tucker who in earlier years served as a volunteer Coastguard. With his photos, John explained the operation and importance of the Breeches Buoy as a method of rescue and the competitions between Coastguard units to set up the equipment in the fastest time.

We look forward to the talk on Thursday 28 March on the Plymouth Blitz, with the speaker being Graham Naylor. All the future events and lots more valuable information is easily found on our website:

<https://kingstonlocalhistory.co.uk/>

Guy Walker
Chair
KLHS

KINGSTON VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

27 TH JULY
2024



Get Planting...

Kingston Produce, Arts and Craft Show

The Kingston produce show is scheduled for 27th July.

We expect the classes to be similar to last year but are happy to receive your suggestions and to change the programme if appropriate.

The organising committee will hold its initial meeting shortly and we will publish a complete programme in the spring.
The highly successful Judges Lunch will be repeated

You can assume that produce, art, cooking and craft will be included in senior and junior classes.

Updates to follow.

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QUIZ NIGHT

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In the Reading Room

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MARCH 2024 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 and Hymns are held on most Sundays at 9.30am except the third Sunday of each month when a service of Holy Communion takes place at 11.00am. Occasionally there will be a second Communion service celebrated on any of the other Sundays. See notes each month for details. Where Village Service (or Lay Led 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. 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.

On Saturday, February 10th the blessing of the marriage of Charlotte to Teddy took place. Charlotte is the daughter of Lisa Dyer. The Revd Matt Rowland presided at this special service.

SOUP'S ON!

Please join us in the Reading Room on **Friday 1st March from 12.00 – 2.00pm**. A chance to chat with friends, enjoy a warming bowl of soup and, at the same time, you'll be helping to support the Kingsbridge Food Bank. Voluntary monetary donations are welcome from those attending, along with an item of dry goods e.g. tins of soup, beans, sugar etc. which will help to fill the Food Bank's shelves in these difficult times.

Please note that our service of Holy Communion on **EASTER DAY, Sunday 31st March**, will begin at **9.30am** (and not 11am which is the usual time for a service of Holy Communion). Revd Simon Farmer will lead us in worship. We look forward to seeing you. Easter is a worldwide special festival in the Church and, as usual here in Kingston, as on every Sunday, everyone is invited to join us in our worship. *Why not join us this Easter? You will be very welcome.*

Please consider becoming a Friend of our church of St James the Less, Kingston. 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. Please renew your 2024 dues as soon as possible (see a recent email from membership committee) – or contact Don Kelly who will be delighted to give you further details on how to join the Friends and how your participation will help us all. His email is donaldkelly8@aol.com or phone number 810358.

AMONG OUR MISSION COMMUNITY:

ROOTED - A contemporary, interactive evening service exploring the Christian faith takes place at 6.00pm Sunday 25th February in a warm **St George's Church, Modbury!** All welcome. If you'd like more information please email Oli Long at oli.long@modburyteam.org or call 732007.

LENT COURSE – The Generosity Project

The Lenten course this year, based upon God's generosity to us in a thousand ways, takes place at **St George's Vicarage, Modbury** in five sessions beginning at 7.30pm on 20th February, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March and 26th March. Please park in the church car park.

Sunday 24th March at 3.00pm. ALL WELCOME for a **DEDICATION SERVICE** in St George's Church, Modbury as we come together to celebrate the beautiful restoration of the church that is now complete.

Our local contacts for St. James the Less, Kingston are our Church Wardens, **Brian Alloway**, 810692, bjag6devon@gmail.com and **Robert Beard**, 810500, 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

DIARY FOR LATE FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2024

25th February 6.00pm St George's Church, Modbury – *ROOTED - Contemporary, interactive service*
1st March 12 noon – *Soup lunch in the Reading Room*
3rd March 9.30am - *Sunday Worship led by Oli Long*
10th March 9.30am - *Mothering Sunday - Worship led by Linda Dodwell*
17th March 11.00am - *Holy Communion led by Matt Rowland*
24th March 9.30am - *Sunday Worship led by Gil Snook*
24th March 3.00pm - *Dedication Service at St George's, Modbury*
31st March EASTER DAY 9.30am - *Holy Communion led by Revd Simon Farmer*

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Conductor: Christopher Fletcher
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Soprano: Erika Madi Jones
Alto: Rebecca Smith
Tenor: Charne Rochford
Bass: Tim Mirfin

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 7.30pm
St George's Church, Modbury

Tickets: £18 in advance, £20 on the door,
Under-16s free entry

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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).

Recreation Ground Monitoring Team:

Thank you from KPC. Weeks ahead are:

26th February	Peter Dowling	18th March	Debbie Shotter
4th March	Jon Wakeling	25th March	Sally Denham
11th March	Sue Green		

Volunteers to join the team and assist with Recreation Ground monitoring are always welcome – we cannot have too many! If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Kingston Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 21st March 2024 in the Reading Room. The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st March. The Agenda will be placed on the Parish Website no later than 14th March. Public are welcome to join the Open Forum which is held at the beginning of each KPC meeting for any questions you may have.

Waste and Recycling: The South Hams garden waste collection service is now open for subscriptions - £52 per year if you sign up before 1st April or £55 per year from 1st April. A subscription covers a single brown wheelie bin, with a maximum of 2 subscriptions (2 bins) per household allowed. The annual cost covers fortnightly collections, excluding the weeks over the winter period when the service is suspended. You can sign up at: <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/guide-waste-and-recycling/garden-waste-service>

A379 Road Closure: The A379 is planned to be closed for patching work between Underhay junction (near Ben’s Farm Shop) in Yealmpton and Red Lion junction in Brixton from Monday 4th to Friday 8th March. Public transport buses will be allowed through at a maximum of 5 mph, which means that delays are likely. The official diversion will be along the A3121 through Ermington and Ugborough and the A38. Towards the end of the week, there *may* be some through access via a convoy system, but this will depend on how the works progress so no timescales are currently available.

Consultation – Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO): SHDC are running a consultation on PSPOs in Totnes, Dartmouth, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge and Salcombe, all of which are due for renewal this July. A PSPO deals with potential anti-social behaviour and can include bans or restrictions on certain things, in this case the public drinking of alcohol. For more information and to have your say, please visit: <https://alcoholinpublic.commonplace.is> The consultation runs until 19th March.

Recreation Ground: The fencing posts at the playing fields have been knocked over or dislodged a number of times recently. Noting that they are old and thus not that secure, please could all users avoid using the fencing as makeshift football goals or similar to try and preserve the posts and avoid the need for additional, potentially expensive, maintenance and repairs. *Thank you.*

Dog Poo: Regrettably, the amount of dog poo around the village is increasing again. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of the bagged poo in an **appropriate** place – i.e. a suitable bin, not the nearest hedge. Please also challenge others – including visitors – to do the same.

Sources of Information: Kingston Parish Council website: 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 If you are on Facebook, the Kingston Events Group (KEG) and Charterlands Chatter pages are also well worth joining.

Neighbourhood Police: For non-emergency police matters, contact the **Kingsbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team** on 01548 851058 or email kingsbridge@devonandcornwall.police.uk

Your Councillors are here for you:

Eve White (Chair) 810289	Mervyn Freeman (Vice Chair)	Holly Rahder 07973 179395
Don Kelly 810358	Joel Wakeling 07546 511578	Sarah Banham (TBC)
Suzannah Grant 810013	Lorraine (Q) Squire (Clerk)	

Kingston Reading Room update

The Committee would like to reassure you all that things are moving in the right direction regarding the work at the Reading Room. There is a lot going on in the background but, as we said in a previous newsletter, we want to keep you updated and share the latest developments:

- The Reading Room now has an alcohol licence!
- The Constitution of the Reading Room has been brought up to date.
- We have a new Trustee, Sarah Banham, who is the Parish Council representative.
- We are looking at new chairs.

In December we had a very constructive meeting with the members of the village (and outlying hamlets) who had expressed an interest in helping with the building project. As a result, these volunteers have been split into groups and are working away at their agreed tasks. We have teams who are working on:

- The updated Constitution (who can now retire!).
- The narrative for our proposed bids.
- The bid team who will work on the applications to the various organisations who may agree to give us money to fund the works.
- The design and build team and the build team.
- The technical team – working on a new independent website and building a photographic history of the Reading Room.
- The gardening team – making the garden and surrounding area look beautiful. I am sure you will agree the work they did before Christmas made a huge difference to the outside of the Reading Room.

There was another set of volunteers who expressed an interest in bringing new groups and activities to the village such as:

- Climate action group.
- Bridge.
- Night school.
- Welfare and medical groups.
- IT workshop.
- Craft workshop.
- Plant based cooking.
- Indoor sports (*we are looking at pickleball and walking football*).
- Community library (*to replace what we are losing via Devon County Council*).

- Breakfast club.
- Mid-week meals / warm hub.
- Pilates.
- Tools exchange.
- Re-starting Flicks in the Sticks.
- Village shop / tea room for the village and walkers.
- Flower arranging.

Jenny Kinder and Juliet Manners would like to invite those of you who made these suggestions for drinks and nibbles **at Pounds Farm on 27th February at 5.00pm** to discuss these ideas further and see what we can set up. If you are interested in helping and can make the meeting, please email Juliet at kingstonrrsecretary@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there and if anybody has any other ideas then please come along and share them!





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KINGSTON READING ROOM BOOKINGS

March 2024							March 2024							April 2024																																		
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This calendar shows the bookings as at the time this newsletter was finalised. You can access the calendar on www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk . Click on Reading Room then Reading Room Bookings

Kingston Reading Room Hall Hire charges 2024



- 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 £8 (from 1 February 2024) 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.

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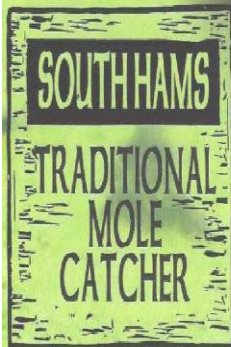
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