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**April 2024** 

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#### Number 479

It's Easter!!! Hope you are planning lots of fun things to do with friends & family – and lots of Easter eggs of course!

Suzannah is organising a delicious Afghan Curry fundraising supper in support of Kabul Small Animal Rescue (KSAR) - see inside for more information.

There is a full update inside of how things are progressing with the re-development of the Reading Rooms.

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

Katherine

All copy for May Newsletter by: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April please to Katherine Harding.

Thank you

## KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



THE DEPUTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

### The Suffragette Story in the South West

Pamela Vass West Country Author and Historian

Kingston Reading Room
Thursday 25th April 2024

Wine and Nibbles 7 pm Presentation 7:30 pm

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

#### DON'T FORGET -

- Clocks go forward on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- Afghan Curry Supper on 27<sup>th</sup> April.
- Roadworks in the village 8<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> April

## PARISH CHURCH FLOWER/CLEANING ROTA



#### 2024

All helpers/All helpers
Carole Walters/Carol Beard
Shioya Walters/Shioya Walters
Penny & Rachel/ Lorraine (Q)
Caroline T/Jeanette K
Margaret B/Karen Freeman
Margaret Kelly/Margaret Kelly
Vanessa Walker/Vanessa W
Ruth Jarvis/Lucy Eatwell

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#### **KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB**

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

211	Wilf Walters	£20
171	Phil Anderson	£20
154	Sandra Mannell	£15
23	Chris McEvoy	£15
44	Pauline Deschamps	£10

Owen & Elaine Roberts - owenroberts10@hotmail.com

01548 810968 / 07910 111471

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#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

(Also see Parish Website for further details)

Morning Market - every Tuesday 10 am til noon

#### 2024

April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night Dolphin Inn 7.30pm
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	History Society Talk 7pm
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Afghan Curry Night 7pm
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Plant & Produce Show 10am-12pm
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	KHS Guided Modbury Walk 10.30am
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kingston Produce Show

## TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA



#### 2024

April 2 <sup>na</sup>	Margaret/Janet
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Joan/Vanessa
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia/Geoff
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kit/Penny
April 30th	Jeanette/Margaret
May 7th	Anne/Elaine
May 14th	Jacky/Deidre
May 21st	Pauline/Sally
May 28th	Ann/John

## 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!

Would you like a table to sell your wares? Just 10% to the Reading Rooms.

Just call me if you would like to help out on the tea rota or if you need picking up.

Tina - 07796 975291

#### **ROADWORKS IN THE VILLAGE**

There are scheduled roadworks between Yellands and Kingston Plain on 8th – 12th April. The road through the village will be closed and a diversion will be in place – see map below. Any queries, call Waterways Drainage on 01752 656161.



# Yoga Classes Kingston Reading Room

Gentle 10 – 11.15am
Fitness Flow 11.30 – 12.45pm
Thursday Blocks of 5 sessions - £30
Drop In - £10
Starting Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>,
Jan 11<sup>th</sup> & Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>
For more info and to check availability,
contact Penny on
pennyann.mcfarlane@gmail.com
07922173343/01548810306

Reflexology, kinesiology, yoga therapy

and Indian head massage treatments

also available.

#### Afghan Curry Night

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April
In support of
Kabul Small Animal Rescue
2024 "All Paws" Airlift
Meat and vegetarian options available
Minimum donation £10/head
For more info, including venue (in
Kingston) and timings, and to reserve a
place, please contact Suzannah Grant no
later than Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April on:
KINGSTONKSARSPT@GMAIL.COM or
01548 810013

In August 2021, as the Taliban were taking over Kabul, the Texan lady who runs the US-registered Kabul Small Animal Rescue (KSAR) made the very brave decision to stay. KSAR do desperately needed work that practically no-one else is now doing, in an exceptionally tough place. This summer they plan to airlift 250-300 dogs and cats to the US for onwards adoption via US rescue organisations. The cost will be considerable, but if every supporter can raise \$200-\$300, they'll be able to do it.

Thank you, Suzannah Grant



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.

Colin and Janet Burton (Dolphin Lodge)
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## KINGSTON GARDEN CLUB SPRING VISIT OPEN TO ALL!

With the snowdrops, daffodils and primroses poking their heads up, you are probably turning your heads to thoughts of getting out in the garden, at least when it's not pouring with rain.

So to add a little inspiration we are planning a late spring visit to Burrow Farm Gardens near Axminster on Friday 17th May 2024, meeting there just before 11am. This visit is open to everyone, not just Garden Club members.

In November 2021 Burrow Farm Gardens was named 'The Nations Favourite Public Garden in a competition run by The English Garden and National Garden Scheme'. I have been there a couple of times and it is an absolute delight, situated in a glorious piece of countryside. <a href="https://burrowfarmgardens.co.uk">https://burrowfarmgardens.co.uk</a>

The cost of this visit is £10 per head (providing there are at least 10 of us). I have also booked a guided tour which will take about 1 hour and will be taken by Michael who is the grandson of Mary Benger - the owner and creator of the garden. This will cost an additional £25 which we will split between us on the day. This fee will be waived if there are 25 or more of us. There is a pleasant cafe for some lunch and once I have an idea of numbers I will book this.

Please could you let me know as soon as possible if you would be interested in joining us on the 17th and also let me know if you might need a lift to get there.

Can anyone who is planning to drive let me know if you might be able to offer lifts. I will then try to make sure everyone is catered for.

Please send your replies directly to me at <a href="mailto:rbush796@btinternet.com">rbush796@btinternet.com</a> - I will then finalise the booking.

I hope you can make it and hopefully the sun will shine on us.

Rachel Bush













#### KINGSTON TRIUMPHS AGAIN

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Table Top Sale on Saturday 23rd March.

With cake sales and table top items we raised a totally magnificent £1,040 for MNDA.

Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those who made cakes. Special thanks to Q, Janet and Debbie who served tea and cake to everyone throughout the afternoon.

Just brilliant - Thank you all! Rachel and Jo





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#### SHORT MAT BOWLS



The Kingston Short Mat Bowls Club

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7pm for 7.15 start
In the Reading Room

New Members Welcome. If you have never played before, come along and give it a try, but please phone David 07768922104 or Adrian 01548 830209

#### **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.

Please note that our service of Holy Communion on **EASTER DAY, 31st March**, will begin at 9:30 am and not 11:00 am 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 on every Sunday, everyone is invited to join us in our worship here. Why not join us this Easter? You will be very welcome. Coffee will be served following the service.

The Soup Lunch on 1st March was a great success. Thanks to the Church Events Committee, and especially Vanessa for organising the event. We raised £245.50 for Kingsbridge Food Bank with voluntary monetary donations and provided a table full of items of dry goods which will go a long way to help fill the Bank's shelves in these difficult times. Thank you for your generosity.

The Plant & Produce Sale will be held this year on Saturday, May 25th, 10am to 12pm. We'll be below the church steps (or in the Reading Rooms if raining). Bacon Butties are on the menu again as well as cakes. There is a raffle and, best of all, a chance to fill your gardens with wonderful plants and flowers this upcoming season. If you have an overflow of seedlings etc. please bring your donations on the morning of the sale, or drop them off the day before at Westview. All proceeds from this fun event will go to our church.

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.

Our local contacts for St. James the Less, Kingston are our Church Wardens, Brian Alloway, 810692, bja6devon@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: <a href="https://www.modburyteam.org">www.modburyteam.org</a>

#### **DIARY FOR LATE MARCH AND APRIL 2024**

**31**<sup>st</sup> **March EASTER DAY** - 9:30 am Holy Communion led by Revd. Simon Farmer

7<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am Sunday Worship led by Gil Snook 14<sup>th</sup> April - 9.30am Village Service – details TBA 21<sup>st</sup> April – 11.00am Holy Communion led by Revd. Matt Rowland

**28<sup>th</sup> April** 9.30am Sunday Worship led by Joyce Howitt

# FARMING FIT HELPING YOU BUILD A HEALTHY BODY AND A HEALTHY MIND IMPHI

Hello all, we are back from our travels and Farming Fit will be back open on the 8th April, we look forward to seeing you then!

#### Hannah

#### **Monday**

5pm- Farming Fit Cycle 5:45pm- HIIT 6:30pm- Exercise Rehab/Open Gym

#### <u>Tuesday</u>

6:30am- Farm Circuits

#### Wednesday

**6:30am-** Farming Fit Cycle **8:30am-** Farming Fit Cycle **5pm-** HIIT

6pm-Starters Farming Fit

#### Thursday

4pm- Stretch and Chill 5pm- Farming Fit Cycle 5:45pm- Stretch and Chill 6:30pm- Farming Fit Weights

#### **Friday**

8am- Cycle HIIT 8:30am- Stretch and Chill

#### 1-1 SESSIONS AND SPORTS MASSAGE ALSO AVAILABLE

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#### **Recreation Ground Monitoring Team:**

Thank you from KPC. Weeks ahead are:

25th March	Sally Denham	15th	April	Peter Dowling
1st April	Lorraine (Q) Squire	22nc	d April	Jon Wakeling
8th April	Colin Burton	29th	April	Sue Green

information, please do contact the Parish Clerk (e-mail: kingstonclerk@gmail.com).

<u>Recreation Ground Volunteers Required:</u> One or more volunteers to help with simple Recreation Ground maintenance and low-level repair tasks are required – please contact the Parish Clerk if you are able to help. Additionally, volunteers to join the team and assist with Recreation Ground monitoring are always welcome – we cannot have too many! Again, if you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish Assembly – Thursday 18th April 2024 at 7pm in the Reading Room: All parishioners are welcome at the Annual Parish Assembly at 7pm in the Reading Room. The purpose of the Annual Parish Assembly is to provide an opportunity for the Parish Councillors to explain to the Parish what we have been doing over the past year and to enable you, as Parishioners, to raise anything you believe is or should be important to the Parish. Please do therefore come along and make the most of this opportunity. It will be followed by:

Next Kingston Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 18st April 2024 in the Reading Room. The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th April. The Agenda will be placed on the Parish Website no later than 11th April. Public are welcome to join the Open Forum which is held at the beginning of each KPC meeting for any questions you may have.

<u>Forthcoming Road Closures:</u> Yellands Park to Kingston Plain will be closed for a maximum of 5 days from Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April to enable drainage connection work to take place. The alternative route will be from Church Cross to Yellands Park, Vicarage Cross to Church Cross, Vicarage Cross to Langs Cross and vice versa. There are other likely road closures, however the dates tend to change rapidly and at short notice. Please keep an eye on the KEG Facebook page where KPC will post the latest information as we receive it.

<u>Bigbury-on-Sea Car Park and Toilets – Change of Operator:</u> As of 25th March, Bigbury-on-Sea car park and toilets will be operated by RCP Parking Ltd, not South Hams District Council (SHDC). They are an experienced, family-run businesses who have been operating car parks across the UK since 1994. You should see no interruption or change to the service.

<u>Energy Saving:</u> Energy Saving Devon have published a new guide to help homeowners, tradespeople and architects add efficiency measures to the house types most commonly found in Devon. It can be found at: <a href="https://www.energysavingdevon.org.uk/document/devon-retrofit-guide">https://www.energysavingdevon.org.uk/document/devon-retrofit-guide</a>

<u>South Hams District Council Plan:</u> SHDC have formally adopted their Council Plan 2024-28, with 4 top priorities: supporting climate change and biodiversity; tackling the challenging housing situation; strengthening the economy and enhancing services for residents. The Plan can be found at:

https://www.southhams.gov.uk/news/2024/we-are-helping-support-our-residents

<u>Sources of Information:</u> Kingston Parish Council website: <u>www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk</u> 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 email on <u>burlockcouncil@gmail.com</u> If you are on Facebook, the Kingston Events Group (KEG) and Charterlands Chatter pages are also well worth joining.

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

#### 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)	

#### THE GREAT READING ROOM REVIVAL NEWS!

Firstly, thanks to those who came along to the volunteers meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> (a follow up from the RR Revival questionnaire). There were some great ideas and suggestions which we'll tell you about over the next few months, but at number one on the list was an ecology/environment/natural history society (not a snappy name - we're working on it!). An enthusiastic team of eco warriors are meeting this week to make plans and this team is full of ideas - so watch this space and get your wellies out... we'll be in touch very soon.

In the meantime Andy Davies-Coward, ably assisted by Jim Dewar, is working on our new RR website. We want it to be vibrant, lively and full of exciting things that are happening in our wonderful village, something that funders will take one look at and part joyfully with their cash, so we need some great photos please. We know they are out there because we've seen them at the village show so if you have any good pictures of events at the Reading Room or indeed, anywhere round the village, we would love to have them. We would be particularly interested in any older photos of the RR so we can show how it has developed over time.

In due course I believe each society might have their own page on the website (don't panic - not just yet) but the Eco group want to be ahead of the game! So if you have photos from round the village of birds and bird boxes, hedgehogs, wild flowers in the churchyard, wildlife on the Erme, tree planting at the playing field, etc etc (you get the idea) we want them please, starting with any photos of Rachel's great hedgehog signs.

Andy and Jim have cursers poised, so please send photos ASAP to our amazing secretary Juliet at: <a href="mailto:kingstonrrsecretary@gmail.com">kingstonrrsecretary@gmail.com</a>

If we get hundreds (here's hoping) we'll find an opportunity to display them all in the RR if they can't be squeezed on the website.

Thanks, Jenny Kinder



#### KINGSBRIDGE AIR AMBULANCE SHOP

Could you spare an hour or two to help your local Kingsbridge Devon Air Ambulance shop? We have a host of tasks which need to be completed to make our shop a success. You don't have to have any previous retail experience as we offer full induction, training and friendly support.

Volunteering is a great way to meet people, develop new skills and enhance your CV. This is a flexible role to fit with your lifestyle and other commitments.

So, why not pop into our shop on Bridge Street or head over to our website to find out more: https://www.daat.org/volunteer-kingsbridge-shop or contact Charlotte Fleetwood on 01392 466 666 / volunteer@daat.org



## NOTICE OF AGM KINGSTON READING ROOM (CHARITY NO 300882)

KINGSTON READING ROOM COMMITTEE hereby gives public notice of the Annual General Meeting to held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 7:00 pm in Kingston Reading Room to transact the following business:

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Approval of minutes of 2023 AGM
- Committee Report
- Reports of groups using Kingston Reading Room
- Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts
- Election of Committee Members\*
- AOB
- Date of next meeting
- Close

Juliet Manners, Secretary
07808 946405 / kingstonrrsecretary@gmail.com

\* A potential committee member must be over the age of 18 years of age. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the committee should contact the Secretary or any other member of the Committee as soon as possible and no later than 9/4/24.

#### KINGSTON READING ROOM BOOKINGS

April 2024				Mo Tu We Th Fr 1 2 3 4 5 8 9 10 11 12 15 16 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 28 29 30	Sa Su Mo Tu 6 7 13 14 6 7 20 21 13 14 27 28 20 21 27 28	May 2024  We Th Fr Sa Su  1 2 3 4 5 8 9 10 11 12 15 16 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 26 29 30 31
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Apr 09:30 Caretaker cleaning 18:00 - 9:30pm Bowls club	2 09:00 -12:30 Morning Market 18:30 - 10pm KEG Band Practice (Rusty)	3 08:30 - 1:30pm Art Club 18:30 - 2200 band practice	4	5 18:00 - 9:30pm Bowls club	6	7
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This calendar shows the bookings as at the time this newsletter was finalised. You can access the calendar on <a href="https://www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk">www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk</a> . 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.

All enquiries to:

Benjamin Russell (Rusty), Bookings Secretary – 07824 702465 kingstonreadingroom@gmail.com



#### **CHURCH SERVICES: APRIL AND MAY 2024**

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion	Communion
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service	Communion (8 am) (BCP) All Age Worship	Sunday Worship
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Communion	Village Service
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion	Sunday Worship	Communion (8 am) (BCP) All Age Worship	Sunday Worship
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Sunday Worship
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion

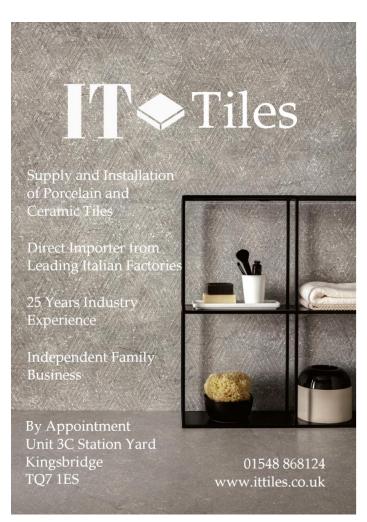
I've been particularly grateful for the arrival of spring this year, seeing life return to hedgerows and gardens. The winter was so gloomy, damp and windy. It was difficult not to be discouraged. As we're about to celebrate Easter, the gloom reminded me of the darkness that the Gospel writers report, came over the land when Jesus was crucified. This would have matched the feelings of loss and grief his friends and family were experiencing. But remarkably events surrounding Jesus' execution still led to the Roman Centurion on duty that day to declare, "Surely he was the Son of God."

Then on the third day overwhelming hope returned with Jesus' resurrection. Whatever our circumstances, however gloomy, we have the hope of eternal life though faith in Jesus. As he promised, "For God so love the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life".

So let's get out of our houses this spring and enjoy the sunshine, the warming air and the outbreak of life around us. We are particularly blessed to be living in the South Hams.

Gil Snook

Fil Snock









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