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KINGSTON PRE-SCHOOL



Brian Simmons retired in July as Treasurer for the Pre-School. He has worked for the Pre-School - on an entirely voluntary basis - for over 15 years. As well as handling all the accounts, he has helped out with every single fundraising event and it was not unusual to find him clearing and

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Kingston Pre-School Committee

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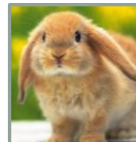
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Katie. Editor

IFORD AND KINGSTON SCHOOL REPORT

By Andrew Dobell, Head Teacher



Community Defibrillator

I mentioned before the summer that we were hoping to have a defibrillator flitted to the school, which would also be available as a community resource. We now have the defibrillator itself and are awaiting the delivery of the cabinet that houses it so that it can be mounted to an external wall of the school. The defibrillator will then be available for use in an emergency by all members of the village community, as well as for use at the school. Once the defibrillator is available for use, we will be arranging some training for staff members and for members of the local community in November. I will advertise the date and time of the training in next month's issue of The Kingston News. Survival rates for people who are treated with a defibrillator are very much higher than for those who receive CPR only, so, whilst we hope it's a resource that will never need to be used, it will be invaluable to have in the village.

We're very grateful to the Seahaven Responders who have provided the equipment and who will also provide the training in how to use it. The Seahaven Responders are a group of volunteers each of whom are trained to provide support and assistance to the Ambulance Service. If you'd like to know more about them and what they do, their website gives more information at <http://seahavenresponders.org>.

Summer, What Summer?

Actually, it was a very good summer and seems to be continuing into September, which is always a bonus. We had a very busy time over the holiday period with lots of building work taking place. The main classroom extension is now well under way and the various other pieces of work, including the hall extension, the covered courtyard that connects the extension to the existing building and, of course, my new office, have also made progress. There were also a large number of improvements and adjustments made internally with an expanded medical room and disabled toilet being built, and a number of other reconfigurations. Some of the windows, which were original to the 1960s building, were replaced with double-glazed windows, and more efficient LED lights were installed along the corridor and in the classrooms. Inevitably, there was a mad scramble to get the school ready for the first day of term and I'd like to thank everyone who chipped in, particularly our indefatigable caretaker, Richard Taylor, for all their hard work. There were a number of times when I began to mentally compose my letter to parents apologising for the delayed opening of the school, but we got there in the end.

WHAT'S NEWS WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY?

I'm sure there are many interesting submissions that could be sent in by Kingston's residents to the Editor and which would make interesting reading in future issues of TKN, so please don't be shy.

So that I cannot be accused of not practising what I preach, this is to let you know that I have been selected to run the Sussex Seniors' Inter County over-70 ladies' tennis league. This year we played Scotland, Somerset, Surrey, Cheshire and Devon. Somerset and Scotland were both away matches, the latter requiring that we started the day at 5am in order to travel to Gatwick on a day with no trains running and getting home after midnight, but with a 3-1 win to our credit.

Next year, we will be playing Shropshire, Northumberland, Devon, Staffordshire and Lancashire. Katie, Editor

EARLY WARNING - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Kingston Women's Institute will be holding a Christmas Market on Saturday, 26th November at Kingston Parish Hall, opening at 11.00am until 3.00pm. There will be stalls selling bread, cakes, WI preserves, pottery, jewellery, silverware and many different hand made goods perfect for Christmas presents.

Refreshments will be served throughout including soups, savoury snacks, tea & coffee and wonderful WI cakes!

Do make a note of the date and get some of your shopping done!

For more information, contact Beverley Wakeford-Brown on 01273 475456 or beverley@wakeford-brown.com

WILDLIFE IN KINGSTON

Caterpillars were much in evidence in the late summer. In our garden, the large white and small white butterflies had earlier laid their eggs on the nasturtiums (we have no cabbages but, even if we did, the white butterflies might well have preferred the nasturtiums) and the larvae happily chomped their way through any number of leaves. I didn't mind. We have too many nasturtiums to worry about a bit of insect damage and although the half-eaten leaves are scarcely attractive, it's easy enough to remove them altogether.

Although people often don't bother to distinguish between large whites and small whites and are happy to lump them together under the catch-all "cabbage white", there are obvious differences, size being a major clue. The caterpillars are different too. Those of large whites – the major threat to brassicas – are black and yellow, while the small white caterpillar is just pale green.

Black and yellow in combination are – in nature - often warning colours, the clear message to potential predators being "don't eat me – or you'll regret it". I don't speak from experience of course – I would no more eat the caterpillar of a "cabbage" white than I would the cabbage itself (despite being a lifelong veggie) - but I have it on good authority that these caterpillars are extremely distasteful. Some birds force them down, but they probably have to be really hungry before they do. Immune from the toxins accumulated in the caterpillar is the large white's nemesis - *Apanteles glomeratus*. There's no English name for this parasitic wasp, but it lays its eggs inside the living body of the innocent caterpillar. What comes next can be imagined, but it's about on a par with the fate of John Hurt in *Alien*. In fact, it's rather worse than that because it continues for quite some time.

Another yellow and black caterpillar is that of the cinnabar moth. Half way up Kingston Hill (the path on the eastern – left-hand – side as you climb) there are the skeletal remains of a large ragwort plant, completely stripped of its leaves. The last time I looked, some of the creatures responsible for this devastation were still hungrily looking for food, although there really was nothing left beyond the stems and leaf ribs – both far too tough for the tiny jaws of the munchers concerned. In the absence of the preferred plant matter, these particular caterpillars will often turn to the softer tissue offered by their fellow larvae. Nature is not just red in tooth and claw but in jaw also. Like the caterpillar of the large white, that of the cinnabar moth is poisonous as it, too, absorbs the toxins from its foodplant, thwarting the ragwort's efforts at self-defence.

The famous phrase about nature's brutality is often thought to be Darwinian, but in fact comes from Tennyson's *In Memoriam*, his poetic requiem for his close friend Arthur Henry Hallam. And incidentally (doesn't one learn a lot, surfing the net these days?) this is the same poem that gives us:

'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all - a popular sentiment,
though unprovable!

This irrelevant digression can only briefly postpone the somewhat clumsy conclusion of these ramblings, which is no better than a rather damp squib of a note about the origin of the word caterpillar itself. I had been hoping for something really surprising, but it seems the word comes from the Old French *chatepelose*, meaning literally 'hairy cat'. There is a similar feline link in some other languages, e.g. Swiss German *Teufelskatz* ('devil's cat').

Steve Berry, stefalik@aol.com, 01273 487 743

REPORT ON LUNCH IN THE SUSSEX COUNTRYSIDE

A delightful lunch was held on Sunday, 4th September in the garden of Juggs Corner, Kingston (the home of Jennie Yates). This was much enjoyed by members and friends of Kingston Church. The weather was kind and we were all able to enjoy the lovely views of the Sussex countryside. In addition, the lunch raised the wonderful figure of £1436 for Kingston Church.

Our grateful thanks go to Jennie for providing the perfect venue and leading the organisation of the event.

CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

A Quiz Night will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 8th October starting at 7.30pm. Geoff Daw, our Rector, will be the Quiz Master with an interesting array of thought-provoking questions. Teams consist of six or eight. Make up a team beforehand or come individually and link up with others on the night. The evening will include the usual one round of Irish Bingo followed by fish & chips and desserts at half-time (all included in the price of the ticket). Please bring your own drink, glasses, plates, bowls and cutlery. Tickets at £10 each (children £5) are now available from Brenda Neller (472 720) or Brian Simmons (474 303).

These evenings are always great fun. Everybody is very welcome. Net proceeds from the evening will be for Kingston Church funds.

SUSSEX MILLS GROUP AUTUMN MEETING

This year's Symposium will take place on Sunday, 2nd October at Lewes Town Hall Lecture Room, Fisher Street entrance. It is open to members and non-members. The Hall opens at 9am with refreshments for a 10am start. It will include a talk on the history of Ashcombe Windmill. There are more than 20 mills open to the public in Sussex alone from Easter to October every year. There will also be a Milling Bookstall open during lunch and tea breaks. Tickets (including programme) are £10 each and must be bought in advance to avoid disappointment. Contact Lawrence Stevens 01323 734 496 for details.



KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report by Fiona Harrison, Communications lead
Prepared on 8th September 2016

Ashcombe Hollow

Hopefully you will have noticed that most of the vegetation has been cut back. We are still waiting (at the time of writing) for the white lines to be repainted, and we are in discussion about the bollards being replaced.

Clubs and societies, and village contacts

A few months ago, I mentioned that a village leaflet is available (copies can be picked up at the Church, the Pavilion, the Juggs and Village Hall). The leaflet is mainly meant for people who are new to the village, but it is also useful for those of us who want to know what clubs and activities there are in our vibrant community. As well as showing the history of the village, details of the clubs and societies, with contact details, are shown in the leaflet. You can also find these details at <http://kingstonleweshub.info>.

Community transport

Details of the community transport were shown in the Kingston News a few months ago, but I think they are worth repeating. Community Transport Lewes Area is a charity based in Newhaven. It provides community transport, designed to meet the needs that public transport leaves unmet. It offers transport solutions that are available to all age groups, including students. CTLA's offerings include dial-a-ride services, scheduled services, and buses available for hire by community groups. It also hosts a travel club, which is free to join. Residents in Kingston can make use of the Lewes community bus, which is a dial-a-ride service for people living in the Lewes area. Users first need to register free of charge for the service, after which they can call the office to book a bus. Fares are £3 single and £5 return. There is also a scheduled bus service (number 132) on Sundays known as the Towns and Downs Wanderer. Details of this service - and all other services - can be found on CTLA's website www.ctla.org.uk/services or by calling their office on 01273 517 332.

Bus stop noticeboard

The bus stop noticeboard is locked. Jenny Gayler has kindly agreed to keep the keys, and any items that residents want to have displayed, should be posted through her door at 3 Snednore, Kingston.

Broadband in Wellgreen Lane

The last update was given in February 2016 and (despite a lot of white vans at the eastern end of Wellgreen Lane and on the C7, causing major traffic disruption!) there has been little further progress. We've been advised that those connected to Cabinet 17 are not due to be upgraded until sometime between now and June 2017.

Kingston Action Group

The Kingston Action Plan Steering Group is now the Kingston Action Group whose name, I hope, reflects its main purpose, which is to improve and enhance Kingston Village on behalf of residents.

We recently put forward a vision for Kingston that was presented at the Annual Parish Meeting and published in the Kingston News. It elicited some positive and favourable reactions. Our role is to serve as a link from residents to the Kingston Parish Council, as well as actually carrying out tasks, so please contact me or any of our committee to make your views known.

We already do know that traffic concerns - including speed and the number of vehicles coming through the village and also more lorries - are a major and ongoing issue. We are also creating a litter strategy and are focusing on improving footpaths in the parish.

Other concerns are the state of pavements, cars parking on pavements and dog fouling, especially on St Pancras Green.

We are working closely with the Kingston Parish Council to address these issues but at the moment, like other organisations in the village, we could be more effective if we had some more members of the Action Group. If you are interested in helping or would like to join us, please contact us.

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Tim Ambrose: timothyambrose@btinternet.com

Barrie Lambert: barrie.lambert@which.net

Will Dorman: w.dorman@hotmail.com

KINGSTON COLLAGE

We are starting to organise the new collage for the Pavilion. If you have any spare pieces of material, threads or ribbons that you no longer require, we would be very grateful to receive them. Please bring them to the Tuesday Coffee Morning. Be assured that they will be well received and if we don't use them in the collage, then we will send them to Mali so that the ladies there can use them to earn a living. Thank you.

Penny Crawley 01273 479 179

FOUND IN THE VILLAGE

Silver heart - let me know if you lost it. Thank you.

Penny Crawley 01273 479 179

WORLD WARS AND SUSSEX

Two illustrated talks by well-known local historian, Ian Everest

Sussex during the First World War
and
The Women's Land Army – a Sussex Connection
will be given on
Saturday, 26th November
at Kingston Parish Hall

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Tickets £7.50 each, to include a glass of wine

Tickets from
Brian Simmons
(Kingston Church) 01273 474 303
or Timothy Ambrose
(History and Heritage Workshop) 01273 478 423

Proceeds to Kingston Church

The Goat already!

Time for the goat to get working again! As the nights draw in, the Goat is thinking about our annual donation to Oxfam in lieu of Christmas cards.

Each year a group of residents give money to Oxfam in lieu of sending Christmas cards to people in the village who they see very frequently. By doing this we raise a substantial amount of money that is then used to buy gifts through Oxfam Unwrapped, which go to third-world villages to provide really useful things like clean water, water wells, help with children's education, help for farmers... even goats – in fact all sorts of things, which you can read about on the Oxfam Unwrapped website:

www.oxfam.org.uk/shop/oxfam-unwrapped

If you would like to join in, please contact me either by phone or email and I'll send you more details. All previous contributors will be sent this year's details automatically.

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AT YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN OCTOBER

We welcome this month Bishop Richard, the Bishop of Lewes, to celebrate and preach for us at our United Service of Parish Communion for the whole benefice in Kingston church on Sunday, 23rd October at 9.45am. As most of you know, Bishop Richard and his wife, Deborah, now live on The Ridge in Kingston. Also on Sunday, 30th October at our 9.45am Parish Communion, we will be remembering, by name, those who have died in the past year. If you would like someone named in that service, please email me or drop a note through my door.

THIS MONTH

Sunday, 2nd October - Trinity 19

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.45am FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday, 9th October - Trinity 20

9.45am Parish Communion

Sunday, 16th October - Trinity 21

9.45am HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday, 23rd October - BIBLE SUNDAY

9.45am UNITED PARISH COMMUNION
Celebrant and preacher:

The Rt Rev'd Richard Jackson Bishop of Lewes

Sunday, 30th October –

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS TIDE

9.45am Parish Communion with remembrance of those who have died in the past year

PARISH MAGAZINE

More details are available in our monthly Parish Magazine, available from Church.

This month...

...a **QUIZ NIGHT** on Saturday, 8th October

For more information, please contact The Rector:
The Rev'd Geoff Daw 01273 473 665 or
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WHAT'S THE PLAN?

If you want to know what's going on in the Kingston area, it's important to check the following website, as not all planning applications are listed in the local newspaper, as used to be the case:

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

BARTHOLOMEW CROWNED BRITISH GT SILVER CUP CHAMPION BUT JUST MISSES OUT ON OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

We were at Donington Park on the 10th/11th weekend but, unfortunately, despite qualifying in pole position, the extra weight that the Aston Martin had to carry as a 'win' penalty from the previous round, plus a 20-second time penalty - also as a result of winning at Snetterton - proved to be just too much to overcome. Jack experienced brake problems caused by the extra weight quite early on in his one-hour stint, and his co-driver, Ross Gunn, ended up with virtually no brakes at all in the second stint, which is not a good thing when driving at speeds of up to 160 mph! However, Jack is still Vice Champion in British GT4 2016 and is also the Silver Cup Champion 2016 - not a bad result for his first year driving in GT4 at only 17 years of age. He is now looking forward to next season and is considering all the options open to him.

Anne Bartholomew

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CARTE BLANCHE: REQUIEM IN SEPIA

By Walter Harris

Gyorgy Fenichel was a sad man and I was a happy one. Perhaps he had more reason to be sad than I had to be happy; I had my life in front of me, and behind him there was Auschwitz, the dreadful Nazi synonym for death.

We met in September 1948 when travelling to Brazil aboard a converted French cargo vessel called the *Groix* of the Chargeur Reunis Line. The ship was a rust bucket, her shabby Tricolor wrapped round its flagpole with all the spirit of a broken promise as she waited by the quayside at Le Havre.

Of all the hundreds of passengers aboard, only an English couple and I were going to South America because we wanted to, a possible exception being a mysterious Polish prince and his wife who were travelling with a new Bentley as hand luggage. They were only seen at mealtimes, and lunched and dined at the captain's table, which looked modest enough.

There were five hundred nuns and dozens of refugees and DPs - Displaced Persons - aboard, nearly all travelling steerage.

For me, being an emigrant to Brazil was an adventure. To the DPs, it was a last hope. A seriously damaged life is like a damaged cigar, almost impossible to reignite.

I met Gyorgy when he lost his way up a companion ladder and arrived in what was called Intermediate Class, which was more or less first class, as the *Groix* knew it, but with shared cabin accommodation. I shared with a Pole from Warsaw who had survived the original attack, a young Luftwaffe pilot who had been shot down over Warsaw by the Russians and developed a nervous tic, and a Spaniard who had fought on the British side in North Africa.

"I am sorry. I am in the wrong place. I am called Fenichel."

I introduced myself. "Ah, you are English. I thought you looked well-fed." He smiled, but the smile only pointed up how gaunt he was. He had wispy hair across a bald pate, and his blue eyes looked bleached of emotion.

"Excuse me. I need to find steerage. Down, not up." The date was September 3rd 1948, nine years to the day since we had declared war on Germany. Nine years and two days since Hitler invaded Poland. A long time to suffer the occupation of one's country.

I looked for Gyorgy later in the day, and we stood looking over the stern and talking. Gyorgy had been a successful insurance assessor and had been travelling abroad when Hitler struck, but his wife and children were at home in Cracow, and he could not reach them.

"A wife and two sons. Jewish family. They kept together until they were discovered. After that, Auschwitz. From the Gallery of Humanity, how many works of art were destroyed in the camps?" He shrugged. "I am hungry for food, not philosophy. Even if it is probably *palmitos* again." These were the rather rich stalks of edible palm trees, and a *Groix* staple.

The next time I saw Gyorgy was the night before we were due to disembark. I gave him the name of the hotel I would be staying at, but hadn't realised that I probably wouldn't be able to reach it, as our day of disembarkation was also Brazil's Independence Day - September the 7th - celebrating her separation from Portugal in 1822.

It was a week before I bumped into Gyorgy again, by chance. I was about to enter a little downtown restaurant in the Rua Ouvidor when he appeared. He looked hungry, so I invited him to have lunch with me. I invited him several days running, and hadn't as yet got a job. I was living on the small allowance my father had remitted to see me through until I did. The number of lunches mounted until I felt like the Red Cross, and wondered if Gyorgy saw me like that too. I couldn't refuse him, however. He was visibly deteriorating, shoes becoming shabbier and almost falling apart, cheap shirt screwed up round his scrawny neck, and his eyes, his permanently sad eyes.

I found a job as a journalist with the Brazil Herald, an English language paper, and was too busy for a time to lunch at the Ouvidor restaurant. I had, though involuntarily, become my brother's keeper, and I was concerned about him.

Even by tropical standards, the storm which swept Rio not long after Gyorgy and I had last had lunch together was ferocious. Vehicles aquaplaned, the waves off the great Rio beaches bundled up the sand and flung it on to the flanking boulevards, and it seemed that those exposed could only be rescued by an Ark.

It was easy to imagine a wild-eyed Noah at the helm as the Ark hurtled like a powerboat down the Rio Branco and through the fierce, lashing surf, while his sons struggled to control the seething mass of animals below.

One of the consequences of the storm was that among the dozens of buildings whose basements and ground floors were flooded was the new Mercedes Benz warehouse. Although Germany was still far from being internationally acceptable, Brazil had agreed an import quota for its cars, and a consignment had just arrived from Europe.

The water was up to their roofs, and quite likely to be charged with electricity from various submerged power points.

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CARTE BLANCHE ...continued from previous page

It was nearly a month before I saw Gyorgy again, waiting for me outside our restaurant. He was wearing a pale green silk shirt with a wide collar, a coffee-coloured mohair suit, new jacaré (a species of Brazilian crocodile) shoes, and a Panama hat.

"You are my guest today, Walter, my dear." After we had ordered, he told me about what he called his good luck, his personal connection with the Mercedes flooding.

"Nobody else wanted to go into that water. But I am an insurance man. I have an instinct with insurance. Also, I have nothing to lose." He spoke without self-pity, a man beyond the pain of loss.

"If the water is electrified and I die, what of it? I am dead anyway. So I offer to the boss of Mercedes that I take a swim, and he promises me I will be the Mercedes Benz official insurance broker in Brazil if I do the job. Everyone watches from an upper floor - will there be a flash of blue light and an end to me?

"I hold my breath and I step into the water. Nothing happens. I partly swim and partly wade to the cars. Getting into them is a problem, but I have a fistful of ignition keys and manage to unlock and heave open the doors. Fifteen cars - and all of them ruined. No need to assess individual damage - the whole consignment is a write-off.

Before I start to dictate my report, the boss wraps a beach towel round me with his own hands, and his secretary dries my hair with another towel. I am very cold so, instead of champagne, they give me cognac. Hennessy Louis Treize, the real thing, the best. Only the best for a hero, don't you think?" He still spoke without self-pity, but the bitterness in his voice was corrosive.

"Ah, our food comes."

"Gyorgy," I said, toasting him with lager and a chaser of Brazil's lethal national drink, *cachasa*, "I am so happy for you."

"Happy? What means happy? To end with respect instead of as a half-burned corpse? I am sorry Mercedes Benz is here, I am sorry anything German is here, but why torment myself more? Why not just enjoy? It will take time, but in this country there is so much to enjoy, and I am only sixty. From the point of view of the girls, the money I have will make me seem younger. Certainly not prettier, but younger." He gave a brief metal-toothed smile.

Three days later he died, the official cause of death being a heart attack. I believe a more likely cause was the shock of finally gaining respect, and finding that beyond that there was nothing else for him. Much of his life was cruel, and its end ironic.

I have no idea what sort of man he really was.

END



Kingston WI

Report of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st September 2016 in Kingston Parish Hall, by Beverley Wakeford-Brown

Members and two visitors met and enjoyed a good chat over wine, tea or coffee. The business part of the meeting then followed with the Treasurer's report, an update on members who have been unwell, and a showing of the 'Love in a Box' DVD. Kingston WI supports this scheme each year, which delivers Christmas Boxes (shoe boxes) to very poor families in Eastern Europe and to refugees.

Two fundraising activities are being planned and were discussed: a joint Macmillan Coffee event between the WI and The Juggs on Friday, 30th September at the Juggs, 3.00-5.00pm, and also the WI Christmas Market on Saturday 26th November at the Parish Hall.

Kingston activities were announced: the walk to Saddlescombe & Devil's Dyke on Wednesday, 28th September, meeting at the end of The Street at 9.30, Tap Dancing in the Parish Hall on Thursdays 8th, 22nd & 29th September at 7.30pm, the Book Group on Thursday, 15th September at 8.00pm at Penny Crawley's home, Pilates on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall, now at the new time of 3.30-4.30pm due to the increased hours of Pre-School (spaces for new members), Craft Group on Fridays at 2pm in the Pavilion.

The speaker for the evening was Peter Willson, from Herstmonceaux, who is a church organist and jazz pianist. Trained at the Royal Academy of Music, Peter teaches jazz piano, has his own band, 'Pete Willson Quartet', and plays at gigs throughout East Sussex. His presentation for the evening was 'The Origins of Jazz' covering the times of slaves bringing their music from Africa, and the sea shanties, through to the development of jazz at the brothels in Storyville, New Orleans, where Jelly Roll Morton got his first work, playing piano to keep the men from leaving due to long queues! As well as describing the history, Peter also explained some musical theory including pentatonic scales which feature in jazz but also in many different types of music throughout the world, and cleverly demonstrated different styles on his electronic keyboard. It was a very interesting talk, with many musical excerpts.

The October meeting will be held on Thursday, 6th October in Kingston Parish Hall from 7.30pm. The speaker will be Dr Moira Harrison, who will be bringing her dog, Treacle, and talking about 'Medical Detection Dogs'. This should be a fascinating talk, so come along to join us! Visitors are always very welcome to attend our meetings.

Contact for further information: Beverley Wakeford-Brown on 01273 475 456 or beverley@wakeford-brown.com

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3 & 4 year olds- 15 hours funded 9.00-12.00 per week

Funded places for 2 year olds if entitled, otherwise

£4.50 per 3 hour session. Flexi hours sometimes available

Regular Forest School sessions

Free Family Support Groups:

Fridays 12-3pm & Tuesdays 12-2.30 for I-Send Group

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Qualified Speech & Language Therapy available

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