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LAMBING TIME - A QUICK REMINDER FOR DOG WALKERS

Lambing will be starting in Kingston at the end of March/beginning of April, so there will be heavily pregnant ewes and ewes with lambs on the hill and lower fields for at least the next few months. It is vital that all dogs are kept on leads around sheep and lambs no matter how well behaved your dog might be. Sheep can abort/miscarry their lambs just from running or being stressed. Young lambs are easily separated from their mothers and can die from lack of nutrition, exposure or attack by predators when not protected.

There have been several sheep killed and severely injured already on our and surrounding farms by dogs. Allowing a dog to worry (chase) sheep is illegal; in fact being on agricultural land where there are sheep and not having your dog under control (e.g. on a lead) is also illegal as per the **'Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act'**. It is common practice that if a dog is attacking sheep, farmers are within their rights to protect their animals and this could include shooting the dog. If your dog does chase or injure a sheep or lamb, or you have seen one that has been injured, please let us know.

We would be grateful if you could all keep to the footpaths (especially at lambing time), in particular the 'Plantation' which is the field frequently used for tobogganing in winter. There will often be sheep in this field and, as there is no

right of way or access for walkers through here, please could you adhere to this and not walk (with or without dogs) through this field.

Many thanks

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BIRTHDAY BEACON - THURSDAY, 21ST APRIL

See page 3 for more information and details.

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Kingston Collage - Help Wanted

The Pavilion Committee has decided to brighten up the main room of the Pavilion by installing a collage about Kingston village life that would take pride of place across the doors looking out on to the Green. This will be a textile collage. It will also serve a practical purpose to improve the room acoustics. We are looking for anyone in the village interested in helping us create this ambitious project. You don't have to be a professional seamstress. Just bring enthusiasm and a can-do attitude. You may want to make a pane as a family or as a group of friends.

Mary Fellows has come up with a brilliant theme that lots of people can work on at the same time as a community project, and bring each part together to make a whole. The collage will view Kingston through a number of different windows, with each window reflecting a different part of the village. See the sketch



of one of the windows to give you an idea. We are looking for stitchers and anyone who would like to help to sew/make/create a window pane in textile. We will supply the basic materials and an outline plan for each window pane, but we need your help to complete it.

If you would like to be a part of this project, contact Terry at 3 St Pancras Green or any committee member. We are hoping to start stitching this spring/summer so as to have the collage in place for 2017.

Please get in touch. We need many hands to make this project light work. **Terry Krejzl, Telephone 01273 470 991**

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QUEEN ELIZABETH - 90TH BIRTHDAY BEACON

To celebrate the Queen's Birthday on Thursday, 21st April, beacons will be lit up and down the country.

We will be lighting a beacon on Kingston Hill to join in these celebrations.

If you would like to join in, please meet at St Pancras Green Pavilion from 6.30pm on 21st April from approximately 7.45pm. We will then proceed to the top of the hill to light the beacon.

At the Pavilion we will be serving hot dogs from the BBQ with some light refreshments and having a few songs with the School choir.

Please come along. All welcome.

We are looking for some volunteers to help with building the beacon (the week before) and making or serving refreshments.

Please get in touch with Terry at 3 St Pancras Green if you can help.

BRIDGE CLUBS IN KINGSTON

Now that there are several people learning or already playing bridge in Kingston, we thought we would let you know about the two clubs that exist in the village. Both meet on Wednesday evenings as follows:-

Parish hall – this club, where 'duplicate bridge' is played, meets on Wednesday evenings for three hours from 7.30pm-10.30pm. For further details, contact Sue Chowen, telephone 01273 477 814.

Pavilion – this is a smaller club, playing 'rubber bridge'. It also meets on a Wednesday evening, for two hours, from 7.30pm-9.30pm. For further details, please contact Beryl Burrell, telephone 01273 480 094.

We do hope this information will be of use to any people who would like to join a bridge club in the village.

Beryl Burrell



KINGSTON WI

Report of meeting held on Thursday, 3rd March 2016 in the Parish Hall, by Helen Dudley

Caroline Taplin, our Treasurer, reported that the current account balance was £2,056.51, the deposit account was £271.43, petty cash £6.78, totalling £2,334.72.

Last month's Green Hearts campaign raised £13, which was donated to Greenpeace. A walk around Brighton on Tuesday, 22nd March, starts at

9:30am at the end of The Street to catch the bus. Tap dancing on Thursday 24th March; Pilates 2-3pm each Tuesday in the Village Hall and Craft Club in the Pavilion 2-4pm Fridays. Choir at Peggy Nicholson's house at 4:15pm each Friday. Eastbourne tennis tournament visit is on 23rd June. Dates to visit to the Incinerator, Newhaven and the Elizabeth Tower, Westminster are to be announced.

The Queen's birthday on 21st April will be celebrated with a "Clean for the Queen" litter collection around the village starting at 9:15am at the Juggs.

Budding actors are required for a play to be performed at our Christmas party meeting - about 14 are needed.

Gillian Lloyd, our speaker for the evening, is a photographer who turned professional two years ago and visits places with a particular animal in mind - in this case, mountain gorillas in Uganda. Entebbe is the airport nearest the capital, Kampala, which teems with motorcycles and pushbikes. but never ridden by women - they walk, as do children, everywhere. A quarter (25%) of the people, are below the poverty line, 29% lack access to clean water, and 66% lack access to sanitation. Those living near water are considered well-off. Children collect water, often walking 4-5 miles there and back to collect it, and women collect it for cooking and washing, and men fish by throwing nets to catch fish.

Her main objective was the mountain gorillas of the Rwenzori Mountains, which are always snow-capped. The birdlife pictures were amazing with many wonderful and colourful birds, totalling over 1000 species. We saw pictures of the endangered golden monkey, only found in the Virunga volcanic mountain region, which lives on a diet of bamboo. Gillian was escorted by guards to find the vulnerable and critically endangered gorillas in a one-hour time slot. Care needs to be taken as they can catch human diseases. Approximately 400 are left in the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and 480 in the Virunga mountains. With 10 minutes left of their hour slot they saw a silverback and a male gorilla with his family group of 17. The pictures of them were wonderful.

The last creature pictured was a shoe-billed stork; a strange looking, large, grey bird about 3 feet high with only 6 pairs left in Uganda. It looked prehistoric, like a pterodactyl. It flew straight towards her and she managed to take a superb picture of it in full flight. Fantastic!

Next month's meeting: 7th April. Contact name Beverley Wakeford-Brown 01273 475 456.

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH KINGSTON?

You might think nothing very much. Or you might think – quite a lot. Whatever you do think, we'd like to hear from you. The "we" in this context is the Steering Group, the body that brought you the Village Action Plan, the follow up, the questionnaire, and much else over the years.

We've now produced the summary below, called, provocatively or pretentiously "A Vision for Kingston". This will be discussed at the Parish Meeting to be held at the Parish Hall on the evening of Friday, 29th April. Come to that if you can or, if you can't, send some comments before then to stefalik@aol.com.

A VISION FOR KINGSTON

What do we want for our village in the future and how do we translate those aspirations into action? What follows are some first thoughts. Everyone will have their own.

We'd all like (wouldn't we?) a village in which its inhabitants enjoy living and (perhaps) one to which others would like to move.

What makes such a place? Here are some suggestions, but we hope that you'll have many others. We want our village to be:

SAFE, CLEAN, NEIGHBOURLY, STIMULATING, BEAUTIFUL, IN TOUCH, APPRECIATIVE OF ITS HERITAGE, and SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE

If we can agree on some headings – these, or others, and their meanings - we can then compare the current situation with the ideal. The difference between the two should suggest some targets. These can then be categorised into short and longer term goals. What does each heading imply?

SAFE – in our homes and on the streets - meaning:

- Slower – and less heavy - traffic.
- Safer crossings – eg at the foot of Ashcombe Lane and to Lewes Garden Centre
- Reviving Neighbourhood Watch
- Making more use of our Community Policeperson

CLEAN AND WELL-MAINTAINED

- Thanks mainly to the efforts of volunteers, much of the village is relatively clean, but how can we better control litter generated from outside the village - eg by the burger bar, McDonald's at Newhaven, and on the Downs (the Iford Estate with endless empty bags of food for game chicks)? Would more rubbish bins help? If so, where should they go?
- Dog poo is still a problem, though not a major one on St Pancras Green where there is a bin. There are no bins elsewhere. They are (relatively) expensive to empty but would this

be a price worth paying for a cleaner, safer village?

- What can be done about poorly maintained roads?
- Do we have to put up with the repeated flooding in Well Green Lane and Ashcombe Lane?
- How can we stop muddy water flooding upper Church Lane and The Avenue?
- Can we do anything about the ugly dumping ground at the top of The Street?

NEIGHBOURLY

- Results from the survey of residents for The Good Neighbour Scheme will be available before the Parish Meeting.
- What about all newcomers to the village receiving information about the School, Church, Parish Council, Kingston News etc.?
- How can we support and expand the very active, but small, group of volunteers?

STIMULATING

- The village already has many clubs and societies but does it cater adequately for all age groups? If not, what more might be done?
- Can we make more use of our village greens – or of space in the Church?

BEAUTIFUL

- What do people see as beautiful? More trees – and if so where? What about a new hedge along the west side of St Pancras Green? More spring bulbs? More wildflowers in the verges?
- How can we protect the verges in Well Green Lane from ruination?
- If the Parish owned the small woodland on St Pancras Green, what could be done here?
- Does the grass have to cut so frequently (and expensively) on St Pancras Green? Less frequent cutting would mean more wildflowers and even some butterflies.

IN TOUCH

We want:

- The best public transport we can expect, given the current constraints; and better bus shelters.
- Well-maintained and well-signposted rights of way (definite room for improvement here!).
- Universal access to fast Broadband.
- Speedy access to village information - eg on Planning Applications affecting large numbers of people; roadworks and closures. We have the e-mail cascade system, but it is nothing like as well-used as it might be.
- More and better information on the various village websites. Can they not all be linked?
- The Kingston News to continue to flourish.

Continued over.....

APPRECIATIVE OF ITS HERITAGE (can someone please think of a less clumsy way to say this?)

- What makes Kingston special – its history, cultural associations, legends, wildlife etc.?
- How can we best conserve its special features – and raise awareness of them?
- Can we make past publications available on line - eg A Walk on The Street and A History of Kingston near Lewes?
- Might we have a "heritage information board"; and a blue plaque scheme?
- Should we extend the existing scheme to replace the dying apple trees in The Avenue with old Sussex apple varieties?
- Is there a generous landowner out there who'd donate an acre or so for a community woodland or orchard?

SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE

- Are we happy for all new houses in Kingston to be exclusively for the very rich or would we like to see at least some "affordable" houses?

WILDLIFE IN KINGSTON



The dead toad I found in Mushroom Field on Saturday, 20th February may well have been travelling back to the pond where it had

developed when it was, presumably, hit by a car – though not so centrally as to squash it beyond recognition. This migration can occur – in this part of the world - from the end of February right through to late March.

Who around here, I wondered, is lucky enough to have a pond with breeding toads? Sadly, our small pond was almost certainly not the planned destination of this little creature. Although we do occasionally find single toads in the garden, we have never had a breeding group in the spring.

'Help a toad across the road' was a slogan coined in the 1970s to recruit volunteers to scoop up containers full of these vulnerable animals as instinct drives them back to wherever they originated, regardless of the hazards along the way. You still see the warning signs announcing "toads crossing" but the animals' chances of getting safely across major highways must be pretty slim, even though these journeys usually take place very early in the morning.

In a traffic-free environment, if you can imagine such a thing, toads can live for a surprisingly long time and, in captivity, have been known to reach

40 years. It must help that they take life pretty slowly, with none of the frenetic leaping of the frog. Instead, their main method of movement is more of a shuffling walk, although they will hop a short distance if threatened.

Toads, very wisely, hibernate - an ability which I, at least, envy enormously but, even during their most active period – breeding aside – spend much of the day time somewhere quiet – under a log, perhaps, or a large stone. Here, although I like to imagine that they contemplate the futility of humanity's obsession with trivia, they are more likely thinking about their next meal. Since they are not fussy eaters, they usually don't have to wait too long before something edible chances along. It might be a juicy beetle, a crunchy (I imagine - as I don't speak from experience) woodlouse or perhaps a crisp ant. Worms are also on the menu, as are snails and – more surprisingly – even young slow-worms or snakes. Perhaps fittingly, an adult grass snake may in turn consume a toad, although their more regular enemies are crows, magpies, weasels, rats and hedgehogs.

Many potential predators are deterred by the toad's ability to secrete an obnoxious and acrid fluid from glands on its back, which are concealed within what are generally called warts. Habitual toad-eaters have, however, learned to cope with this unpleasantness - much, I suppose, as those humans who are fond of spinach, learn not to gag at its loathsome sliminess, a resistance I myself have still to develop*.

Despite their rather slow gait, toads are great wanderers and have been recorded as travelling as much as two miles to return to their breeding pond. How this great navigational feat is performed is not known but, what evidence there is, suggests that toads, like birds and of course – at one time – sailors, use the stars to steer a course.

Toads figure in many bizarre superstitions. When a toad crosses your path, take four steps backward and spit three times before you go forward again, or risk bad luck. If a toad looks you in the face you must close your mouth - otherwise it will count your teeth, which will then all fall out.

Neither of these bits of advice seems very useful. However, any pregnant women in the village should note that in the last two months of their term, they should drink water in which the toes of toads have been rubbed in order to ensure that their child is a healthy one. You heard it here first.

**Steve Berry, 01273 487 743, 3 Bramleys
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*See my recipe for non-slimy spinach, bottom left on the last advertising page.

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME IN KINGSTON

The findings of the Survey are now in!

Thank you to all those people who took time to fill in the survey (and to those who helped collect). Just over 300 forms were delivered. We spoke, individually, to 142 people as we collected the 48 completed forms. It was great to have lots of expressions of interest and offers of help. As you can see in the numbers below in the first column, there were relatively few people who felt they could benefit from help at this point in time.

We know from talking to people (and from reports of other similar schemes) that these findings are not entirely surprising. Kingston is a relatively small village with lots of strong and well-established networks for support and general social integration, and many people told us how they were already helping their neighbours in these ways. A fair number of people also said that they could envisage that they may well need more support in future.

Possible Services	I might need this help myself	I might be able to help others with this
Occasional lifts to doctors, lunch clubs, shops, etc	4	34
Befriending		24
Form filling / letter writing / help with using a computer	1	20
Collecting prescriptions, pensions, etc/occasional help with shopping	2	37
Small household repairs/practical tasks, such as changing a light bulb	6	22
Pet-care / dog-walking etc	1	13
Indoor plant watering / light gardening	2	12
Being part of the phone rota, to answer callers & match them to a suitable volunteer		10
Being part of the organising group, helping with publicity, fundraising, etc		6

Next Steps

We are continuing to liaise with Action in Rural Sussex. Establishing a scheme does require a fair degree of 'formalisation', including having a committee to take things forward and volunteers who would be required to have DBS checks, for example.

We plan to contact those people who suggested that they would consider being part of a committee/rota and report further in next month's (May) issue of The Kingston News. In the meantime, if anyone has any further thoughts (or forms), please do contact us.

On Friday, 29th April (7.30pm in the Parish Hall) the theme for the Annual Parish Meeting is Good Neighbours. This will be a further chance to discuss the possibility of a scheme in the village and also to meet a 'village agent' from AirS.

John Carey & Jenny Elliott

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LITTERING - A NATIONAL DISGRACE

Eight villagers joined by Ruth O'Keefe (Lewes Councillor), Jan Knowlson (SDNP Ranger) and two others from Lewes did some clearing of litter on Friday, 4th March, as part of a national campaign (Clean for the Queen). We collected from the path beside Ashcombe Hollow, and verges between the burger bar and the A27 roundabout, and Brighton Road as far as Montacute Road (opposite Houndean Rise). We also tried to collect from a small stretch of the A27 eastwards, but abandoned it as a task too difficult. Our two hours of work resulted in 27 large bags and numerous unbaggageable items (car bits, batteries, old road signs etc). This volume of rubbish along a stretch of road, which is probably less than a mile long, is just a tiny sample of what we assume occurs across the whole of the nation's road network.

Why do we have this problem? Of course those who litter are the source (according to *The Guardian*, usually 'young urban males'), but the responsibility for clearing up roads mainly lies with local authorities (LAs), a fact that can be ascertained from a booklet produced by Highways England – previously the Highways Agency – (www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-agency-litter-strategy):

Highways England is responsible for the maintenance and stewardship of motorways and trunk roads in England. However, the responsibility for litter collection on trunk roads falls with the local authority. Under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990: Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse, responsibility for keeping all-purpose trunk roads (APTTR) free from litter falls to the local district and borough councils. There are a few lengths of trunk road on which Highways England is responsible for litter collection and these are detailed in the attached extract from the Network Maintenance Manual.

Well, that's straightforward isn't it? However, we all know LAs have had to cut their budgets and, from the state of our roads, we have to presume litter is well down the list of priorities. This is why we collect litter from our locality, and why we took part in the Clean for the Queen campaign. Lewes District Council, to give them their due, did collect our bags immediately. Litter collecting is a very unpleasant activity (we even found what we assumed were the remains of a large animal in a disintegrating black bag), and it is rather soul-destroying to see more litter appearing the very next day. And whilst volunteering is a way of keeping small roads clean, it is completely out of the question for trunk roads, like the A27 and A26. These have to be tackled by the LAs - but it seems even they are baulking from this task on the grounds of safety. As of this month, Lewes DC have announced via their website:

Following a number of accidents and near misses across the country during roadside litter picking, we have decided to temporarily suspend our usual litter picking on certain dangerous sections of roads in order to keep our crews safe. This is in line with guidance from the Department for Transport and national health & safety bodies. We are reviewing the way we clear rubbish from these dangerous sections of road, including consulting with neighbouring authorities who face the same problems. In the

meantime, we are co-ordinating with East Sussex County Council and with Highways England to take advantage of planned road closures to clear roadside rubbish safely, as well as looking at other opportunities for safe roadside litter picking.

On the face of it, this means filthy roads are to become the norm and that only very occasionally will litter be collected by LAs. Is this acceptable? Or, are we prepared to pay more for litter to be collected and for roads to be disrupted regularly so those collections can take place safely? As a minimum, surely more can be done to encourage good citizenship in schools via national campaigns, and businesses - who move rubbish around and who do not adequately cover their loads - can be put under pressure by the authorities to improve their practices?

To sit back and do nothing means the problem is going to worsen and we really do risk becoming one of the scruffiest countries in Europe, a reputation we already have according to some sources. In the meantime, Kingston can at least aim at keeping this tiny corner of England pleasant and free from the modern blight of roadside trash – and picking up regularly from our own road frontages helps.

Barrie Lambert and Katherine Mondon

REPORT FROM KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

By Fiona Harrison, Communications lead on KPC
Prepared on 8 March 2016

Vacancy on the Council

As mentioned last month, due to Martin Lee's departure, the Council now consists of six elected members, so we are still looking for candidates for co-option. If anyone would be interested in joining the Council on this basis, any of the current councillors would be very pleased to discuss what is involved.

Annual Parish Meeting

A reminder that this year's Parish meeting will be held from 7.30pm on Friday, 29th April at the Parish Hall. The theme of the meeting is "Good Neighbours", and many of you completed the forms that were included in February's edition of the Kingston News. It would be good to have as many residents attend as possible. Refreshments will be available at the meeting.

Our bus shelter and fingerpost

We are planning to have the bus shelter rebuilt, and the fingerpost (on Wellgreen Lane at the bottom of The Street) replaced. Hopefully, I will be able to give you further details about this in the next edition of the Kingston News.

Wellgreen Lane drains

We are all aware of the ongoing problems with the drains on Wellgreen Lane. This is something that we have been actively pursuing and we hope – by the time you read this – that the drains will have been unblocked by the use of a "Jetta".

Wellgreen Lane works

The works at the bottom of Ashcombe Lane (by the railway bridge) may well have ended by the time you read this. The works are planned for two weeks, starting on 14 March. The works involved were described on the front page of March's issue of the Kingston News.

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<http://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

FOOLPROOF RECIPE TO GET EVERYBODY EATING - AND LIKING - SPINACH - WITH NO SLIMINESS!

Buy frozen, chopped spinach (it's fresher, as it's frozen immediately it's cut in the field). They come in pellets that can be defrosted normally or in a couple of minutes in the microwave.

Put at least 3 defrosted pellets per person in a shallow pan, add grated nutmeg and pepper and put on a low to medium heat for about 3 minutes until all the water has evaporated. Add to pies, flans, quiches, stews, chilli, omelette, etc.



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Family Services

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It was good to see several families at our Mothering Sunday service. Why not come again? If you didn't come, come and join us for the first time. There are always drinks and biscuits after the service, which is never longer than 40 minutes.

THIS MONTH

Sunday, 3rd April – Easter 2

8.00am Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

9.45am FAMILY SERVICE

With an Easter egg for each child and a story of one of Jesus' resurrection appearances.

Sunday, 10th April - Easter 3

9.45am Parish Communion

Sunday, 17th April - Easter 4

9.45am Morning Worship

Sunday, 24th April - Easter 5

9.45am Parish Communion

You are very welcome to any of our services.

PARISH MAGAZINE

More details are available in our monthly Parish magazine available from Church.

Watch Out - Coming Soon... Trip to Chichester

We have booked the Sherborne Room and Bishops Chapel at the Bishop of Chichester's Palace on Friday, 20th May, starting at 10.00am and finishing with evensong in the Cathedral at 5.30pm for our Benefice of Iford with Kingston, Rodmell and Southease. We hope to talk about what we are doing together in the Benefice and make plans for the future. Please do join us. The Bishop's Palace is free and we will travel there by cars. We will have an extended lunch break in which you can get lunch in the Cathedral Refectory or the town of Chichester.

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

*For more information, please contact The Rector
The Rev'd Geoff Daw 01273 473665 or email
geoffrey.daw@btinternet.com*

Please note: If anybody still has a 'paper' copy of January's issue of The Kingston News, please can they let Katie know by emailing her at editor@kingstonnews.org

Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance is appealing for local groups, clubs, societies and other organisations to book a talk about the life-saving work of the charity as it takes delivery of a new helicopter.



The air ambulance has launched a new presentation including information about how the helicopters are tasked, the aircraft, types of missions, the crew, blood transfusions and night flying.

If you would like to book a talk, please call Fundraising Support Assistant Lucy Waterson on 01622 833 833.

BRIDGE DRIVE

A Bridge Drive will be held at the Parish Hall on Friday afternoon, 22nd April, from 2-5pm. This is a repeat of the extremely enjoyable and successful event held in the spring of each of the past few years. Afternoon tea will be served during an interval in play. There will also be a raffle with a number of attractive prizes. Tickets at £8 each may be obtained from Diana Arlett (01273 472 295) or Beryl Burrell (01273 480 094) or Valerie Simmons (01273 474 303). Net proceeds will be for Kingston Church. All very welcome, but get your ticket early, as there is likely to be a strong demand.

"GHOSTS"

BY HENRIK IBSEN

The Synergy Theatre is making a welcome return to Kingston in April, with a production of "Ghosts", a classic drama by Henrik Ibsen. It will be performed at the Parish Hall on four evenings from Wednesday, 6th April to Saturday, 9th April, starting at 7.30pm on each evening. Tickets at £7 each are available from Brian Simmons (474303) or from the Theatre box office on 01323 301 444 or the website www.thesynergytheatre.co.uk

EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENS AT LEWES VICTORIA HOSPITAL AND WHAT HAS BEEN BOUGHT WITH YOUR DONATIONS?

There will be an OPEN DAY at the Victoria Hospital on Saturday, 30th April 2016 from 12.00 midday until 4.00pm.

Tours of the Hospital will be followed by tea and cake.

You will also be able to see the new website set up for the Friends of the Hospital.

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