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I am delighted that we do have a good many items in this issue.

This year's Produce Show will be on Saturday 25th July. Make a note in your diary now. The draft schedule will be included in next month's newsletter so you will have plenty of time to decide which classes you want to enter.

There are many activities for you and do not forget we are proud to be part of the Calor Village of the year competition. If you have not been approached and wish to contribute please contact Judy Alloway, for the more involved the easier it is for all those actively taking part. The Judging takes place on March 30th.

There is an article on "speeding" in the village and please note that any young budding artists are encouraged to enter a competition for a poster for display to encourage motorists to slow down. So let us see what you can do.

David

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PARISH CHURCH ALTAR FLOWER ROTA



2009
 March 1st to April 5th LENT - NO FLOWERS
 April 12th & 19th EASTER - All helpers please
 April 26th & May 3rd Jennie Stanley
 May 10th & 17th Margaret Birch
 May 24th & 31st Caroline Carter
 June 7th & 14th Ruth & June Jarvis
 June 21st & 28th Betty Helps
 July 5th & 12th Sylvia Compton
 July 19th & 26th Helen Brown
 Aug 2nd & 9th Carol Walters
 Aug 16th & 23rd Caroline Thomas
 Aug 30th & 6th Sept Jean Moore
 Sept 13th & 20th Kit Connor
 Sept 27th & Oct 4th Wendy Smith
 Oct 11th & 18th Margaret Joiner
 Oct 25th & Nov 1st Sue Irving
 Nov 8th & 15th
 Nov 22nd & 29th Di Phillips
 Dec 6th & 13th Jeannie Curtis
 Dec 20th & 27th CHRISTMAS - All helpers please
2010
 Jan 3rd & 10th Kathryn Pinkerton

TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA



2009
 Feb 24 Wendy Smith
 Mar 3 Joyce Masters Cynthia Smith
 10 Kit Connor
 17 Margaret Birch
 24 Chris Pryor
 31 Anne Scarrat
 April 7 Judy Alloway
 14 June Jarvis Jenny Jarvis
 21 Wendy Smith
 28 Kit Connor
 May 5 Joyce Masters Cynthia Smith
 Chris Pryor 810688

SOUTH HAMS MOBILE LIBRARY VISIT

2009

The Mobile Library visits on a Friday every 2 weeks on the above dates Outside the Fire Station arriving at 16.00 departing at 16.30

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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 ANNUAL DINNER**

Guests:
 Gary Streeter, MP and Andrew Barrand, Agent

to be held at The Fisherman's Rest, Aveton
 Gifford

ON FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2009

AGM: 7.00pm-7.30pm (Members only) Get together 7.30pm-8.00pm DINNER: 8.00pm Tickets £17.50 available from Committee Members

ALL WELCOME

06-Mar	20-Mar
03-Apr	17-Apr
01-May	15-May
29-May	12-Jun
26-Jun	10-Jul
24-Jul	07-Aug
21-Aug	04-Sep
18-Sep	02-Oct
16-Oct	30-Oct
13-Nov	27-Nov
11-Dec	HOLIDAY

200 CLUB

The winners in the January Draw are as follows:-

112	Stuart McFarlane	£20
204	Mary Wakeling	£20
38	John Cocks	£20
200	Tony Walters	£15
202	Jeannie Curtis	£10

The next draw will be on Tuesday February 24th at the Morning Market.
 Good Luck

Margaret Birch

Copy for April newsletter by
 Monday 23rd March Please

Editor

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE PLAYING FIELD?

There have been a lot of ideas about possible improvements to the playing field and the Parish Council (PC) would like everyone to have their say. Active Kingston (AK) is developing an amazing project for replacing the ageing equipment and safety surface in the **younger children's play area**, adding an **adventure trail for older youngsters** and a **picnic/sitting area**. Many of you have already taken part in fund raising events, but the costs of high quality equipment are high and considerable external funding is needed. A full display of the proposed equipment should be available to view in the Reading Room shortly.

AK's ideas have stimulated discussion about the rest of the field. We already have the all-weather playing surface and the skate park on the two areas of Ted's Tarmac. How many other villages of our size have facilities of this quality? We know therefore just what Kingston can do when it sets its mind to a challenge. What else could we achieve?

We need to maintain space for a **multipurpose sports pitch** and for events such as the **Fun Day**.

Do we need any **car parking**? Would it present a danger to children? Can we separate children and vehicles, perhaps putting another entrance, just for cars, further up the lane? How can we ensure **disabled access** without suitable parking? Would a car park attract undesirables to a children's play area? The PC has taken police advice and their view is that vandalism and minor theft from cars is more likely and the car park should be clearly visible.

The field is very exposed to the wind and perhaps not as interesting and attractive to wildlife as it might be? The view towards the sea is great, but could we let the hedges grow higher in some parts? What about further **tree planting and landscaping**? Can we involve young people in the planting?

The PC asked Anne Scarrett to draw up the draft scale map overleaf, including all the suggestions so far. THIS IS NOT A DEFINITIVE PLAN. It is a first draft to help us all see what could be included, raise issues and/ or contribute more ideas.

- What do you like?
- What is missing?
- What could be improved?
- What should be changed and why?

Whatever we do has to serve the whole community for a number of years.

Please send your views to David Hansford the Parish Clerk. by 31st March

Kingston Parish Council

Calling Kingston's young artists!

You are invited to compete to design the best poster for encouraging drivers to slow down through our village. It can be hand or computer drawn and should be A3 portrait. There will be a small prize and the winning poster will be published, using sponsorship from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and displayed in the village to support our campaign. The Road Safety Partnership is interested in this idea and possibly, only possibly, may use it elsewhere.

Competition entries to Ruth Bentley (810107), by March 28th please.

ACTIVE KINGSTON

After many months of researching, planning and consideration, we have some plans for the village to look at regarding the play park. These plans will be displayed in the reading rooms from Tuesday 3rd March. We are in the process of applying for grants which are crucial to the success of our new park. However, we do have a few fund raising events coming up, please check out the newsletter for details. If you have any great fund raising ideas please email me on allygates65@aol.com. I trust you will be as excited as we are about the whole project, it is going to be a great improvement.

KINGSTON READING ROOM NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2009 7 PM.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Kingston Reading Room will be held on Thursday 2nd April 2009 at 7 pm in the Reading Room. All are welcome to attend and if anyone is interested in joining the committee please come along. If there are any user groups not currently represented please nominate a member of your group to come along and have their name put forward. This is not a huge commitment generally attending 1 meeting per month.

David Carter
Chairman

IRISH NIGHT - STARRING HOGWASH

14 March 2009 - 7.30pm

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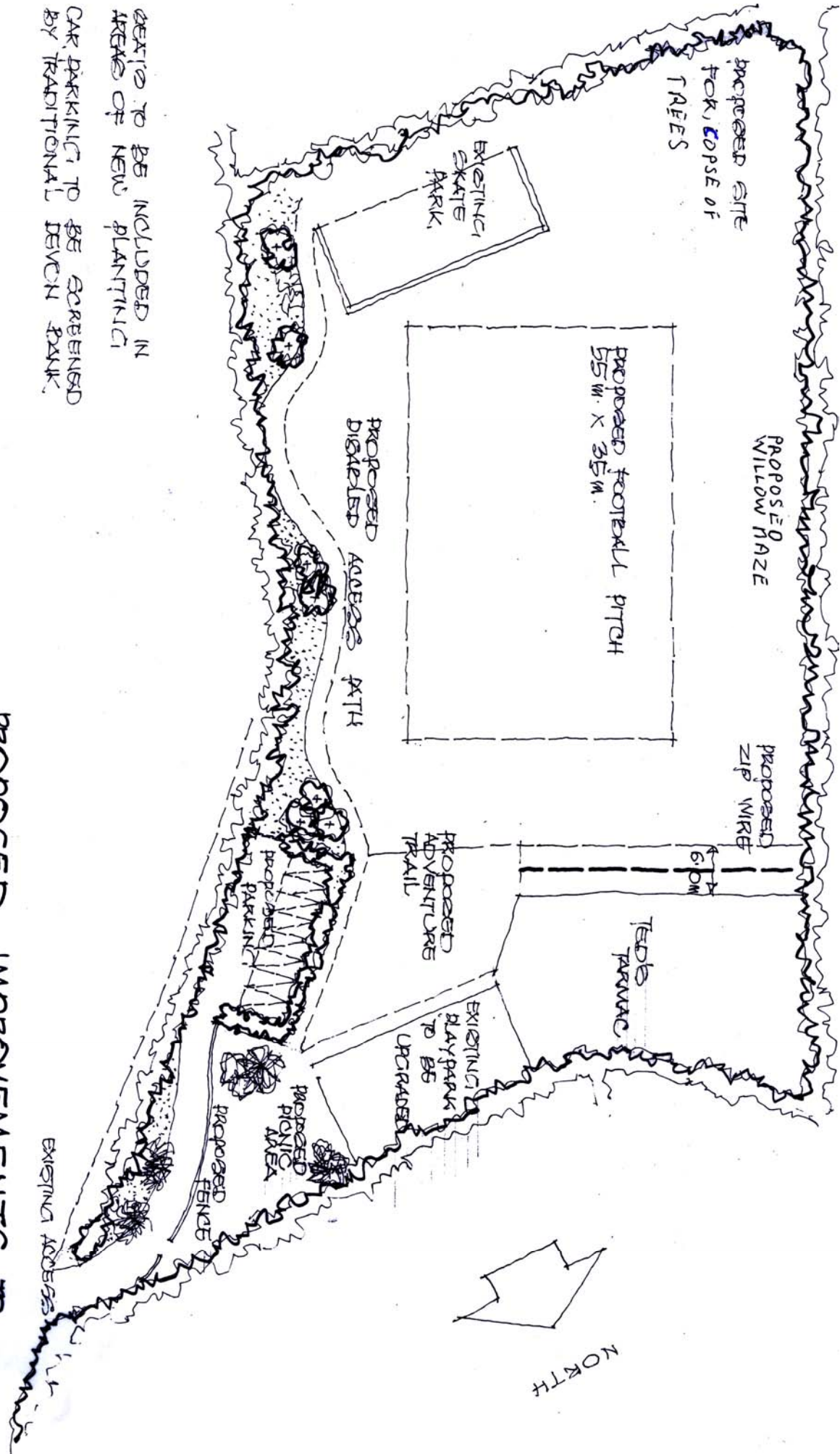
Bring along your dancing shoes.

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AREAS TO BE INCLUDED IN AREAS OF NEW PLANTING
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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH PLAYING FIELD
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Morning Market every Tuesday 10 a.m. till noon
 Mother & Toddler Group every Wednesday 10-11.45am
 (Bigbury Memorial Hall)

2009

Feb. 14th 8pm Valentine's Party R/R
 Feb 26th 8pm History Society Talk R/R.
 History of Totnes
 March 2nd 7pm R/R AGM
 March 3rd Active Kingston display R/R
 March 4th 7.30 RBL meeting - Dolphin
 March 5th 4pm Yoga Classes R/R
 March 7th 8pm Party in the Reading Room with
 March 14th 7.30pm Irish Night with Hog Wash
 March 21st RYA Day Skipper course. Details
 Wendy on Tel: 01548 810917
 wendy@sail-west.co.uk
 March 26th 8pm History Society talk- Keith Loze
 April 9th 7.30pm Information evening
 on Digital T.V. R/R
 April 23rd 8pm History Society talk – Steve
 Humphries - "Oral History"
 April 30th 7.30pm St George's Day Quiz & Curry R/R
 May 30th 11.15am History Society visit to Finch
 Foundry
 July 25th Kingston Open Produce show
 Dec. 12th Village Christmas Party

INTER PARISH QUIZ

Kingston 105 v Ermington 110

After a well balanced contest and great humour, Kingston lost by 5 points, as losers we are now in the first round of the Ken West Plate, against either Ringmore or Cornwood at a later date.

Many thanks to the kitchen fairies who washed up, while I went to the pub.!

Jen Ebsworth

PRODUCE SHOW

Date For Your Diary

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Julie

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ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

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 5	Don't leave appliances on standby and remember not to leave laptops and mobile phones on charge unnecessarily.
 6	If possible, fill up the washing machine, tumble dryer or dishwasher: one full load uses less energy than two

DIGITAL TELEVISION SWITCHOVER

An update on last month's details:-
 A few of you may receive your signal from Redruth which goes fully digital in July. Therefore 1 of the following should cover every household in the village

<u>Transmitter</u>	<u>Change over</u>
Beacon Hill	March
Redruth	July
Caradon Hill	August

These dates also apply to the various relays associated with each transmitter.

Editor

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEWS 12/02/09

I have just received a letter of thanks from Heather Robinson, Local Registered Volunteer/Presenter for the area, for the amazing amount of gift filled boxes received from the three Parishes of Kingston, Ringmore & Bigbury. We raised 160 between us. I quote from Heathers letter- "Late last November, your boxes & donated gifts were collected & taken to a processing centre in Torquay from where they went by lorry to VRANCEA in Romania & then distributed to:-Needy children in many very remote villages (who have never met foreigners before & whose normal mode of transport is horse & cart); Several gypsy communities: And every child in all the wards of a children's hospital."

I hope to continue organising this worthwhile charity again this year & look forward to your generosity & compassion in supplying shoe boxes, Christmas paper & gifts for the children. We cover & fill the boxes in the middle of October ready to take to Kingsbridge about the second week of November.

Jennie Stanley

IMPLEMENTING THE PARISH PLAN

Kill your speed.

The campaign to encourage drivers to slow down when driving through Kingston, gets underway in March. You will get a leaflet through the door and please note PC Steve's article elsewhere in this newsletter. Our young people will be competing to design a winning poster for use in the village and using a Speed Indicator Device, alongside a police officer, in the village for a week in early summer. Our thanks to the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and especially Mark Harding and Steve Mutton, our Neighbourhood Beat Manager for all their help. We still hope Devon CC will replace our village signs with better placed versions, complete with 'slow down' messages, but there are major cuts looming in the Highways budget and we are not holding our breath.

Supporting Local Employment

Kingston is a sustainable community and you wanted to keep it that way. This means all of us supporting local businesses as much as we can. Promoting our village rather better could help.

Michael Torrens and John Wurr have drafted three leaflets describing six circular walks from Kingston, all contained within the parish and using existing public footpaths, permissive paths and the Open Space at Middle Townsend Park. We hope to get funding to publish these and distribute them from the Dolphin and the local Tourist Information Offices. They are intended to encourage more people to visit Kingston as well as for our benefit. We are also thinking about a map notice board to display in the centre of the village.

Have you looked at the parish website recently? We are encouraging B and B providers and agents managing holiday cottages in Kingston, to advertise on our site and to establish links to their websites. *Helpful Holidays* has been – helpful - and will specifically promote local businesses, eg catering or crafts providers, to their clients. Please tell us if you know anyone who may be interested in being involved.

Welcome Packs

Newcomers moving into Kingston, including second home owners, will now receive a comprehensive Welcome Pack as well as a personal welcome through the Newsletter. Please do not forget that this depends on you telling the editor when you get a new neighbour. Our grateful thanks to Cynthia Smith, who has put the Pack together, ably supported by Chris Pryor as a relative newcomer to the village. They will continue to update and issue the Packs.

What progress are we making with the Plan?

There is a full up-to-date progress report on how we are getting on with the Parish Plan on the parish website and a summary chart on the parish notice board. The full report is also available at the Tuesday Morning Market.

Parish Plan Implementation Group.

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Kingston is the Devon county winner of the Calor Village of the Year competition for 2008/9. We are now entering the regional round, competing with winners from eight other counties across the West of England.

This is not about pretty gardens and tidy streets. The judges are looking for *“Well balanced, pro-active, caring village communities which, irrespective of size, are making the best of local opportunities in order to enhance and sustain a better quality of life for all inhabitants.”* They will be looking for *“vibrant, sustainable and enterprising communities”*. Does that sound familiar? We thought so too.

The two judges will be visiting us from 2-4pm on Monday 30th March. We will be judged in 4 categories, marked out of 15 for each:

Community – a better place to live

Business – a better place to work

Sustainability – a better future

Communications – being in contact

And a further 20 marks on 'buzz factor' and how we meet challenges.

There is prize money per category and for the overall winners.

We need you to be there in the Reading Room from 2pm and/or in the church from 2.30pm. We will start with a presentation. Come and provide an appreciative audience and look at the displays of photos etc. about the village. Several people will speak briefly and Gary Streeter MP is coming to support us. Village clubs and societies will be putting up displays in the church for the judges to look at. There will be refreshments in the church, so come and join in and provide that 'buzz'. Finally we will walk the judges around the village sights. Perhaps you could be available to speak to the judges as they walk around? They will want to speak to as many people as possible about what it is like living here.

The Reading Room and church will be open from 10.30am on Sunday 29th March for putting up displays.

There will be a further planning meeting from 7.30pm on Thursday, 12th March in the Reading Room.

Please come and join us to plan and at the event or contact Judy Alloway on 810692 if you have any questions or ideas.

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Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 15th May 2009

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2009 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2009 SIA will celebrate its 35th Anniversary and being that Friday 15th May 2009 is Spinal Cord Injury awareness day and what a better way to raise funds than eating Fish and Chips and raising money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Donor Development Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

2009 is the first year that SIA are running the suppers but we already envisage this to be one of our top fundraising initiatives in the SIA calendar over the coming years. Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

+++Message from the Ambulance Service+++

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Hence the 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency). For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. "

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Ann and Richard Giles with mum Gwen to the village. They are now living at 7 Church Park. We hope you will be very happy here. You will find there are plenty of activities many of which we hope will be of interest.



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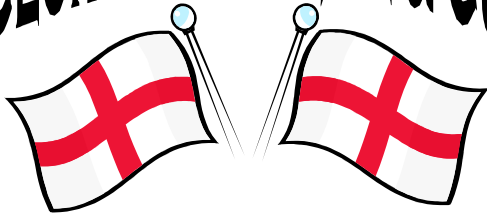
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ST. GEORGE'S DAY QUIZ & CURRY

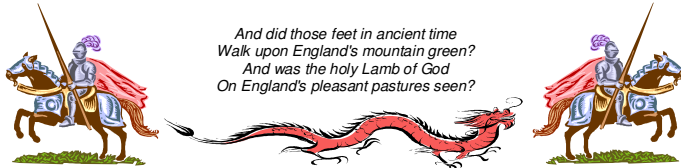


**THURSDAY 30th APRIL 2009
7.30pm IN THE READING ROOMS**

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MONTH	READING ROOM BOOKING SCHEDULE				
	PERIOD	PERIOD	PERIOD	PERIOD	
MARCH	1st - 7th	8th - 14th	15th - 21st	22nd - 28th	29th - 31st
SUNDAY					
Morning					Preparation for
Afternoon					Calor Village
Evening					Judging on 30th
MONDAY					
Morning	Play Bus	Play Bus	Play Bus	Play Bus	Play Bus
Afternoon					Calor Judging
Evening	Bowls	Bowls	Bowls	Bowls	Bowls
TUESDAY					
Morning	Morning Mkt.	Morning Mkt.	Morning Mkt.	Morning Mkt.	Morning Mkt.
Afternoon					
Evening	RRMC & K.Fit	Keep Fit	Keep Fit	Keep Fit	Keep Fit
WEDNESDAY					
Morning	Art Group		Art Group		
Afternoon					
Evening	KYPA	KYPA	KYPA	KYPA	
THURSDAY					
Morning					
Afternoon	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	
Evening		Calor Meeting			
Evening		All Welcome	Parish Council	History Society	
FRIDAY					
Morning					
Afternoon					
Evening	Bowls	Bowls	Bowls	Bowls	
SATURDAY					
Morning					
Afternoon					
Evening	Valentine Dance	Irish Night			
Known bookings up to the final date for copy for the Newsletter					



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KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On Thursday, 22nd January several members of the Kingston Local History Society and their friends were treated to a fascinating tour of Buckfast Spinning Mill, which is part of the Axminster Carpet Factory.

We were divided into two groups to be shown the complicated process whereby the raw fleece is sorted, washed, teased apart, sucked through giant overhead tubes, spun into yarn and eventually dyed in large vats in order to be transported to Axminster for the manufacture of a wide range of carpets. Part of the 1880's building still exists and was probably the Mill owner's house. The Mill expanded in the 1950's and is now the largest building in the Dartmoor National Park.

We would like to thank both the Managing Director & his colleague in the Dye department for a splendid afternoon and also to Margaret Cocks for arranging the trip.

Our next event will be on THURSDAY, 26th MARCH in the READING ROOM at 8pm which will be an illustrated talk by Mr Keith Loze, who is a Co-Operative Way Co-Ordinator, about Plymouth and South West Co-Operative and the purpose of setting up of the Co-Operative Way.

If you would like any more information about our History Society or would like to join us, please contact Jennie Stanley, 810819 or Joyce Masters, 810340.

ST GEORGES DAY QUIZ ' n ' CURRY

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2009 7.30 PM IN THE READING ROOMS

OK, we couldn't get St Georges Day itself but hopefully that won't spoil the fun. How well do you know England and all things English? Come along to the **Reading Room at 7.30 pm, Thursday 30th April 2009** and pit your wits against a world-famous media superstar Quizmaster! There'll be loads of English - related questions, teasers and puzzlers to test your knowledge. At the interval, there's be a feast of that most traditional of English dishes, a curry with all the trimmings, prepared by our English Rose, Aly Gates. There will be quality raffle and a prize for the best 'English Hat' so break out those bowlers, toppers and the flag of St George! Suitable music on arrival and throughout the evening.

Quiz teams of 4 - 6 and entry will be **£7.50 pp** to include all the above. BYO beer and wine. All profits to Active Kingston and the Reading Room.

So we can get an idea of numbers, please e-mail or call Mark and Katherine Harding on 811204 or Hardings@care4free.net and let us know how many tickets you want and whether you'd prefer the meat or veggie curry.

All together now..... *"And did those feet, in ancient times....."*

Mark and Katherine Harding



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SPEEDING IN VILLAGES AND ON RURAL ROADS

When Devon and Cornwall police consult with local communities, one of the concerns which is always high on the agenda is speeding or inappropriate speeds through villages and on rural roads. It is a clear priority for both communities and the police. But is it really that much of a problem? The answer is a very big YES! Several years' worth of research and statistics prove the point:

- Car drivers and passengers are **three times more likely to die on a rural road** than on a busy town or city street.
- More than **60 per cent of all road traffic fatalities occur on rural roads**
- The people most at risk on rural roads are local young men aged between 17 and 39

Makes for pretty grim reading, doesn't it? Especially when you consider that the second statistic includes pedestrians. There are multiple reasons why rural roads are so dangerous: narrow lanes and blind bends, debris, mud and other residue on road surfaces, large, slow moving farm machinery, horses, escaped livestock, pedestrians walking on the road due to lack of pavements, the list is almost endless. We all have a responsibility as drivers to be aware of these hazards and to plan for them and drive accordingly.

This doesn't mean just adhering to the speed limit. A speed limit is a maximum and not a target. Whether driving on rural A roads or through a small village, the message is the same. Be aware of potential hazards and driving conditions, and drive at an appropriate speed. Can you really be sure that just around that bend with restricted visibility, there isn't a horse and rider or a tractor?

Pedestrians are always going to be around in villages, whether they be children, adults or senior citizens. Villages invariably do not have pavements and pedestrians have every right to use the road to walk on. When a car hits a person, make no mistake, the consequences can be terrible. We all love our cars as they give us a lot of fun and personal freedom. But a car doesn't have a brain or reactions – it is under our control and is basically a ton of unyielding metal travelling at speed. It can do untold damage to a pedestrian, even at what we may consider to be a low speed. If a car hits a person

- At 20 MPH there is a 2.5 % chance of being killed
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All this relates a healthy adult. For a child, the risk of being killed or seriously injured is increased.

If we're involved in an accident where our inappropriate speed is a factor, we may not be prosecuted for breaking a speed limit. It may be we face a far more serious charge of Careless Driving or Driving without Due Care and Attention. There are obvious consequences for our wallet and driving licences, but also in the worst cases, a chance of a prison sentence. But in the longer term, having to live with fact that you have killed or maimed a child will haunt you for the rest of your life. There is a very good advert on TV at moment in which a driver constantly sees the body of a child he has hit. This is not the imagination of an ad

agency. It is based on the experiences of real drivers involved in real accidents.

So, how does this effect Kingston? Well, in some ways Kingston is in a better position than a lot of communities. The village is at the 'end of the line' and is not on a through route. Most of the traffic in the village is either residents coming and going or visitors and deliveries. But there are still hazards. As mentioned earlier, there are no paths or pavements in the village. People have to use the road when they are walking around. There are a large number of kids and youngsters in the village and peoples front doors and driveways lead directly out onto the road. Parked cars can restrict visibility and a child or animal can step out between parked cars without warning.

Statistics have also shown that a significant number of accidents occur with a very short distance of a driver's home address. The reason for this is simple. We're usually on the ball when we're driving home from work or a day out. But as we get closer to home, and on familiar roads, our concentration slips and speed can sometimes increase. It's the old 'nearly home and dry' scenario. Suddenly, the unexpected happens just down the road from home and we're caught out and don't react as fast. As residents, all you need to do is be aware of this, expect the unexpected and drive at an appropriate speed.

The Parish Plan showed that there is clear concern about drivers using inappropriate speeds in Kingston. The Parish Council and Parish Plan Implementation Group are committed to responding to these concerns. Over the coming months, there will be a series of measures and campaigns involving the community, the police and the Road Safety Partnership, all aimed at reducing speed and improving road safety within Kingston. I hope you will give the campaign your full support.

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The Boundary Committee has now deferred its decision regarding a Devon Unitary Authority from February to 15th July. In the meantime, they have decided to publish draft proposals on 19th March and receive representations on them until 14th May. It is unlikely that the Secretary of State will confirm any recommendations until at least April 2011. This means that the European Parliamentary elections and the County Council elections will now take place on 4th June. Please note that the Reading Room has been booked for this purpose.

On Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, David Farwig, the South West Manager of Digital UK will give a short presentation regarding the switchover to digital TV. He will answer questions and have literature available. The Switchover will affect everyone so all parishioners are very welcome to attend.

In the last Newsletter I reported that South Hams District Council would not increase the Community Charge for 2009-2010. Obviously this is only one element and it may be that Devon County Council and other agencies will wish to increase their contribution.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

I have received a letter from Gary Day, of 'Action for Children', thanking us for the donation of £150 raised during the Carol Singing. Of course, it was sad that the letter should be sent to me, rather than to Chris Freeman, who did so much over many years, including this last one, to organise the event. My role has been simply that of Choirmaster and publicity man, but I will do my best to ensure that the event continues in future years, as Chris would have wanted. So, my thanks to all of you who turned out on 23 December to sing or to 'bottle' for us. See you all again next time.

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Mar 1st <i>Lent 1</i>	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	4.00 p.m. Communion
8th <i>Lent 2</i>	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. CW Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. CW Communion
15th <i>Lent 3</i>	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
18th	2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion		
22nd Mothing Sunday	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
29th	<i>No Service in Bigbury</i>	<i>No Service in Kingston</i> 11.00 a.m. Team Service at Loddiswell	<i>No Service in Ringmore</i>

I Give Up

In all probability as you read this, Lent will have started with March 1st being the first Sunday in the traditional season of fasting. We will have digested our pancakes after the usual excellent efforts at Ringmore. Folk from various denominations (last year Baptist, Catholic and C of E) will joining together and making an extra effort looking at Christian themes in the two separate Lent Courses in the patch. What will you give up.

Last November our Bishop Michael in Exeter wrote to all Devon Churches with an encouragement that we should plan a time of fasting, and that important thing that goes with it PRAYER. He hoped that this would be part of the Diocesan 1,100 year's anniversary celebrations. He wanted a concentration on adding to the numbers of those who come to Church plus, from some who do, a serious examination of the call of God in their lives which might lead to them considering some form of authorised ministry. So if you do come, think about it, could you be helping lead worship, or perhaps giving a talk on Christian themes in a Service led by another? It has been said that the local Church is like a football crowd, many folk sitting in comfort, watching a few players exhaust themselves in a way that they don't always appreciate, often not scoring! For those who do not come why not make an effort and **give up** Sunday morning lie in, Songs of Praise on the T.V., the gardening, the car wash or whatever else it is and come to Church.

We also very seriously need more involvement, for as most of you know, I will be giving up at the end of September and retiring. The date was announced and planned long in advance so that the appointment of a successor could be accelerated. Sadly there have been local Ministry roles similar to mine advertised extensively nationally recently – remember in theory it is two days a week plus Sundays in return for a house and a tenth of a Vicar's salary. The shock has been in the number of applicants coming forward.....Zero. It is therefore highly likely that I will not be replaced, and most local Services on a given Sunday, will be lead by local members of the Church. Personally I think that is how it should be, and was in New Testament times, but it is a very significant change.

Rev. Neil Barker, our Team Rector in Modbury, faces a double whammy, for a year later Rev. Mike Jefferies the Team Vicar who, with the comfort of two colleagues, has focused almost exclusively on Loddiswell (where he lives), and East Allington & Woodleigh also retires. For a year from September they will be the only ordained ministers, and then Neil might be on his own. He is exploring with Archdeacon and Bishop possible avenues to obtain more help, this may not work. It is certain that the pattern of local Church Services will change, and there may be fewer of them.

Remember your local Church needs your prayers, this Lent especially. Fasting for Lent is not a public hunger strike; it is giving up something significant to focus your concentration and prayers on God. As said in previous years it may not be abstaining from food or drink, it might be certain TV programmes or other luxury activities. Apparently John Wesley fasted on Wednesdays and Fridays, I wonder if that was a total fast or the more modern no meat but fish instead on Fridays. For me it might be not going fishing, not just on Fridays but at all during Lent, now that would be a sacrifice. As Bishop Michael has written "The call to prayer and fasting in Lent is an encouragement to have our eyes lifted from those things that often shape our thoughts and desires, and to be sharpened in our hunger for the word of God and a deep thirst to do his will". May it be so.

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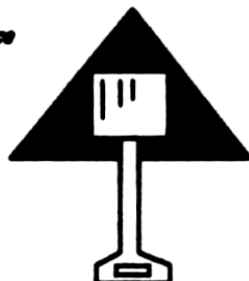
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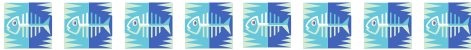
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