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KINGTON ST MICHAEL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY PUB

Many of you are probably aware that The Jolly Huntsman has been for sale for quite some time and that the owners wish to move on after a long and successful tenure.

In order to keep the pub open as a vibrant part of our community, and in the current absence of any other buyers, the possibility of acquiring the pub as a Community Pub is being explored.

At a well-attended meeting in the village hall on the evening of March 21st, a positive reception was received for exploring the possibility of acquiring The Jolly Huntsman and establishing it as a community pub. To move forward, we're now looking to assemble a committee, and your skills could make a real difference.

If you have some time to spare and skills in areas like marketing, fundraising, accounts, management, accommodation, cheffing, bar work, property law, or surveying, we'd greatly appreciate your help. Equally, if you have ideas on how the community could benefit, we want to hear from you. Is there something that we can get done? The support shown so far is encouraging, but we truly need your involvement to make this vision a reality. We are looking to form an initial management committee to proceed with this project.

To volunteer or learn more, please feel free to reach out to Alex Hall at alex.hall@kington-st-michael.com or Linda Durno at kingtonstmichael@btinternet.com or call (01249) 750514.

An inaugural meeting will be next (check the village website) and we hope to take this forward for the village. Your contribution could be the key to turning this community plan into a successful venture.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Good Friday 29th March:
All Together for Easter starting at 9.45am at KSM Church of England School.

Easter Holy Communion:
Sunday 31st March, 9.30am.

Services in April

Sunday 7th April:
Morning Praise, 9.30am.

Sunday 14th April:
Holy Communion, 9.30am.

Thursday 18th April:
Holy Communion, 9.30am.

Sunday 28th April:
All Together at 4 at Yatton Keynell Church of England School, 3.45pm for 4pm.

Please come for lunch at our church from 12 noon until 2pm every Monday; Cilla and the team look forward to welcoming you.

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP IMPROVE
OUR QE2 FIELD?**



ATTENTION ALL KSM QE2 FIELD USERS!

KSM QE2 Field Group has some exciting plans for the recreation field in 2024 including the redevelopment of the children's play area, and more!

HOWEVER, we are a very small team of volunteers and we need some HELP to make things happen! You do NOT need to join a committee and there is NO obligation. You can be involved as much, or as little, as you wish. But things only happen when there are enough hands to help

If you are interested in helping to improve our recreation area in KSM this year, we would love to hear from you. Get in touch: ksmqe2fieldgroup@gmail.com.

VILLAGE SHOP

At a recent shop meeting five new members were co-opted onto the committee; this will help share the workload and bring new ideas to the meetings. Currently there is one space left to be filled and if you would like to get involved to help keep the village community shop open, please email hello@kingtonstmichael.co.uk or speak to a committee member; details on the village website www.kingtonstmichael.com.

Apart from the obvious benefits to us as a village community, according to an article in The Telegraph in June 2018, having a shop can add value to your home. The generally held view amongst estate agents is that local amenities generate a premium of up to 5%.

The shop is still looking for volunteers to give two hours of their week to help keep the shop open, especially as the shop manager hours will have to be cut to 20 hours a week in June. Whether you're new to the village or not it's a great way to get to know your neighbours.

Easter is almost upon us and the shop has a great selection seasonal gifts and cards to choose from, not forgetting some delicious hot x buns.

Easter opening hours will be;

Good Friday: 8.45am to 5.00pm

Saturday 30th: 8.45am to 5.00pm

Easter Sunday and Monday: Closed



With spring almost upon us there will be hungry birds needing to feed their chicks and gardens to be maintained, so take a trip to the shop where you will find a good supply of bird food and garden essentials.

The shop continues to provide a service to the community, helping a young man gain work experience for his Duke of Edinburgh award by assisting staff in the shop in his free time.

If you fancy a take-away coffee, tea or hot chocolate there is an excellent self-service machine in the shop so you can enjoy your favourite beverage whilst out and about, and support the shop at the same time.

The shop is always fully stocked with all sorts of unexpected items so please call-in next time you're in the vicinity and have a look around.



KSM WI meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm in the village hall; all welcome.

Tuesday 9th April: Jamie's Farm provides the speakers.

Tuesday 14th May: Annual Meeting & Resolution explanation followed by a bingo evening.

APRIL/MAY UPDATES FROM KINGTON CAFÉ

Friday 12th April: Closed until 11.30am for a private breakfast booking.

Saturday 13th April: Pizza night 5pm – 8pm, available to eat in or takeaway.

Sunday 28th April: Open 10am – 2pm Sunday lunch served 12noon- 2pm, booking is advisable. Takeaway lunches also available.

Saturday 11th May: Closed from 1pm for a private booking. Pizza night 5pm – 8pm, available to eat in or takeaway.

Sunday 26th May: Open 10am – 2pm serving Sunday lunch from 12 noon – 2pm. Booking is advised. Takeaway lunches also available.

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Kington cafe



Did you know we now offer Fish & Chips EVERY Friday? Booking advised.

Email: orders@kington-cafe.co.uk Tel. (01249) 750212.



A HAPPY ENDING!

You may recall the stray cat that was found in The Ridings, known as The Mittenses online, or Panda's dad, but now called Alfie. We can report that he's doing well as an indoor cat in Chippenham and has adjusted well to his new environment. His veterinary treatment was very successful and he no longer needs his eye removed.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

There was recently an attempted burglary in the village, but thankfully the culprits were disturbed and nothing was taken.

Other villages in the area have also suffered with break-ins, so please be vigilant and remember to lock all your doors and ensure that your property is secure.

If you suspect any attempt at burglary, please inform the police.

KSM NETBALL CLUB

New players welcome - any ability.

Our club is reaching out for new members to come join us for some fun and friendly fitness. All fitness levels and any ability, we are a really friendly club, and there's no obligation to join one of our league teams - the club has teams in both the Rock Up League and the Calne Social League, so there are plenty of opportunities for those with more competitive streaks too. We really do have a great mix of players of all ages 18+.

First session free, so come along and try out your netball skills. Then £6 per session or £30 per 6-week block. 1½ hours of coached netball with England Netball qualified coaches and umpires - with plenty of opportunity for match play during the session. Training in the Dome every Thursday (we break for school holidays). If you want to come along this Thursday, message our Facebook page facebook.com/ksmnetballclub or email ksmnetballclub@hotmail.com

REMINDER TO DOG WALKERS

There are plenty of poo bins around the village and on the QE2 Field, please use them and don't leave your dog's poo on the ground or hanging in poo bags on the hedgerows. If you're on your 'phone, or listening to music, please remember to check what your dog is doing so that you don't miss any 'deposits' on pavements or thoroughfares.

Farmer's Polite Request

If you use the public footpath that runs behind the school and allotments and comes out behind the village hall, please keep all dogs on leads and ensure that all gates are closed and secured behind you.

There are currently free-range sheep and lambs in the field which need to be kept safe and secure.

Thank you



MISSING NEWS ITEMS!!

No news had been submitted by Kington St Michael Club, but forthcoming events can be found at:

www.ksmsocialclub.com.

No news has been submitted by Friends of the School 50/50 club.

No news has been submitted by the village hall.

Don't miss out – send us your news!!

If you have any news items you would like included in the June/July issue please send it to Avril at kingtonnews@gmail.com no later than **12 noon on Friday 17th May.**

HAPPY EASTER

