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Kington St Michael Newsletter

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LIGHTER EVENINGS ARE ON THE WAY AND SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR AT MIDNIGHT 25th MARCH

KINGTON ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Sunday 5th February, 9.30am, Morning Praise

Sunday 12th February, 9.30am, Holy Communion

Thursday 16th February, 10am, Holy Communion

Sunday 26th February, 4pm, All together@4, friendly informal all age worship with activities and refreshments at Bybrook School, Yatton Keynell

Sunday 5th March, 9.30am, Morning Praise

Sunday 12th March, 9.30am, Holy Communion

Thursday 16th March, 10am, Holy Communion

Sunday 26th March, 4pm, All together @ 4, Bybrook School.

The church extends a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join in any of the services and to stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards.

There is an exciting calendar of events planned for the coming year, starting with pancake races down the church path at 3.30pm on Shrove Tuesday 21st February, an Easter egg hunt on Good Friday 7th April, Coronation cream tea, a concert by the Village Singers and lots more!

Did you know that the small congregation has to cover all the costs for heating, insuring, maintaining and running the church building and services? The church needs to raise at least £2,500 to meet rising costs. Keep an eye out for posters and on the village website for details. If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you - please contact Alison on (01249) 750742.

Can you help?

The Parochial Church Council is the group that keep our lovely church running. They need a new treasurer as Gerry Elms is standing down after many years of service. This is a crucial role in these challenging times, managing and maximising the church finances and preparing the accounts. You will need to be confident with figures and spread sheets and to be able to attend bi-monthly evening PCC meetings.

Gerry will do a full handover. For a chat about what is involved, please give him a ring on (01249) 750423.

KINGTON ST MICHAEL WI

Tuesday 14th February -

John Davis will give a talk entitled "A History of Pelham Puppets" (rearranged from January)

Tuesday 14th March -

Frances Carlaw talks on "Pearls & Art Deco". Frances will also be selling her pearl jewellery so why not go along?

All meetings are 7.30pm in the village hall. New members & visitors always welcome.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD UPDATE

Plans are underway, so please keep an eye out on the village website and Facebook for more details, as we will be seeking volunteers to help clear the area in advance of planting. WATCH THIS SPACE!

ROAD GRITTING

Thank you to all the residents living on and near Tor Hill, for gritting the hill during one of the many recent cold snaps. This surely prevented more accidents occurring on the black ice.

VILLAGE SHOP

The future

The village shop can only survive long-term with the excellent support of volunteers, those both working in the shop and on the committee. At this moment in time there is an urgent need for more volunteers to work behind the counter as well as more committee members, particularly someone to fill the post of secretary.

If you, or anyone you know, can offer a few hours a week/fortnight/month please get in touch with us by emailing hello@kingtonstmichaelvillageshop.co.uk asap. Alternatively, you can speak to one of the volunteers when you visit the shop and leave your details.

Now more than ever the village shop needs your help.

Thank you

Thank you very much to those who do visit the shop regularly, your support is much appreciated. Could everyone in the village please consider spending £5-£10 a week in the shop so that it can be kept open for those that really need it.

If the shop doesn't stock the products you would like to buy, let a volunteer know what you require and the manager will definitely consider stocking them. You will find some of the prices lower than local retail outlets!

Welcome to the new manager!

Welcome to Ally who has already had some great ideas for new products, changing displays, has great contacts in the retail world and more.

It's lovely to have a new manager, but this can only be a short-term solution as current profits are insufficient to pay for a manager long-term.

Hampers

Due to the success of hampers at Christmas time it has been decided to continue to provide these. Please give a one week's notice of what you want and the approximate price you want to spend. The volunteer will take your details and contact you by phone you as soon as your hamper is ready for collection.

The Loaf Shack Bakery

The savoury scones and quiche flew off the shelves! The baked goods have a definite homemade flavour. Please give them a try and let Ally know whether these should be a regular for the shop. There is the hope that the shop will be able to stock sandwiches from the Loaf Shack Bakery soon, as well as the other delicious products - watch out for more information.

Stamp recycling

Please save all of your used stamps and bring them to put in the tin by the till. All proceeds to go to Parkinson's UK.

KINGTON CAFÉ

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9am – 3pm

PIZZA NIGHTS – Saturday 25th February & Saturday 25th March

SUNDAY ROASTS – Sunday 26th February & Sunday 26th March (booking advised).

Email orders@kington-cafe.co.uk or telephone (01249) 750212

KSM SOCIAL CLUB

6 Nations Rugby season is nearly upon us – it kicks off on the weekend of the 4th February. The club is open for all matches, and to help improve the viewing quality the club has recently invested in new audio-visual equipment.

The club is currently planning its social calendar for 2023 – watch this space. To commemorate the club's 100-year anniversary, a special celebration is being planned.

Monthly Quiz – Please remember to go along on the third Saturday of each month for the popular monthly quiz. Teams of four people/£1 per person.

Membership: January renewal - For those who have yet to renew their club membership, this is a reminder that all club membership subscriptions should be paid in January. All membership subscriptions not renewed by the 1st February shall be deemed in arrears and if fees are not received in full by the 1st March then club membership will be cancelled.

For up-to-date information please visit the new club website: www.ksmsocialclub.com.

Or visit the club on Facebook (Kington Club News) and Instagram (ksmsocialclub).

Month	Event	Date	Time
February '23	Weekly Winter Skittles	Note: Moving to Thursday nights from the 2 nd Feb	8.00pm
	Six Nations Rugby	Starting 4 th February (all games being shown)	Various
	Monthly Club Quiz	18 th February	8.00pm
March '23	Weekly Winter Skittles	Every Thursday night	8.00pm
	Club AGM	15 th March	8.00pm
	Monthly Club Quiz	18 th March	8.00pm
	Six Nations Rugby Cont....	All games being shown. Ending 18 th March - Super Saturday	Various

KSM VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Friends of the School are raising money to enhance the play equipment in the playground. They hope to install some imaginative play equipment in the form of a pirate-style ship, and if funds allow will regenerate the pond area.

To help them raise the required funds and to build community spirit they are hosting two events, these are:

Quiz night in the school hall on Friday 17th March, 7.30pm. Teams with no more than 5 people are welcome to battle it out to become this year's winners.

£6 per person to include nibbles for the table. Raffle and licensed bar will be available.

If you would like more details please email friendsksmschool@gmail.com

Save the date: The school fête will take place on Saturday 8th July, 2023.

50/50 CLUB - DECEMBER:

Sandra Sigeo No.51 - £30
Amy-Sue Flynn No.83 - £15
Kayleigh Besant No.68 - £15

JANUARY:

A Tully No.43 - £25
K Wicks No.8 - £15

THANK YOU

"A big thank you to everyone who took part in the KSM Advent Windows for Christmas 2022. There were so many imaginative and creative windows to spot round the village, and it was lovely to see the community spirit of houses making something for others to enjoy on a local wintry walk. I tried to photograph as many as I could and I put these photos on the KSM Facebook page, so do have a look. I know that many villagers really do love this event, so if anyone would like to co-ordinate the Advent Windows for December 2023, please get in touch with me. I would be happy to share my experience of organising them - it's pretty straightforward. Many thanks, Yvonne Cole" (yvonne@coleplanet.com)