

THE Kingston News

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Film Club Risk

The local film club that shows films for members has been run by Keith and Pat Gibson but they are handing over the projector as they retire.

Unless a new volunteer accepts the task we will lose this local club - are you keen to keep the show alive?



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Can you fit it in

Kingston Parish Hall is a centre for all types of sport, activity and fitness, whether Pilates, Yoga, Ballet, Zumba or Rock and Roll. Make a date with The Parish Hall - it is definitely alive and kicking!

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Back to Black

A return to 'normal' for our newsletter the Kingston News this month as we return to Black and White copy - phew!

Hobbies Fair & Village Fete

The new Hobbies Fair will open its doors on 21st April 1pm-4pm. Make sure you head over and see what your neighbours do in their spare time.

And make sure you put 23rd June in your diaries as that is the date for the Annual Village Fete

Check them out on pages 8 & 10

Developer Fear

The Kingston News received a letter this month from a concerned neighbour who was worried about local development. The person then retracted their letter for fear of retribution. We will not identify the person, the developer or the location, but this is exactly the reason for the "What's the Plan" feature, so that ALL residents take note of ALL development in Kingston, not just the one that is in your back yard.



The Kingston News remains impartial but encourages the residents of Kingston to review "What's the Plan" regularly and be active in supporting or challenging proposed development in our village.

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Henry and the Wives

An eventful meeting for the WI when a king visited and told tales of his life and love. Read about what went on in their report this month.

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Economy Worms

Worms as slow as snails - or are they? An in-depth look at our local reptiles that can live to a surprisingly ripe old age if they can escape the cats.

... Slither over to page 3 ...

Deadline for submissions for the May issue is 15th April

Unfortunately anything received after that cannot be accepted

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The Editor's Bit

Sorry about the delay - still getting over the work from the 300th issue. A smaller 16 page issue this month - phew! Enjoy the April edition - no jokes!

The Kingsy

Planning Changes

Changes to planning publication ...

All Planning Applications received from 1st April 2012 that are within the National Park (SDNPA) - Kingston - will be available to view online at ...



www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning
(rather than at www.lewes.gov.uk/planning page)

... And will of course be published here, in the Kingston News, too.

Village Film Club

Interested in taking over the show?

Demise of the Village Film Club?

It is sad to hear that Keith & Pat Gibson have retired from running the Village film nights after several years of sterling service (the last film was on 30th March). They have provided us with many enjoyable evenings without any financial reward to themselves. Our very grateful thanks to them.

Let's hope that somebody else will be able to come forward to take it over - if you are interested, please contact Keith or Pat (471193) who will show you "the ropes".

Brian Simmons

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Lionel Ward

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Wildlife in Kingston

The worm that isn't

Britain has far fewer reptiles than most countries in mainland Europe. We have just six here - three lizards and three snakes. This is only partly because of the climate: after the last Ice Age, wildlife of all sorts had only a relatively short time to re-colonise before the waters rose and cut us off from the continent. Most birds could make the crossing easily enough but the progress north of other forms of life was either slowed or prevented altogether.

Two of our reptiles - the smooth snake and the sand lizard - are quite scarce and confined to only a few parts of the country. Three of the other four - adder, grass snake and common lizard - are still widely distributed, though probably declining in numbers. The slow-worm is found all over the UK but is more common in the south and is the most likely reptile to be seen in Kingston gardens. We used to have them at 3 Bramleys but the blood-lust of our cat seems, sadly, to have accounted for them all. This is a great pity as slow-worms eat considerable numbers of slugs, especially the small species which devour tender plants. They will also take snails and other invertebrates that come their way, as long as their intended victims don't move too fast: the second part of their name is wholly misleading, the first is less so, although slow-worms are not exactly slouches. Slow-worms vary in size but are generally around 30cm (12 inches or thereabouts) long. They are very smooth to the touch and glide easily out of your hands. They are generally pale to dark brown but can be reddish or grey. Occasionally, some males have bright blue spots on the back. (I remember being quite startled to find one coloured like this when I lived in Peterborough.) Like other UK reptiles, slow-worms can only survive the cold by hibernating, often under ground but sometimes merely concealed in a hollow beneath a stone or log. They emerge as soon as the weather is sufficiently warm and we were lucky enough to see several at Abbot's Wood near Arlington on 12 March this year, when the sun also brought out many brimstone butterflies. Perhaps more usually, slow-worms start to get active in April and they may mate from this month through to June. Slow-worm eggs hatch within the body of the female and when the young are born - there are sometimes a dozen or more of them - they are immediately independent. They are active during the day but avoid strong sunlight.

Slow-worms are surprisingly long-lived creatures. They do not reach even sexual maturity until they are four or five (less than this in the case of males) and one in captivity lived an astonishing 54 years. No slow-worm in the wild could expect to last as long as this, however, faced with a host of predators including hedgehogs, foxes, badgers and rats. Young slow-worms can even fall victim to frogs and toads. If you're lucky enough still to have slow-worms in your garden, do let me know.

Steve Berry - 3 Bramleys, 487743 - stefalik@hotmail.co.uk

Kingston - Lewes track go ahead

Multi-user off road track close to reality

Villagers may remember a questionnaire in 2009 regarding a multi-user off-road track between Kingston and Lewes. The survey indicated considerable support for the proposal and over the last three years this has been taken forward by a small group, initially under the auspices of the Village Plan Steering Group. Latterly this group has been augmented by representatives of the Kingston Road and Cranedown Committee and Sustrans (the national organisation which champions the establishment of traffic-free cycle routes). Recently, on 8th March, Norman Baker in his role as junior transport minister made a press

announcement in the Sussex Express that he had given the "go-ahead" to the proposal with funding from the Government's Sustainable Transport Fund. The details of this are on his website www.normanbaker.org.uk and also on the Department for Transport's website. The latter site shows funding will be made up of £150,000 from the DoT matched with £100,000 from elsewhere.

This is indeed encouraging news for the proposed track which we understand has to be completed within one year and has the enthusiastic support of landowner Tom Carr. A map of the route was published in the recent Village Plan report and will be on the village website (www.kingstonvillage.org). An important feature will be a safe (engineered) crossing of the C7 near Tom's farm entrance which will be the subject of an ESCC safety audit.

Barrie Lambert



School Report

This month headmaster Mr Dobell tells us about the outdoor activities at our Iford and Kingston CofE School

I've written before about the value of first-hand experience and learning outside the classroom. It's something that we take very seriously at the school and recently, led by Mr Bradshaw, we've put a lot of effort into developing the school grounds so as to provide further learning opportunities. Sometimes though, there are experiences that simply can't be offered in the school and we have to look to more specialist centres to provide opportunities for the children.



Our Year 5 and Year 6 children are currently away at Osmington Bay in Dorset, an outdoor activity centre that provides a variety of things the school can't possibly offer. Activities undertaken in previous years include abseiling, orienteering, use

of a zip wire and climbing activities using a climbing wall and ropes, team games, archery and many more too numerous to list (or perhaps for me to remember off the top of my head). We alternate this trip with another to a site in Somerset which specialises in water sports and where the children have the opportunity to canoe and to build and sail rafts down a river.

Whilst the activities themselves are great fun and offer a variety of physical, emotional and intellectual challenges, one of the main benefits of the trips is the tremendous team-building opportunities they offer. Many of the activities are specifically designed to develop these skills but, even when they aren't the main focus, the need to work together and the experience of eating, sleeping and living so closely together for five days has untold benefits for children and staff. With my own

daughter having recently returned from her first extended trip with school, I know from a parent's perspective, as well as from that of a teacher, how valuable and influential, not to mention downright enjoyable, they are.

The children of the school are invariably a credit to us on these trips and I have no doubt that the current cohorts will return garlanded with praise from their teachers and the staff of the centre. A word of thanks must also, of course, go to the teachers and support staff who accompany the children, two of whom have left behind very young children of their own to make the trip possible.

Andrew Dobell
Headmaster

What's the Plan?

Applications received for Kingston village over the past few weeks



Week Ending 23rd March 2012

LW/12/0328/NP

Spring Barn Farm Kingston Road

Local Authority Application (Reg 3)

- Section 73A Retrospective application for retention of a signboard for South Downs National Park Authority

Week Ending 16th March 2012

LW/12/0315/NP

9 Cordons

Planning Application - Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor side extension for Mr C White

Week Ending 9th March 2012 - No applications

Week Ending 2nd March 2012 - No applications

Week Ending 24th February 2012

LW/12/0188/NP

Jake's Acres Wellgreen Lane

Prior Approval Application - Installation of 8m wooden telephone pole for Openreach

LW/12/0202/NP

20 Lockitt Way

Planning Application - Erection of a first floor extension above garage for Mr & Mrs Giles

Further details can be found at
www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/778.asp
& www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning



The Juggs with Dot & Terry

Happy Easter from all at The Juggs!

What will YOU be doing Easter Bank Holiday Weekend? Whatever you decide don't forget that here at The Juggs we will be serving food ALL DAY on Good Friday, 6th April, Saturday 7th, Easter Sunday 8th and Easter Monday 9th. So come along and join us for a delicious meal, or perhaps a drink or two.

For those of you who haven't yet joined our Birthday Club (believe it or not, we have more than 10,000 Juggs members!), may we explain how it works.

You fill out a form with your name, address, email address (only if you wish) and your date of birth - you don't have to give the year, so you can also stay 21 forever! A few weeks before your birthday you will receive either a letter or email from us, inviting you for a complimentary meal. All you have to do is to order two main course dishes, and the cheaper of the two dishes is completely free! There is no catch and we don't inundate you with junk mail. Just bring your letter/voucher into the pub, order any two main meals from either our printed menu or from our Specials chalkboard - and enjoy!

We had a better response to last month's competition than ever before - perhaps our Reg is more famous than we realised! Yes, the answer of course if that ye olde pub dog is called Reg, and the winner is Hannah Williams. Well done - your £25 voucher awaits you. And finally, this month's competition - what is the name of our external drinking/dining area? Answers by email please, by 20th April, to juggs@shepherd-neame.co.uk Have a wonderful Easter!

Dot and Terry



The Gala Tudor Evening with Henry VIII was held on 1st March in the Parish Hall that had been arranged with an avenue of small tables for the 41 ladies.

The evening began with a choice of ale or cider. The Committee had been busy preparing an assortment of delicacies: 'horse' bread and cheese, ginger fudge and 'jumbles', clementines and wine, each offered during the Business of the Meeting and during the choir's performance that was accompanied on lute by Jill Segerman.

'Henry VIII' then took charge of the gathering with his interactive banter. Tony Harris, an actor of some years of experience as the 'Tudor Monarch' at Hampton Court, and more recently at Warwick Castle, certainly looked the part. His entertaining delivery, and also his answers to questions, showed an encyclopedic knowledge of the King - partial to a portion of porpoise and the first monarch to be addressed as 'Your Majesty' - and his wives and times. One duty, as Henry VIII, was to give the answers to the Tudor

Food Quick Quiz that had been prepared by Anna Phillips; his last duty was to select the winners in the evening's competition from the 23 sported headdresses. The three that caught his eye were worn by Beverley Wakeford-Brown in 3rd place, Peggy Nicholson in 2nd place and Marion Fuller in 1st place, whose Spanish headdress evoked Catherine of Aragon.

To close the evening, 'Henry VIII' - stripped of his costume and beard - returned as Tony Harris. He talked about his experiences as an actor, and of those as Henry VIII during the tourist season!

The next meeting will be on 5th April when John Schofield will give a talk called 'The Magical Victorians'. The subject of the competition will be Magic.

Joyce Taylor





Kingston Parish Council



Over the past few weeks, a few pieces of information have been passed on to the Kingston Parish Council which we feel would be of interest to the villagers.

- On the 1st November police forces throughout England and Wales switched from their various non-emergency contact numbers to 101. Sussex Police have been preparing for months for the switch-over and have been live testing the 101 number since July 2011 in order to monitor how well the technology works. Calls to the 101 non-emergency number will cost 15 pence for the entire call, no matter how long the call or what time of day it is. This applies to both landlines and mobile phones. In an emergency, callers should still dial 999, which is free. Those members of the public with impaired hearing or speech can still use the textphone - 18001 101.
- If you are elderly, infirm or disabled and do not have any family members or friends who can help you to put out your rubbish, you can apply for an assisted collection. This means collection staff will be able to collect your waste from a location at your property that is more suitable for your situation, as normally your rubbish must be placed at the front boundary of your property for collection. You can arrange an assisted waste collection by contacting us. One of our officers will then come to your property, assess your needs and, if you qualify, we would agree a collection place for your rubbish. Telephone: 01273 484999.
- We are getting plans together for a village event on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th June for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Ideas proposed so far include a DIY barbecue, sporting events, music, possibly a tea party and activities for younger children such as face painting, a display of old photos of Kingston and a beacon. We are still seeking volunteers to help make this event a success - please contact the clerk on clerk@kingston-lewes-pc.gov.uk
- The following are the dates and venues for future Kingston Parish Council meetings. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

- Annual Parish Meeting in the Kingston Parish Hall – Friday April 20th 2012 at 7:30pm.

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Kingston Parish Council in the Kingston Pavilion - Monday 14th May 2012 at 7pm.

Nancy Manifold for
Kingston Parish Council



Kingston Community Pavilion Committee



At our meeting in March we continued work on the emergency/accident procedure, plus followed up on various action points from previous meetings. We are getting quotes for steel caging to put around the boiler and electrical controls in the large storeroom, which will then mean that all users can access equipment stored in there. Hopefully all the cleaning equipment can be moved there so that ladies and disabled visitors won't feel that they are in the cleaner's cupboard when they visit the loo! We are continuing to investigate sheep-wool baffles as well as collages for acoustic improvements.

The capacity of the Pavilion has been a rather contentious issue recently with the currently stated

limits being challenged. The committee and the Clerk of the Parish Council have been reviewing all the old documentation to find the source of the limits, which we believed were related to the licence or insurance. The main room was originally designed and then furnished to hold 25 people seated or 35 standing, and larger groups were to be referred to the Parish Hall.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th April at 7.30pm at the Pavilion.

Beverley Wakeford-Brown
Joint Chair
Beverley@wakeford-brown.com



Spring Barn Farm with Tom, Mike & Louise

A busy start to Spring down on the farm as lambing season is now well underway! At the time of writing this, Tom had already had about 250 lambs - only another 400 to go!! Lots of help from his boys Harry and Ted, who are great at spotting any newborns in the field that need to be brought in (although lamb number 33 ended up as number 333 - Ted was still getting a handle on the spray can at that point!). The quads we mentioned in our last column have arrived, all safe and sound with Mum in the barn, and are already stealing the limelight with our visitors! By the time this goes to print we may also be bottle feeding in the farm park - there are usually some orphans along the way who need a bit of help! The lambing barn is now open and Head of animal care Ben is on hand for the new sheep talk.

It's not just all go in the farm - things are busy in the kitchen too. Head chef Ian has been working on the new Summer Menu. This will be in full swing by the time this goes to print, and full of fantastic new lunches! A special mention for our chefs and kitchen team for putting on a fantastic Mother's Day lunch, a busy day, and a first for Spring Barn Farm with a set three-course menu. Thank you to all our visitors - the food went down a storm - and it's definitely something we will be doing more of in the future - watch this space!!

Our sun terrace is now open, and we have a newly fitted gate so that you can access it from the front of the shop. This means that we can now allow (well-behaved) dogs to sit with you on the terrace as they no longer have to walk through the shop. A perfect excuse to drop by for a Sussex cream tea!



Work is still ongoing in the inside barn, and we can reveal (drum roll please!) that it will include a 3 lane wave slide, a drop slide, the SBF young 'tractor driver's challenge', and a fantastic new Under 5s play area. Great for all weather, we hope you will enjoy the improvements!

We are all looking forward to Easter - fingers crossed for good weather - and have lots of exciting things planned for the holidays as ever. Throughout the holi-

days we will have the bunny trail around the farm, 'spot the Easter bunnies' for a treat at the end! Join us from Good Friday to Easter Monday for everybody's favourite - the Spring Barn Easter hunt! Collect an egg box at the entrance and follow the instructions.... a chocolaty Easter treat for all our young hunters! Then on Wednesday 11th April local author Jill Mercer will be doing a reading of her fantastic children's book, *Trafalgar Pigeon*. Our usual 'meet the animals', 'meet the lambs', and tractor trailer rides (weather permitting) will all of course be running too!

See you soon
Tom, Mike and Louise





Your Parish Church this Easter

Sure as eggs is eggs

No faith, a little faith, another faith? – Come and hear the central story of the Christian faith in your parish church - A faith which has shaped society for over 2000 years.

Palm Sunday 1st April

9.45am FAMILY SERVICE followed by refreshments

Palm crosses available at both services
8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Maunday Thursday 5th April

7.30pm The Last Supper of our Lord
– Holy Communion
Sermon - “Christ in bread and wine?”

Good Friday 6th April

11.00am Meditation on the Cross

Sermon- “Christ died for all...for me?”
followed by a simple lunch in Kingston Village Hall
–it’s free, but donations to “Caring and Sharing”
who help some of the world’s poorest people

Easter Day 8th April

9.45am FAMILY COMMUNION

Sermon - “If Christ is not Risen ?”

For more information contact

Revd Geoff Daw
The Rectory, 14 Lockitt Way - 01273 473665

Booked Summer Hols Yet?

Bembridge Tow
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Good Friday Lunch

6th April starting 12 noon - Kingston Parish Hall

This simple lunch of soup, rolls and cheese will be held at noon, immediately following the Good Friday Service in Church.



Entry is free, but donations please at the lunch to “Caring & Sharing”, a charity which raises money for projects in poorer countries throughout the world.

Brian Simmons

Actions & Hobbies Fair

Saturday 21st April 1pm - 4pm
In Kingston Parish Hall

Various types of Kingston activities and hobbies will be displayed at this exciting new event. There will be stalls demonstrating arts & crafts (the Kingston Art & Craft Group), cigarette cards, computer support, hand crafted jewellery & turned wooden bowls, local produce/Kingston online Village Shop, painting & photographic prints, philately(stamps), photography, quilting/patchwork projects, silver-smithing and Kingston WI activities. There will also be face painting for children and refreshments (tea, coffee & cakes) for all.

In addition, during the course of the afternoon, there will be demonstrations of Table Tennis and Zumba fitness & Zumba Gold (table tennis 1-2pm & 2.20-3pm and Zumba 2-2.20pm & 3-3.20pm).

It is planned to restart the Kingston table tennis club provided a new committee can be formed and the afternoon will provide an opportunity for all those interested in playing to watch and have a knock-up; new members and committee members will be very welcome. Zumba sessions are held in the Parish Hall on Monday evenings and Helen Ford (licensed instructor of Zumba and Zumba Gold) will be delighted to welcome new recruits at the Fair – come along, join in and sign up!

Entry to the Fair will cost just £1 at the door (children free) and you will be able to browse and watch for as long as you wish during the afternoon. A free programme, incorporating a children’s colouring competition, will be provided on entry.



Net proceeds from the Fair will be for Kingston Church.

Brian Simmons

Skittles

Sat 19th May 6pm - St Pancras Green

This will be a Skittles Competition open to all. Tickets at £5 each (£2 for children) will include entry to the competition and a small plate of a roll, cheese, pâté, etc.

There will also be a cash bar in the Pavilion, with free squash for the children.

Tickets available from the middle of April by calling Brenda Neller (472720) or Brian Simmons (474303).

Details of the competition will be announced in the May edition of the Kingston News. Everybody of all ages very welcome. Net proceeds to Kingston Church.

Brian Simmons

Help at Home

Looking for a Home Help

We are a family living in the village and are looking for somebody to help us around the house and with our young children from the beginning of June for a couple of months.

Hours and pay negotiable.

Call Charlotte on 01273 474097 / 07970 186805.

Charlotte Beeson

Dear Editor,

Responses to "Read All About It" questions

Firstly, congratulations on the 300th edition of the Kingston News. I thought it splendid. You asked questions in your 'Read All About It - Kingston News' to which I can answer one or two. I well remember when John Webber created the first newsletter. I was his Deputy Head Teacher at Iford and Kingston school at the time, and he discussed his ideas with the staff. The BAGA gym awards were introduced to the school circa 1973 and I was the trainer, being responsible for P.E. at the school. The awards ranged from Level 4 up to 1, but we only did the first three. One of my sons still has his Level 2 signed by me! By the time the children you mention gained their awards, Steve Mackenzie had taken over as trainer, but I remember all the pupils mentioned. I don't know if they're still doing cartwheels but I do know that Helen Woolnough does Yoga beside me each Tuesday!

As far as Richard Steel's collection of skulls is concerned - I have contacted his mother, Sara, who says he still is collecting them with his family now contributing. You may also be interested to know that in 1980, at the age of 16, he wrote a book on the subject which was produced by Heinemann both in hardback and paperback and had a Foreword written by David Bellamy. It received The Times Information Book Award of the Year. Three TV programmes and two colour supplements were also produced about it. I have a signed copy! Finally, I was aware that parts of the village were known as Red Square, but I seriously doubt whether St. Pancras Green was included in that definition! Hope some of this may be of interest.

Beryl Burrell

Synergy Theatre

Wednesday 11 April - Saturday 14 April
7.30pm each evening in Parish Hall

A Double Bill of short Plays:

Her Big Chance from Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* (featuring Louisa Adams, a Kingston actress) we meet Leslie, a would be film star ...

Suzannah, by Jon Fosse, is the story of Mrs Henrik Ibsen.

The Synergy Theatre was last seen in Kingston a year ago, with the *Boston Marriage*.

Tickets at £5 each are available from
- Brian Simmons (474303) or
- the box office on 01273 301444

More information can be found at
www.thesynergytheatre.co.uk

Charlotte Tayler



Letters Page

KINGSTON PARISH HALL

ZUMBA

fitness

Ditch the workout: Join the party!

First session is FREE

Basic Zumba: Monday 7 - 8pm
£5 per session, or £40 for 10 sessions

NEW: Starting on 5th March

Zumba Gold (low intensity): Mon 6 - 6:45pm
£4 per session, or £30 for 10 sessions

Tel Helen: 515114 or 07919 406917

Email: HelenFordZumba@hotmail.co.uk



at KINGSTON PARISH HALL

Quiz Night

**Fri 27th April - Kingston Parish Hall
Doors Open 7.30pm for 8pm start**

This Quiz Night is being organised by the Pre-School Committee. The Quiz Master will be Simon Brook.

Tickets at £5 each, to include locally sourced sausage baguettes, are available from Keith Gibson (471193), Brian Simmons (474303) or the Pre-School (486060).

There will be a cash bar (including Harvey's beer, wine & soft drinks) and a raffle with star prizes. Teams of six or eight; either get a team together beforehand or join up with others on the night. All very welcome.

Net proceeds to Kingston Pre-School.

Brian Simmons

at KINGSTON PARISH HALL

New Booking Secretary

After 10 years Caroline Fry has stood down as the P. Hall booking secretary

I'm sure everyone who had cause to use the hall during that time will join with the Parish Hall Committee in saying a huge thank you to her for doing what at times can be a thankless task.

Jean Lawrence has kindly agreed to take on the role, with immediate effect, and she can be contacted on 07850 462724.

This is probably a good opportunity to remind everyone that the job of Booking Secretary, like most other roles undertaken on various village committees, is an unpaid voluntary one and while Jean will do her best to respond to all enquiries promptly, there will obviously be occasions when her real life takes precedence.

It is hoped to put the booking diary on-line in the very near future but in the meantime we ask for your patience and understanding.

Many thanks.

**Elaine Pumphrey
Secretary**

Village Fete

Put Saturday 23rd June in your diaries

This year's fete will be on Saturday 23rd June: more details will follow in the next 'News' but put the date in your diaries now and come along and help us raise some funds for the Parish Hall. As usual all offers of help will be welcomed.

Please contact :

Elaine Pumphrey 486969
or Cliff Parrott 472436

Elaine Pumphrey

KINGSTON PARISH HALL

Wreckless Eric / Amy Rigby

Kingston Village Hall
Saturday 2nd June 2012
7:30 - 11:30 pm



**Tickets £8 in advance
(includes free complimentary drink)**

From Edward Gay - Telephone - 07538455862
Or from 16 St. Pancras Green

Bring a bottle !

Pilates on Sundays at Kingston Parish Hall with Tabitha Tarran starting 15th April

This course will run for 4 weeks Sundays 10.45-11.45 and is suitable for all ages and abilities. The cost is £30.

Tabitha is a Chartered Physiotherapist with over a decade of teaching experience so if you have any long term injuries please do not hesitate to contact her to discuss your participation.

We will be learning the basic principles of the Pilates method and exploring simple exercises. The course is open to both men and women.

For more information please contact me at :

- www.tabithahealth.co.uk
- 07903877988
- tabithatarran@googlemail.com

at **KINGSTON PARISH HALL**

Further Tales from Nan

After her introduction last month in Spotlight on Your Street Mrs Kemp has sent us another email where she shares a creepy story of old Kingston



Well, hallo my dear,

As I was feeling a bit irritable tonight - there is a beetle which keeps scuttling about in my skull, and annoying me so, I thought I would distract myself with a distant memory, the tale of another, and as you had shown a small interest in my tale, I thought you might like to hear another. The story of Tom and his old grey goose.

When I was alive there was a man in the village, a simple soul, kindly, but simple. I knew him simply as Tom, most others called him Fool. Tom had a pet; more than just a pet I should say, a friend and cobble piece family. He lived simply, begged alms, helped in the fields, and he was always accompanied by his friend, the old grey goose. Tom loved being up on the hill, often time spending all day near the dew pond, watching his friend foraging for titbits, and swimming around on the muddy water. Tom had a small tin whistle which he always carried, tied around his wrist on a plait of his dead mother's hair.

With this whistle he would call his friend, and the old grey goose would come honking. Now in our day, the Downs, whilst being a place of great beauty, was also a dangerous place to be. Many a stout shepherd and fisher-wife who went about their business on our hill, met a bloody end. Thieves, smugglers and dark hellish forces slipped and scuttled their foul ways across the Downs' broad back, both night and day ... but mainly at night.

As Tom lay peacefully on the bank of the dew pond one dusky twilight, he was just putting his whistle to his mouth to call the old grey goose, when he heard voices. Being as inquisitive as a woodpecker Tom sat up and saw the silhouettes of two men and a donkey, making their way towards Kingston. The donkey had several large packs slung over its back, and was obviously in distress for they were very heavy. The donkey stalled, then toppled, blowing loudly. The men started cursing the feeble animal and, when this had no effect, they began

kicking and beating it. Now, Tom being a kind, simple soul thought this most unfair. He got up, trotted over and remonstrated with these heated, ranting fellows. This was unwise, for they were men of low morals, foul of temper, and smugglers t'boot. They were also known to Tom, as they lived in the village. Brandy, which was the alcohol of smuggling choice at the time, was worth a pretty penny. As the donkey fell, many of the bottles were crushed. The liquor flowed.

The smugglers, making their way from Brighton, were on their way home to secrete their hot load. Beehives are not just home to bees, not if you happen to be a smuggler. Now, not wanting to be compromised, or truth be told berated by Tom, the two smugglers turned their attentions to him. They bludgeoned him soundly, and with each blow they added a snarling "Fool" to injury. Tom grabbed at his nearest most ferocious attacker, and found round his neck a small lucky charm, in the shape of a gnarled hand. A unique thing indeed.

It became entangled with his whistle and his mother's hair proved stronger than the thin chain the charm was attached to. With a final "Fool". Tom was dead. The smugglers found flints to weigh him down, filled his pockets and dragged his body to the dew pond. The old grey goose saw the men, dragging Tom into the water and attacked. Hissing and hissing, it beat and pecked at the men, as Tom's body slowly disappeared into the muddy water. The smugglers beat a hasty retreat, for geese can be quite irascible. The men dragged the donkey to its feet and disappeared into the night. The old grey goose returned to the dew pond and mourned. Tom was soon missed, the old grey goose was missed. The villagers searched but Tom was gone.

The brandy was drunk, and yet another died. One of the smugglers, whom I shall not give a name to, had the decency to drink himself to death. The sound of Thud, "Fool", Thud, "Fool" ringing in his ears, driving thought and sanity from his mind. The brandy made the other a rich man. Rich, fat, avaricious, and a bridging beam of the community. His name? Josiah Tuppen. He wanted for little, had a warm fire every night, a soft bed, enough food to feed a village, and always plenty of honey. The one thing he did not have, however, and the thing he wanted back, was his little lucky charm in the shape of a gnarled hand. He felt uneasy about its disappearance, and whenever he thought about it, strangely cold, as if grasped by the hands of the dead.

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A quick reference page of the events that are coming up in the weeks ahead.
If you have any to add please email editor@kingston-news.co.uk (by 15th of the previous month).

Sunday 1st

Holy Communion - 8am - St Pancras Church
Palm Sunday - 9.45am - Family Service - St P Church
Football Match - 10am-2pm - Pavilion / St P Green

Monday 2nd

Mothers & Toddlers - 1pm-3pm - Pavilion
Zumba Gold - 6pm - 6.45pm - Parish Hall
Prayer - 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Basic Zumba - 7pm-8pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday 3rd

Coffee AM & Home Grown Exchange 10-12 - Pavilion
Pilates - 2pm - Parish Hall
Yoga (mixed ability) - 7.30pm-8.45pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday 4th

Ballet & Tap (3 classes) - 3.50pm-6.15pm - Parish Hall
Prayer - 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Bridge - 7.30pm - Parish Hall
Pavilion Committee Meeting - 7.30pm - Pavilion

Thursday 5th - Maunday Thursday

Maunday Thursday - 7.30pm - Holy Communion
WI Meeting - 'Magical Victorians' - 7.30pm - Parish Hall

Friday 6th - Good Friday

Good Friday - Meditation on the cross - St P Church
Good Friday Lunch - 12 Noon - Parish Hall

Saturday 7th

Football Training - 9.30am-12.30 - Pavilion / St P Green

Sunday 8th - Easter Day

Easter Day - 9.45am - Family Service - St P Church
Football Match - 10am-2pm - Pavilion / St P Green

Tuesday 10th

Coffee AM & Home Grown Exchange 10-12 - Pavilion
Pilates - 2pm - Parish Hall
Yoga (mixed ability) - 7.30pm-8.45pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday 11th

Ballet & Tap (3 classes) - 3.50pm-6.15pm - Parish Hall
Prayer - 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Bridge - 7.30pm - Parish Hall
Synergy Theatre - Double Bill - 7.30pm - Parish Hall

Thursday 12th

Synergy Theatre - Double Bill - 7.30pm - Parish Hall

Friday 13th

Art & Craft Club - 9.30am-12noon - Pavilion
Prayer - 9.30am & 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Synergy Theatre - Double Bill - 7.30pm - Parish Hall

Saturday 14th

Football Training - 9.30am-12.30 - Pavilion / St P Green
Synergy Theatre - Double Bill - 7.30pm - Parish Hall

Sunday 15th - Kingston News Submission Deadline

Football Match - 10am-2pm - Pavilion / St P Green
Pilates - 10.45am-11.45am - Parish Hall

Monday 16th

Mothers & Toddlers - 1pm-3pm - Pavilion
Zumba Gold - 6pm-6.45pm - Parish Hall
Prayer - 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Basic Zumba - 7pm-8pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday 17th

Coffee AM & Home Grown Exchange 10-12 - Pavilion
Pilates - 2pm - Parish Hall
Yoga (mixed ability) - 7.30pm-8.45pm - Parish Hall

Wed 18th

Ballet & Tap (3 classes) - 3.50pm-6.15pm - Parish Hall
Prayer - 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Bridge - 7.30pm - Parish Hall

Friday 20th - Deadline for The Juggs Competition

Annual Parish Meeting - 7.30pm - Parish Hall
Art & Craft Club - 9.30am-12noon - Pavilion
Prayer - 9.30am & 6.30pm - St Pancras Church

Saturday 21st

Football Training - 9.30am-12.30 - Pavilion / St P Green
Actions & Hobbies Fair - 1pm-4pm - Parish Hall

Sunday 22nd

Communion - 9.45am - St Pancras
Football Match - 10am-2pm - Pavilion / St P Green
Pilates - 10.45am-11.45am - Parish Hall

Monday 23rd

Mothers & Toddlers - 1pm-3pm - Pavilion
Zumba Gold - 6pm-6.45pm - Parish Hall
Prayer - 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Basic Zumba - 7pm-8pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday 24th

Coffee AM & Home Grown Exchange 10-12 - Pavilion
Pilates - 2pm - Parish Hall
Yoga (mixed ability) - 7.30pm-8.45pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday 25th

Ballet & Tap (3 classes) - 3.50pm-6.15pm - Parish Hall
Prayer - 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Bridge - 7.30pm - Parish Hall

Friday 27th

Art & Craft Club - 9.30am-12noon - Pavilion
Prayer - 9.30am & 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Pre-School Quiz Night - 7.30pm for 8pm - Parish Hall

Saturday 28th

Football Training - 9.30am-12.30 - Pavilion / St P Green

Sunday 29th

Football Match - 10am-2pm - Pavilion / St P Green
Pilates - 10.45am-11.45am - Parish Hall

Monday 30th

Mothers & Toddlers - 1pm-3pm - Pavilion
Zumba Gold - 6pm-6.45pm - Parish Hall
Prayer - 6.30pm - St Pancras Church
Basic Zumba - 7pm-8pm - Parish Hall

Looking Ahead

Sunday May 6th - Pilates - 10.45am-11.45am - Parish Hall
Monday 14th May - 7pm - Parish Council AGM - Parish Hall
Saturday 19th May - 8pm - Skittles on St Pancras Green
Sat 2nd June - Wreckless Eric / Amy Rigby - 7.30pm P. Hall
Saturday 23rd June - Village Fete - Parish Green