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KINGTON ST MICHAEL NEWSLETTER

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KSM QE2 FIELD NEWS

BONFIRE NIGHT - Our annual KSM Bonfire & Fireworks night will take place on **Saturday 2nd November**. With a bonfire, fireworks display, and plenty to eat and drink, we look forward to gathering our community together for this popular annual family event. Keep an eye on Facebook for more information and posters will go up around the village once advance tickets go on sale; we look forward to seeing you. This event is organised solely by volunteers - if you'd like to get involved and help on the day or evening, please email ksmqe2fieldgroup@gmail.com.

ENHANCEMENTS AT KSM QE2 FIELD - We are excited to share that the resurfacing of the kickwall area at the recreation field has now taken place! Once the new surface has dried, markings will be painted allowing a variety of recreational sports to be played, and new fencing will also be installed. In addition, an accessible pathway will be created leading to the kickwall area. We are also happy to report that new gravel will soon be laid on the existing pathway from the BBQ area down to the bridge near the entrance to Nymph Hay Wood. KSM QE2 Field Group would like to thank the Parish Council for supporting these projects!

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KSM Christmas Fayre – save the date!

Saturday 7th December 10am – 1pm



The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 7th December in the village hall from 10am – 1pm.

If you have any unwanted presents in the back of your cupboards, we would love to have them for the tombola stall. Please drop them off at Joan Gilbert's house – 26 The Ridings. Thank you!

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An Evening of flute music with Klio Blonz Friday 13th December

Klio Blonz will be performing at the village hall on the evening of Friday 13th December - further information to follow in the next newsletter! Visit www.klioblonz.com for more information.



VILLAGE EVENTS



Flexercise is a blend of light aerobics, Pilates and strength work which all add up to an effective work-out for the body. 11am every Monday in the village hall, for 45 mins (term-time only). £5 on the door.

For further information contact Sue Cassell on 07551 135581, email cassellsue@hotmail.com, www.fl-exercise.com.

Church Coffee Corner every Monday, from 11.30am - 1.30pm in St Michael & All Angels Church. Meet others and enjoy hot or cold refreshments; all welcome.

Mobile library every 4 weeks (fortnightly at the school) on Tuesdays. This vehicle has full disabled access. It arrives at Stubbs Lane (near the telephone box) at 10.10am until 10.30am every four weeks. It also visits the school every fortnight on a Tuesday from 9.15am to 10am, where it is open to the general public (and schoolchildren during term time).

Pilates in the village hall on Tuesday evenings (apart from WJ night - 6.45pm for an hour. Contact Lauren via laurenpilates@gmail.com or take a look at her website www.laurenpilates.co.uk.



Kington St Michael Village Shop Manager - Kirsten

It is nearly three months since I started and what a busy time it has been! The new till is up and running and with most of the stock loaded in, we have just passed the 1,260 product mark. Amazing to think that is the range we offer! Apart from helping us provide a more efficient service, the till is a mine of information on what sells in our village. Having this information will mean we can streamline ordering, making it easier to keep the most popular items in stock. Efficiency is essential if the shop is going to survive. If every household in the village spent just £10 a week in the shop, the shop will thrive and we will be here for the future. We will be running a series of £10 baskets on social media - keep an eye out for ideas, illustrative examples as follows:

Breakfast fry up basket		Walkers/Hikers' basket		Rainy day baking basket		Tough Day basket	
Local Eggs	£1.60	Rhubarb drink	£1.65	Flour	£1.39	Wine	£8.55
Local Bacon	£3.40	Snack	£0.85	Sugar	£1.19	Crisps	£0.95
Local Bread	£2.00	Water	£0.80	Choc chips	£2.90	Ice cream	£4.80
Coffee	£4.89	Sweets	£2.00	Margarine	£2.50		
		Plasters	£1.40	Baking paper	£1.99		
Total	£11.89	Total	£6.70	Total	£9.97	Total	£14.30

Finally, this month I would like to introduce our first refillable product, **Ecover** washing up liquid refill. Bring along your current empty bottle and we will refill it for you. This is another small contribution to cutting down on plastic. Our prices are very competitive with the bigger name brands.

All the volunteers and I look forward to seeing you in the shop.



Community Pub Project

We are hoping to hear if the Community Ownership Fund will resume after the Autumn Budget on 30th October (this was put on hold due to the General Election). You may have seen an article about this on the local BBC News "Buying Community Pubs a Long Haul...". As there is the potential for a large grant from this fund, we're keeping our fingers crossed and our application and business plan are ready and waiting for submission. In the meantime we are looking at additional grants and to raise money through shares, donations, and by fundraising.

In the pipeline is a Promises Auction, hopefully in November, and promises received so far include a round of golf for four at Chippenham Golf Club, a "taxi" to and from Chippenham, a tapas meal, a selection of white goods, and a home-made pavlova. If you would like to promise a service or donate an item, please contact Gerry Gamble on (01249) 750234 or email Linda Durno: kingtonstmichael@btinternet.com. We will also be selling Christmas cards with "Greetings from Kington St Michael" on. Watch out for details of our online shop too!



Greetings from Kington St Michael

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Kington cafe



OCTOBER

Saturday 12th – Open 9am-3pm
Pizza Night 5pm-8pm

Available to eat in or takeaway, contact us to book yours:
orders@kington-cafe.co.uk / 07369 232934

Sunday 27th – Open 10am-2pm

Serving breakfast until 11am, Sunday lunch available 12noon-2pm
Pre-booking is advisable.

NOVEMBER

Saturday 9th - Open 9am-3pm
Pizza Night 5pm-8pm

Available to eat in or takeaway, contact us to book yours:
orders@kington-cafe.co.uk / 07369 232934

Sunday 24th - Open 10am-2pm

Serving breakfast until 11am, with Sunday lunch available from
12noon - 2pm. Pre-booking is advisable.

Saturday 30th – Closed for a private lunch booking.

The café now offers Fish & Chips every Friday lunchtime;
pre booking is advised.

Christmas is fast approaching, follow us for updates on Christmas.

Follow the café on Facebook & Instagram for updates.

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



TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTE DAY

Despite a very soggy afternoon and a delayed start, 35 brave bears took to the skies on Sunday 22nd September! Enormous thanks to all who came, to all the helpers who contributed their time, to everyone who contributed to the hugely successful tombola, and raffle, and those who so kindly made delicious scones and cakes for the tea.

We are grateful too to Julian Frost who brought the ever-popular Yoda, the owl, who once more swooped around the church, to the delight of all. The event raised a wonderful £605.20 which will go to the church funds.

For up to date information and events in Kington St Michael, visit the village website: www.kingtonstmichael.com. If you'd like any items included on the website, please email Linda Durno: kingtonstmichael@btinternet.com.

FRIENDS OF KINGTON ST MICHAEL SCHOOL

The Friends of the School are looking for volunteers to help them run a Christmas wreath making event, which is provisionally planned for the end of November.

They are also looking for donations of foliage and materials.

If you can help with either, please email Jo at friendssmschool@gmail.com

Next Newsletter

If you have any forthcoming events or news you would like published in the December/January newsletter, please let me have your finished article no later than noon on Monday 25th November.

Please send your articles to Avril at kingtonnews@gmail.com