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KINGTON ST MICHAEL NEWSLETTER

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WISHING ALL OUR READERS

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND JOYFUL NEW YEAR



CHRISTMAS AT KINGTON ST MICHAEL COMMUNITY SHOP

The volunteer team would like to thank everyone in the village who has supported the shop during this year, and wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

Turkeys: The shop will be taking orders for turkeys and other Christmas meats from Allington Farm. The last date for orders is **Friday 12th December**, for collection on **Tuesday 23rd December**. Prices are the same as buying directly from Allington Farm Shop. Placing an order for Christmas is a good way to support the shop and it's very convenient too. Please call in to complete an order form.

Christmas gifts: In addition to some interesting small gift ideas, this year the shop is stocking locally made, crocheted hats and head warmers in adult and children's sizes, that come in a variety of designs and colours.

Bread: Return of a favourite! Taylors of Bruton have been craft bakers in Somerset since 1945 using quality local ingredients. The shop will be stocking a range of their delicious fresh bread; a large wholemeal loaf costs £3.10 and a small white farmhouse £1.95. Deliveries on Mondays and Thursdays.

Bespoke Christmas Hampers: Choose what you would like to put in a hamper, or just name a price and the hamper will be prepared for you (minimum £10).

Christmas hours: The shop will be open until 4pm on Christmas Eve, and New Years Eve.
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

If you'd like to chat about what it's like volunteering, either serving behind the counter, or helping with background tasks, please ring: Diane on 07768 053116, or email the shop on:

hello@kingtonstmichaelvillageshop.co.uk

Kington St Michael Shop is open 8.45am-5pm, Monday-Saturday and until 6pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Follow us at: Instagram @ksmvillageshop and Facebook @Kington St Michael Village Shop Limited.

KINGTON ST MICHAEL WI

Kington St Michael WI is holding a Race Night for everyone on Saturday 31st January 2026.

Tickets are £15, which includes a chilli supper and your race card. This is to fundraise for our chosen charities, Doorway & Air Ambulance.

Doors will open at 7pm and the first race is at 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks.

Dress code is 'Fancy Hat or Flat Cap'. This promises to be a fun evening.

Tickets from Chris at 9 The Close or call Denise on 07851 458400.



Community Defibrillators

Good news - the new defibrillators have arrived, which means that they are back up and running at both the school and The Jolly Huntsman.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Celebrate Christmas at your village church this December.

Sunday 7th, 9.30am Toy Service & Morning Praise. The church will be collecting new toys and Christmas gifts for children, which will go to The Salvation Army for local families in need. Please help to make a child's Christmas happier - there will be a box in church for your gift donations if you can't make it to the service. Thank you.

Saturday 13th from 2pm Community Christmas tree display. Add a star to our Memory Tree to remember a loved one & enjoy a mince pie and hot chocolate. At 4pm there will be Carols by Candlelight with Chippenham Town Band, followed by mulled wine and nibbles. Come along and enjoy your festive favourites!

Sunday 14th, 9.30am: Holy Communion

Thursday 18th, 10am: Holy Communion

Wednesday 24th, 9pm: Christmas Eve Holy Communion.

Sunday 28th, 11am: Benefice service at Grittleton Church.

January services:

Sunday 4th, 9.30am: Morning Praise

Sunday 11th, 9.30am: Holy Communion

Thursday 15th, 10am: Holy Communion

Sunday 25th, 4pm: All Together @ 4 - all age worship with optional Holy Communion, music, activities & refreshments at Bybrook Primary School, Yatton Keynell.

Wishing you the peace and joy of Christmas from all at St Michael & All Angels.

If you're walking your dog in the churchyard, please keep them on a lead at all times and don't let them wander from the pathways. Pick up any 'deposits' they might leave and put them in a bin or take them home.



KINGTON CLUB NEWS

The club Committee hopes members enjoyed the recent autumn rugby internationals, which were shown in the Club. This was made possible by the acquisition of a TNT broadcast licence. They have also replaced the bar tables, stools and repainted the lounge tables as part of an ongoing plan to improve the Club

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Friday 12th - Children's Christmas Party, starting at 6.30pm, with an entertainer and disco.

Free entry and a Christmas gift.

Christmas Day open from 12 noon -2pm

Boxing Day open from 12 noon -2pm

New Years Eve open from 8pm until late, with a live DJ / disco.

Bring your family and friends for a great party to welcome in 2026

EVENTS IN JANUARY 2026

Tuesday 6th – Monthly bingo, starting at 6.30pm.

Saturday 17th – Quiz night, starting at 8pm.



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 10am - 1pm

The village hall Christmas Fayre is the perfect place to get into the Christmas spirit. There will be a mix of community and small business stalls – perfect for those stocking fillers! It's also a great place to catch up with friends and family over a cup of tea, hot chocolate or a mince pie.

Don't forget to bring plenty of cash to spend at the stalls and for raffle tickets.

You could even pop into the shop and order your Christmas turkey, beef or ham!



DECEMBER

Friday 5th: Closed for a fully booked Christmas lunch.

Wednesday 10th: Closed for a fully booked Christmas lunch.

Friday 12th: Closed for a fully booked Christmas lunch.

Wednesday 17th: Closed for a Christmas lunch – spaces available.

Thursday 18th: Closed for a Christmas lunch – spaces available.

Friday 19th: Closed for a Christmas lunch – spaces available.

Saturday 20th: Closed for a Christmas lunch – spaces available.

Sunday 21st: Closed for a Christmas lunch – spaces available.

Christmas Shutdown – Monday 22nd December – Tuesday 6th January 2026. Re-opening on Wednesday 7th January.

JANUARY 2026

Saturday 10th: Open 9am – 3pm. Pizza Night 5pm – 8pm, available to eat in or takeaway

Thursday 29th: Curry & Chat with Steve Perryman-organised by Dave Roberts.

Sunday 25th: Open 10am – 2pm; serving breakfast until 11am, with Sunday lunch available 12noon – 2pm. Booking is advisable.

We would like thank everyone for their continued support and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Lisa & Gavin



QE2 FIELD NEWS - BONFIRE NIGHT

The annual village bonfire night took place on Saturday 1st November, complete with a fantastic fireworks display. Attendance was down compared to normal so the takings are expected to be down, but the group still hope to make a small profit (final amount TBC).

This event could not happen without help from the volunteers, support from village groups and local organisations. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help before, on the night, and after the event. Well done also to the fireworks team, including the newest members who recently completed their fireworks training! They put on a safe and spectacular show that has become a village tradition.

Special thanks to the Parish Council and Viv Vines (PC Clerk), Kington St Michael Village Shop Limited, Kington Café, KSM Club, Chippenham Pallet Company, MJ Church Recycling, and Merv Singer and team. This simply could not run without your support.

As well as an annual fund-raiser for the QE2 Field, this is very much a community event designed to bring together all ages and, despite the weather this year, it was great to see that spirit still very much in evidence on the night!

NEW STORAGE FACILITY & PATHS

The QE2 group was delighted that the new wooden-clad storage container was installed just in time for bonfire night! Thanks to the Parish Council for its support with this facility.

There are new paths from the field down to the Nymph Hay, making walking easier. Thanks to Merv Singer and his team for the continued work at the field, to help make these improvements.

If you are interested in getting involved, email ksmqe2fieldgroup@gmail.com to register your interest.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WASTE COLLECTION

Tuesday December 23rd household waste - **Monday** December 29th mixed recycling.

Thursday January 8th household waste - **Saturday** January 10th mixed recycling. (Some parts of Easton Piercy may have different dates – please check on Wiltshire Council's website.)

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE

The public consultation event in respect of the proposed residential development scheme in Kington St Michael was held on Tuesday 11th November, in Kington Club. There was a good turnout of villagers, with much discussion amongst those in attendance.

To find out more about this proposal go to <https://lpctrull.com/?s=kington+st+michael>



ROZ SAVAGE, MP for the South Cotswolds (Liberal Democrat) Roz holds regular constituency surgeries to support residents with their concerns.

Following parliamentary advice, these surgeries are now by appointment only. Where possible, appointments will be held virtually. However, Roz is also hosting less frequent in-person surgeries at various locations across the constituency, to ensure accessibility for all residents.

To book an appointment, please email: roz.savage.mp@parliament.uk or call her office on (01285) 300555. If you have specific accessibility needs, please let the team know when booking.

RED BARN SOLAR FARM UPDATE

Eden Renewables has been in touch about pre-construction works, which will be starting shortly ahead of full construction, which is expected to begin later next year.

Geotechnical works include digging trial pits, and borehole drilling using a small drilling rig (approximately the size of a small tractor) will be taking place across the site having started on 17th November and expected to last for approximately two weeks. Please note that some noise is unavoidable during these operations and they apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused.

Other upcoming activities on site will include improvements to the site entrances, technical site investigations and ecological and landscaping work.

They are committed to minimising disruption and keeping the community fully informed as the project progresses. Once full construction dates and details are confirmed, they will notify nearby residents and businesses directly via a mail drop.

To register in advance for email updates please contact:

RedBarnSolar@edenrenewables.com.

Information will also be published on their website.

They are also compiling a register of local suppliers, particularly for accommodation and transport services. If you are a local business that would like to work with them, please let them know.

There is no Parish Council meeting in December. The next meeting is on **January 15th, 7.15pm in the village hall.**

If you have any issues concerning the village, please contact the Clerk:

Viv Vines - ksmparishclerk@gmail.com

or Chairperson - Peter Macdonald

p.macdonald@kingtonstmichaelparishcouncil.gov.uk

For further information about your Parish Council and your councillors go to its website:

www.kingtonstmichaelparishcouncil.gov.uk

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: NOON ON FRIDAY 23rd JANUARY 2026

Because our editor is ageing, and on occasion loses track of time, it is advisable to save this date so as not to be disappointed if your entry is too late for publication!