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## KINGTON ST MICHAEL NEWSLETTER

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### PARACHUTING TEDDIES & FAMILY FUN

Kington St Michael's popular teddy parachuting and family fun afternoon is back on **Sunday 7th September!**

Mark your diaries and get your teddy bear ready to parachute in the churchyard of St Michael & All Angels Church from 2pm – 4.30pm.



Refreshments and cream teas will also be available, plus children's games, face-painting, a raffle, tombola and more. **Plus**, new for this year, we are delighted to welcome the children of Kington St Michael C of E Primary School for a special performance at 3pm in the church! **Please bring cash.**

### ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH SERVICES

Cool space - the church is always cool on a hot day, relax & help yourself to a glass of squash

#### August services

Sunday 3rd, 9.30am: Morning Praise

Sunday 10th, 9.30am: Holy Communion

Thursday 21st, 10am: Holy Communion

Sunday 31st, 9.30am: Holy Communion (Cluster service)



#### September services

Sunday 7th, 9.30am: Morning Praise

Sunday 14th, 9.30am: Holy Communion

Thursday 18th, 10am: Holy Communion

Sunday 28th, 4pm: AllTogether@4, all ages worship at Bybrook School, Yatton Keynell.

Sunday 28th, 6pm: Choral Evensong - a special musical service to celebrate St Michael & All Angels, followed by reception with wine & nibbles.

Sunday 28th September will be a day of celebration to mark the church's place in village life. The church will be open from 10am with a display on the church's history and people's memories, along with refreshments, cake stall and children's activities. If you have anything you would like to be included - photos, stories, etc, please contact Alison or Chris

[alison.mulley@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.mulley@btinternet.com) / [chris.laskey@outlook.com](mailto:chris.laskey@outlook.com)

If you would like to help keep your village church open for future generations, please consider making a donation - Gift Day letters will be delivered in September. Thank you.

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### KINGTON ST MICHAEL WI

Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm in the village hall – new members always welcome.

September 9th: Trees of Chippenham with Terry Offen & Kate Tate.

October 9th: Outing to the REME Museum.

October 14th: Murder in Wiltshire, with Claire Mills.

October: John Aubrey Group meeting.

November 11th: Dragonfly mosaics with Denise.

December 9th: Christmas entertainment.

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### ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS MUSICAL EVENTS

Saturday 16th August, 7pm:  
Join renowned organist Paul Bamrough for an Organ Gala Concert – refreshments and retiring collection.

Sunday 17th August:  
An afternoon concert (time tbc) of Bach for Our Time - a reflective. A 45-minute programme to bring some peace and hope to our troubled world. Refreshments and retiring collection.

Please keep an eye out for posters with full details of our events!



## COMMUNITY SHOP NEWS

The shop is looking very summery at present, thanks to locally grown, freshly cut, fragrant bunches of flowers that are currently being offered for sale at very reasonable prices.

Stocking village and local produce is always a bit special and the team is excited to be able offer local honey, some of which is from KSM bees. The shop is also enjoying the gifts of plants and garden produce that people have donated to the shop to sell. If you have any surplus produce, please drop it into the shop at any time when it is open; the best part of this initiative is that customers get fresh produce with low food miles and it also helps the shop.

It has been a successful summer so far with a regular flow of customers, which is steadily increasing, so thank you if you have supported the shop. The shop is popular with canine customers too – with sales of Marshfield doggy ice creams reaching 29 in 4 weeks!

The volunteer team is slowly growing, but if you can spare a couple of hours a week and would like to join the team please do get in touch – pop in, call (01249) 750181 or email [hello@kingtonstmichaelshop.co.uk](mailto:hello@kingtonstmichaelshop.co.uk). It's a very friendly environment and no experience is necessary as training is given.

If you've heard that the shop is looking for a new part time co-ordinator, please don't panic! Claire Pugh, our lead co-ordinator, is planning long term and looking some months ahead to decide the best way forward for the shop and the team.

## QE2 FIELD NEWS

The large climbing frame in the children's playground has now been repaired, but volunteers are still needed to clean up the main timber supports and apply wood preserver.

Both sets of replacement swings are due for delivery imminently. Once delivered, these will be installed ASAP by Merv and team. Volunteers will also be needed to help tidy/refresh the safety surfaces (repair kits are on order).

If you are willing to help with either of the above (at a time convenient to you and with all materials/expenses covered), please email [ksmqe2fieldgroup.com](mailto:ksmqe2fieldgroup.com).

Markings in the games court area will be laid soon and new football nets have been ordered. Discussions regarding future playground design and equipment, plus storage options at the field, are also underway.

Bonfire Night - Help Required: Help is urgently needed with this year's fireworks night currently planned for Saturday 1st November. The team is now sadly reduced to just a few people and the biggest event of the year requires additional help for it to go ahead.

There are two principal areas where help is needed:

- 1) firework set-up on the day
- 2) planning/admin tasks

You do NOT need to join a committee – just be part of the event support team to help run a safe and successful night. This has been a village tradition for decades and the QE2 team would love it to continue.

If you can help, please email: [ksmqe2fieldgroup@gmail.com](mailto:ksmqe2fieldgroup@gmail.com)

Reminder also that the community BBQ at the field is available to hire for just £15 - please email to make a booking.





### What's on at Kington Café...

To find out what's on at the café over the summer, please follow us on Facebook or Instagram for further updates, or check the café's window for notices.

Thank you.

#### NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION

Please send your copy to  
[kingtonnews@gmail.com](mailto:kingtonnews@gmail.com)

before noon on Friday 26th September.

#### KINGTON ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets at 7.15pm in the village hall, on the following dates:

Thursday 18th September

Thursday 16th October

Thursday 20th November

No meetings in August or December.

Minutes of council meetings are available on the village website

[www.kingtonstmichael.com](http://www.kingtonstmichael.com) and on the parish council's website

[www.kingtonstmichaelparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kingtonstmichaelparishcouncil.gov.uk)



#### ROZ SAVAGE, MP for the South Cotswolds

Roz holds regular constituency surgeries to support residents with their concerns.

Following parliamentary advice, these surgeries are now by appointment only.

To book an appointment contact

[roz.savage.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:roz.savage.mp@parliament.uk),

telephone (01285) 300555.

Thank you to Nigel Farr for the use of the photo of the main street through the village.

#### KSM CLUB NEWS

The club committee would like to thank all the members who participated in the recent members' survey. Further to the feedback received, the club is delighted to announce that a monthly Bingo Night will be reinstated, restarting on Tuesday 5th August at 6.30pm. Please come along and have a fun evening.

#### AUGUST EVENTS

Tuesday 5th: Bingo night, 6.30pm

Saturday 16th: Quiz night, 8pm

#### Women's Rugby World Cup

Friday 22nd: England v USA, 7.30pm

Saturday 30th: England v Samoa, 5pm

#### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday 2nd: Bingo night, 6.30pm

Saturday 6th: **Women's World Rugby**  
England v Australia, 5pm

Saturday 20th: Live music night with  
The Complainers, 8pm

Tables have been added to the outside space down the side of the club, for patrons to enjoy a cool drink during the lovely summer evenings.

Don't forget that every Friday is Friday Feast Night - takeaway or eat in. Following a change in the fish supplier the quality of the fish has greatly improved and French fries have been added to the menu.

#### CLUB OPEN DAY

Sunday 24th August, 12pm - 10pm, with a BBQ from 1pm - 3pm.

First drink free to all members, first soft drink and free food to all members' children

**The club is now open on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6pm - 10pm.**

Members and non- members welcome.