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NEWS

July 2024

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Welcome to the July edition of the Newsletter.

Not long now to the bi-annual event that is the Kingston Fun Day! Always amazing, and I am sure that this year will be no exception. See the poster opposite for more information...

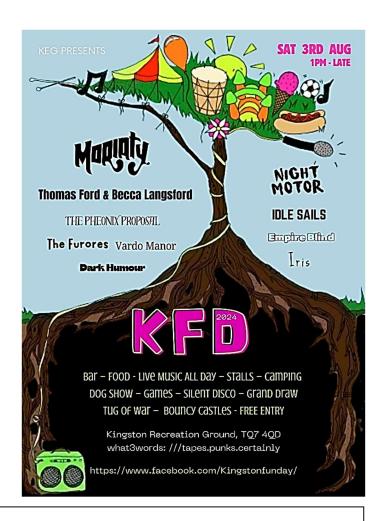
The Village Produce Show is nearly here – so get your entry in soon! Entry form and more information at the back of this newsletter.

Finally, welcome to Chris & Emma who have taken over The Dolphin Inn – wishing you all the best and every success!

Katherine

All copy for July Newsletter by: Monday 22nd July please to Katherine Harding.

Thank you



DON'T FORGET -

- The General Election on Thursday 4th July. Vote at the Reading Room, and don't forget your ID.
- Pub Quiz TUESDAY 9th July 7.30pm in the Reading Room.
- Village Produce Show on Saturday 27th July get your entry in soon.
- Friends' Garden Party at Scobbiscombe House Sunday 4th August. See poster inside for more info.

PARISH CHURCH FLOWER/CLEANING ROTA



TEA/COFFEE ROTA



2024

| June 30 th – July 7 th | Vanessa Walker/Vanessa W |
|--|-----------------------------|
| July 14 th – 21 st | Ruth Jarvis/Lucy Eatwell |
| July 28 th – Aug 4 th | Jeanne Curtis/Jeanne Curtis |
| Aug 11 th – 18 th | Penny & Rachel/ Vanessa |
| Aug 25 th – Sept 1 st | Margaret B/Margaret B |
| Sept 8 th – 15 th | Vanessa W/Vanessa W |
| Sept 22 nd – 29 th | HARVEST – ALL/Carol Beard |
| Oct 6 th – 13 th | Margaret K/Margaret K |
| Oct 20 th – 27 th | Shioya Walters/Lucy Eatwell |

KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB

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

| 5 | Charlie Dyer | £20 |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 141 | Michael Pearson | £20 |
| 20 | Sally Denham | £15 |
| 4 | Jackie Coleman-Smith | £15 |
| 71 | Kevin Gillard | £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

| July 4 th | General Election – Voting in RR |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| July 6 th | Canapés & Bubbles – 6pm @ Westview |
| July 9 th | Quiz Night – 7.30pm Reading Rooms |
| July 27 th | Kingston Produce Show |
| Aug 3 rd | ** KINGSTON FUN DAY! ** |
| Aug 4 th | Garden Party – Scobbiscombe House |

2024

| July 2 nd | Cynthia/Geoff |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| July 9 th | Kit/Penny |
| July 16 th | Jeanette/Margaret |
| July 23 rd | Anne/Elaine |
| July 30 th | Jacky/Deidre |
| August 6 th | Pauline/Sally |
| August 13 th | Ann/John |
| August 20 th | Sue/Sandy |
| August 27 th | Gina/Joan |
| | |

TUESDAY MORNING MARKET & CAFE KINGSTON READING ROOM

EVERY TUESDAY from 10am to 12 noon

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

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

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

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Yoga Classes Kingston Reading Room

Yoga classes in the Reading Rooms will recommence in October, meanwhile...

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KINGSTON VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

27TH JULY 2024



Kingston Produce, Arts and Craft Show

The Kingston Produce Show, on 27th July 2024, is rapidly approaching. We hope your crops are growing well and you are busy crafting and cooking!

The Produce Show entry form is published in this newsletter. We hope all is clear but if not, please contact us.

Could last years winners please return their cups to us by 13th July: Young Persons - Fletcher Stansby, Xavia & Theo Hansadick, Lacey Fairchild & Elliot Calbon

Craft - Jim Dewar Photography - Ian Fallon Flowers - Rachel Bush Flower Arranging - Rachel Bush Preserves - Colin Burton Cookery - Colin Burton Vegetables - Richard Dally

Drinks - Colin Burton & Richard Dally Best in Show - Karen Freeman
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S.H.I.T.E - 'MAGNIFICENT 7'

The South Hams Independent Tours of Europe (known, affectionately I think, as S.H.I.T.E.) is over for another year.

"The Magnificent Seventh" was a 2,000 mile circular tour of France where, in previous years, we've enjoyed good weather. This time it was a bit different with frequent rain and thunderstorms adding to the challenge, especially for the open top cars or those with side windows which refused to close. Dried out yet Rob?

Despite the weather, there was spectacular scenery and wonderful driving roads giving everyone a chance to relive the times when it was possible to drive without having to constantly swerve to avoid potholes. Even half-way up remote mountains the French seem capable of resurfacing their roads!

There was a welcome day off for all crews in Avignon but once again the heavens opened leaving them with no option but to eat and drink all day. I had warned them it was going to be tough.

A record entry of 26 cars set off from the Dolphin Inn on May 21st and nearly all got back there again on June 1st. The Vauxhall Cavalier of Ash Collins (Pickwick Inn), once again decided to extend its annual holiday in France and is currently making its way home on the back of a breakdown truck.

Sadly, several other competitors also had serious car problems which put them out of the running even though "Supermechanic" Jo Freeman managed to get most of them on the road again.

Jon Fish and Rob Squire set the pace from early on and were determined to pick up as many bonus points as possible by visiting towns and villages containing the word "PONT". By the finish they were a clear 100 points ahead of their nearest rivals, Bill Mears and Annie White in the Mini. Rounding off the successful local crews, John Cullen and Mark Gadsen came in 3rd in John's Triumph Stag.

Judging by the ones who are looking forward to the next tour, everyone seemed to have a great time. But after seven years, nearly 20,000 miles and many anxious moments it is time for me to stand down and hand over the organisation to someone younger with new ideas! I'm delighted to say that Phil and Joan Anderson are already working on next year's event.

My thanks to everyone who made these rallies so much fun with so many unforgettable experiences.

S.H.I.T.E lives on!!
Chris Denham











D-DAY CELEBRATIONS



6th June 2024 marked the 80th Anniversary of D-Day Celebrations and Kingston flew the flag of peace from the Church tower and later lit a beacon at Beacon Point. Thanks to everyone involved in yet another spectacular village event - it was lovely to see so many people sharing a gorgeous evening in such a stunning location, nice to see yachts anchored in the mouth of the Erme and the other beacons in the distance. The beacon was lit by Shoiya Walters, George and Daniel White.



MIDSUMMER PUB STROLL

On Sunday 23rd June, a large group of intrepid souls, both 2 and 4 legged, met up at the Fire Station and set off for the annual midsummer pub crawl. The weather was glorious, the walking good and the beers en route even better! *Thank you Merv for organising*.









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SHORT MAT BOWLS



The Kingston Short Mat Bowls Club

Normally meet every Monday & Friday

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

JULY 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.

Our **Plant and Produce Sale** was held below the church steps on a sunny Saturday, May 25th. It was a great success and enjoyed by all – gardeners, those wanting to buy a special cake for tea and others who just wanted to sit and have a chat while enjoying their bacon and egg butties! Enormous thanks to Vanessa for organising us all and for doing a sterling job on the raffle table. Thanks too to all the helpers on the day – too many to include and but you know who you were – THANK YOU! And of course, our thanks to all those who supported us by buying our plants, cakes, raffle tickets and food! *Your generous donations helped us to raise over £800!*



The **Revd. Oli Long's** Ordination to the priesthood took place at St Andrew's Church, Ashburton at 10:30 on Sunday June 23rd. Our very best wishes go to Oli and to his family as he begins this new chapter in his life's work among us. No longer Deacon after 23rd June's Ordination, Oli will still be our Curate, but, as an ordained priest, he will now also be able to officiate at Holy Communion services and weddings etc.

We are looking forward to our evening of **Bubbles** and Canapés in the Walker's garden at Westview on Sunday, July 6th. Tickets sold out immediately for this popular event but if you'd like to buy a raffle ticket for the Fortnum & Mason's Champagne and Chocolate basket, these will still be on sale (£1 a ticket) from Pauline – 810949.

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: www.modburyteam.org

DIARY FOR LATE JUNE AND JULY 2024

30th **June** - 9:30am Sunday Worship led by Joyce Howitt

7th July - Sunday Worship led by Joyce Howitt

14th July - 9:30am Sunday Worship led by Linda Dodwell

21st July - 11:00am Holy Communion led by Revd. Matt Rowland

28th July - 9:30am Sunday Worship led by Revd. Oli Long

FARMING FIT HELPING YOU BUILD A HEALTHY MIND III—II

Farming Fit is a relaxed and friendly environment based here in Kingston
Why not book into a session or contact us to come and see what we are all about!
We welcome all abilities and fitness levels

July Class Timetable

Monday

5pm- Farming Fit Cycle 5:45pm- HIIT 6:30pm- Starters Farming Fit 7:15pm- Farming Fit Cycle

Tuesday

6:30am- Farm Circuits

Wednesday

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

6pm-Exercise Rehab/Open Gym

Thursday

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

<u>Friday</u>

8am- Cycle HIIT 8:30am- Stretch and Chill 9am- Farming Fit Strength and Conditioning

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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:

| 1st July | Sally Denham | | 22nd July | Peter Dowling | |
|-----------|---------------------|--|-----------|---------------|--|
| 8th July | Lorraine Squire (Q) | | 29th July | Jon Wakeling | |
| 15th July | Colin Burton | | | | |

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 – 18th July 2024 in the Reading Room:

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

Dog Mess:

Regrettably, the amount of dog mess in 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.

SeaMoor Lotto:

SeaMoor Lotto is a fun way to help raise thousands of pounds for charities across the South Hams. Tickets are £1 in a weekly draw. You can choose exactly which cause you would like your money to go to and you will have the chance to win a cash prize of up to £25,000. More details at: www.seamoorlotto.co.uk

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) 810070 | Holly Rahder 07973 179395 |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Don Kelly 810358 | Joel Wakeling 07546 511578 | Sarah Banham 07773 787909 |
| Suzannah Grant 810013 | Lorraine (Q) Squire (Clerk) | |

READING ROOM UPDATE

Our plans for the Reading Room renovation continue to progress albeit at a slower speed than we would like, just because we are learning things as we go along.

We have been in touch with The National Lottery Heritage Funding who have given us good advice and guidance on how we should pursue our funding application and at what level.

We will keep you updated as we make progress but please bear with us, we are in for the long haul!

Thank you!

THE DOLPHIN INN

Thank you for the warm welcome to the village.

We will be doing food 6 days a week, Tuesday to Sunday, with Sunday Lunch Roasts by advanced bookings only. Friday nights we will be doing takeaway fish & chips. We will also do take away pizzas from 9.30pm until 11pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

We hope to see you all the Dolphin Inn soon!



Chris & Emma at the Dolphin Inn

A RIVERFULL OF STORIES by artist Laura Denning

A Riverfull of Stories collects anecdotes, memories and reflections from local residents within the River Erme catchment. This sound journey starts at the mouth of the river at Mothecombe, then meanders upstream through Holbeton, Kingston, Modbury, Ermington, Harford and onto the moor. A playful celebration of voices then leads into a cascade back down from the moor, visiting these communities once more before returning to the beach at Mothecombe. People of all ages have contributed. This project has been undertaken in collaboration with the River Erme Councils (the 6 town and Parish councils whose catchment includes the River Erme) and the South Devon River Champions.

Scan the QR code to listen...

For more information visit https://lauradenning.com/intra-actions/

POLECATS ANYONE?

Walking back up from the beach and close to the Lonesome Pine (sorry Viv, 'Headless') in early June, I heard an extraordinary screechy snarling noise, not one I'd heard before. The two dogs with me stopped in their tracks, had a glimpse of the teeth attached to the noise, and backed off.

Weasels? Stoats? Ferret? No, a pair of young polecats, play fighting - at least I think it was play - in the middle of the lane. They were so close and completely unfazed by the human being and canine companions. Eventually they scampered off into the hedgerow.

I Googled them when I got home to make sure I wasn't mistaken, and there was no doubt about their identity.

The Mammal Society confirmed their tricolour faces, brown and cream with a bandit-like mask of black round the eyes. Their ears are small and rounded. Usually born in May or early June, they stay with their mothers for 2-3 months, reaching adulthood by the autumn.

Polecats are described as aggressive and territorial, living on rabbits, which constitute about 85% of their diet, other small mammals, rats, amphibians, birds and earthworms. At the start of the 20th century they were an endangered species, but they have been making a comeback.

Whether this is a good or bad thing depends on your point of view, but it made for an exciting interlude on a mid-morning walk.

Anyone else seen any? Or anything else of interest in Kingston and the surrounding countryside?

Sally Denham (Wild About Kingston/WAK group)





Why your hearing is important

Did you know that about 35 per cent of adults in UK say that they have had concerns about their hearing, but more than half have done nothing about it? Hearing loss is a natural part of ageing. If deafness is not detected and corrected with hearing aids, you are 50% more likely to develop mild cognitive impairment - a condition that may lead to dementia. It isn't yet clear why this happens.

The good news is that this slightly alarming increased risk is avoidable. People who get their hearing tested and then wear hearing aids (if they need them) do not have an increased risk of developing dementia.

The Royal National Institute for Deaf people is now recommending that adults have a hearing check when they reach 40 and repeat the test every three years. They (RNID) offer a free online hearing check on their website -

https://rnid.org.uk/information-and-support/take-online-hearing-check/

Alternatively, you can have a free hearing check at the 'RNID Near You' hub in the Beacon Room, The Watermark, Leonards Road, Ivybridge PL21 OSZ on the second Thursday of the month between 3.30pm and 4pm. We are working closely with the RNID to promote early hearing checks and to recruit volunteers so that people can have a hearing test near their home. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Claire on 07540206312 or email us at: info@dementiayealm.org

Our popular weekly **Gentle Exercise Classes** led by Registered Physiotherapists at Yealmpton Methodist Church every **Tuesday** morning from 10.00am-11.00am and 11.15am-12.15pm. There is a charge of £5.00. Free taster session.

Our weekly **Walking Group** led by qualified walk leaders meets in the car park at the end of Barton Close in Wembury meets every **Wednesday** at 10.30am. Join us for a gentle walk from different locations including Wembury and Saltram followed by refreshments.

Come to **Listen and Laugh** to favourite stories and poems - a time to enjoy and relax on **Thursday** mornings from 10.30-12.00noon at the Parish Rooms in Bakery Square, Yealmpton with coffee and biscuits. There is a charge of £2.00.

Follow us on Facebook. Support us using the 'Just Giving' button on our website www.dementiayealm.org and SeaMoor Lotto https://www.seamoorlotto.co.uk/supportdementia-friendly-parishes-around-the-yealm

"We can't change the person living with dementia, but we can change the experience they have in their community".

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JULY - KINGSTON READING ROOM BOOKINGS

| July 2024 | | | | Mo Tu We Th Fr 1 2 3 4 5 8 9 10 11 12 15 18 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 26 28 30 31 | Sa Su Mo Tu 6 7 5 6 13 14 5 6 20 21 12 13 27 28 19 20 26 27 28 | August 2024 We Th Fr Sa Su 1 2 3 4 7 8 9 10 11 14 15 18 17 18 21 22 23 24 25 28 29 30 31 |
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| 1 Jul 1 09:30 Caretaker cleaning 18:00 -9:30pm Bowls club | 2 09:00 -12:30 Morning Market 18:30 - 10pm RRC meeting | 3 18:30 -2200 band practice | General Election day - Unknown | 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 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 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: JULY AND AUGUST 2024

| | Aveton Gifford 11.00 am | Bigbury 11.00 am | Kingston 9.30 am | Modbury 9.30 am | Ringmore 9.30 am |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|--|---------------------|
| July 7th | Sunday Worship | Village Service | Sunday Worship | Communion | Village Service |
| July 14th | Sunday Worship | Communion | Sunday Worship Communion (8 am) (BCP) All Age Worship | | Sunday Worship |
| July 21st | Sunday Worship | Sunday Worship | Communion (11 am) | Communion | Sunday Worship |
| July 28th | Communion | Sunday Worship | Sunday Worship | Sunday Worship | Communion |
| August 4th | Sunday Worship | Communion | Communion | Communion | Communion |
| August 11th | Sunday Worship | Communion | Village Service | Communion (8 am) (BCP) All Age Worship | Sunday Worship |
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| August 25th | Communion | Sunday Worship | Sunday Worship | Sunday Worship | Communion |

A QUESTION OF TRUST

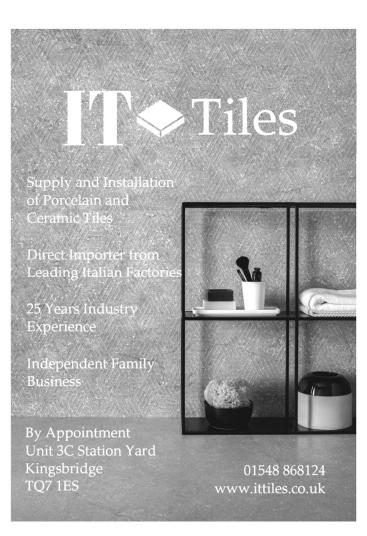
The General Election lumbering into the centre of 2024 has caused many of us to consider on what grounds we vote for our candidate and party, or even whether we vote at all! Perhaps it is the hot button concerns that we are told are important - the economy, housing, education, families, immigration, the environment, healthcare or anything else.

Whichever topic is your chief concern, one thing the scriptures warn against is putting all our trust in human powers (Psalm 146:3). Whichever your party, they may be strong in one area of policy but weak in another. Whoever your candidate is, they may be charismatic and winsome publicly, but may be compromised behind closed doors. At some point, they will inevitably demonstrate that they do not have the impeccability and full wisdom we so crave from our leaders.

Therefore, those with faith in Christ are charged to pray for our politicians that they may govern wisely and justly as far as they are able under the Lord God (1 Timothy 2:1-3). But if you do not have this faith, then you are invited to be reassured that a perfect King, Jesus Christ, is wanting to welcome you, trusting him to rule with full integrity, mercy and justice. Why not come along to one of the local church services to find out more?

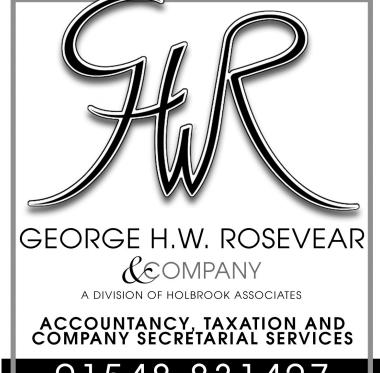
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