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- A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THEM ALL!

KEW COMMUNITY TRUST REFURBISHES THEIR MAIN HALL

Kew Community Trust is delighted with the recent refurbishment of the Main Hall at the Kew Community Centre, St Luke's in The Avenue. The refurbishment includes complete redecoration, improved lighting, new tables, a custom-made bar/counter and a new fridge counter. Nicola Patel, Chief Executive of Kew Community Trust, who oversaw the works, commented "Our Centre is home to over 25 local community groups including our vibrant and welcoming Avenue Club. It is wonderful to see our Centre transformed for the better and we hope that everyone who comes to the Centre will enjoy our excellent facilities".

- see the Avenue Club's wide range of activities on page 7

BARN NURSERY — FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE FOR THE VERY YOUNG!

The Barn Church Hall was officially opened on 25th November 1967 — **see page 10**. More about the Barn Nursery's celebrations in the next issue!

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8am Holy Communion

11am Parish Communion (Junior Church and Crèche in term-time)

11am Parish Communion with Junior Church participation: first Sunday in the month — All-age Worship.

Every Thursday

10am Holy Communion

THE BARN

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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

September always brings a “Back to Skool” feel, even for those who are not in school, or do not have children in the education system. The nights are drawing in, the warm – nay – hot days of summer are past, and it is time to review coats and scarves and gloves for the coming winter.

We operate in the same way within the Church. With families scattered over the globe during the holiday season, Sunday mornings through August have been filled with baptisms – a wonderful array of children have been baptised in both churches this summer – but many of our usual week by week activities have been either put on hold or gone very quiet. But now we are in September and we have lots to do. Junior Church has restarted, the Toddler groups are back, various significant moments in the diary are coming nearer, and the months ahead have a structure.

First comes Harvest, on the first Sunday of October, a celebration of God’s goodness and generosity, with gifts of fruit and veg in church, and then a barn dance, in the Barn, on Saturday 13th October. The next day we celebrate St Luke, 14th October, our patron saint, with fine music, a guest preacher – Revd Judith Roberts, Chaplain at Kingston Hospital – and a feast to follow. Then on 11th November, the solemn marking of 100 years since the Armistice was signed at Versailles in 1918. Every quarter over the past four years John Elstone has chronicled in the *Link* the background of all 110 names on the War Memorial in St Luke’s, and we shall read all those names in the morning, then reflect together in the afternoon on the shattering effect the war had on individuals, families, communities and the world in general. Images, stories, music, poetry – will focus our minds on all the ramifications of that conflict.

Those are the set dates for the term. In between, however, there will be other things going on. The Emergency Winter Night Shelter for rough sleepers, in partnership with the homeless charity Glass Door, will start up again in the borough on 5th November. Everyone can help out in one way or another – volunteering one night a week, cooking food, knitting woolly hats and socks, donating cash, there is even a sponsored sleep out in a square in Chelsea on 5th October – sign up here: www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/sleepout-2018. We also have plans for some Pub Theology – a get together in The Kew Gardens Hotel to thrash out the principles of our faith together in a congenial setting. Watch out for dates and times. We also want to integrate the Barn surroundings more fully into the community, with gardens for children and people who haven’t got a garden, growing plants for food and for wildlife, learning together about the natural cycle of the year. If you would like to get involved, contact the Parish Office.

And Sunday by Sunday we shall faithfully gather for worship, to pray for the world and all its needs, to teach our children the ways of our loving God, and to share together the good things that God does for us day by day. Come and join us – you will be most welcome.

Peter

Baptisms

The Barn

22 nd July	Rory Alexander Jack Tomlinson
29 th July	Thomas John Williams
5 th August	Maisy Bridget Gillespie
12 th August	Arlo Francis Jude Galloway

St Luke’s

3 rd June	Ishaan Amit Gandhi
5 th August	Thomas William Peter Dand
19 th August	Marius David Lee Morris

Funerals

18 th June	Judith Golder
17 th August	Patricia Howard



Soldiers in front of the sphinx and pyramid at Giza

St Luke's - WW1 Roll of Honour Board:

**those who died
July—September 1918**

Three died in this quarter as the War was at last drawing to a close:

1 Private Harold H F White 260770, 1st County of London Yeomanry, later 103 Battalion, Machine Gun Corps., Egyptian Expeditionary Force. Died in Egypt 20th July 1918, aged 22. Husband of Mrs Helen White of 8, Weymouth Avenue, South Ealing. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Chelsea. Buried in Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

2 Gunner Edward Richard Dardin TF/960622, Royal Field Artillery, 104th Brigade Ammunition Column, 23rd Division. Killed in action 16th August 1918, aged 22. Son of Mr Darbin & Mrs Harriett Darbin of 147 Lower Mortlake Road, Richmond. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Fulham. Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Le Quesnel F. 586.



Hillside Cemetery, Le Quesnel



Railway Cutting Cemetery, Courcelles Le Comte

3 Captain James Alexander Campbell Johnson, 1/8th Battalion, Kings Liverpool Regiment, 57th Division. Killed in action near Courcelles 21st August 1918. Buried in Railway Cutting Cemetery, Courcelles Le Comte. F. 618



ANDREW RANKIN

We are very lucky to have Andrew as our new church warden for the Barn Church and we welcome him. He brings a wealth of experience gained when he was younger through his passion for sport and more recently through his international work which has involved periods abroad, mixing with people from different cultures and religions.

He describes himself as having a personal, private, quiet faith and believes that Christianity is about what you do in your daily life, the actions you take. In a world where commercial profit-making often takes precedence and any sense of moral compass seems lost, he is keen to be involved in the church that offers such a different model. Yes, the church has to make ends meet but their value system puts people and community first - he wishes these values could be taken up by more businesses! Having spent a lot of time on his own through travelling and living abroad he knows what it is like to be cut off from community. The meaning gained from a caring community and faith has become increasingly important to him.

Andrew was brought up in Sutton Coldfield. His father was a policeman and his mother a teacher and there was a strong public service ethic and awareness in the family. His father was from the Church of Scotland but converted to Catholicism when he married Andrew's mother, so the whole family became Catholics. As Andrew grew up he found the Catholic faith didn't suit him and by the age of sixteen had stopped going to church. Individual sports had become his passion – cycling and later golf. As a schoolboy he ranked regionally and nationally in Cyclo-cross, trial and Velodrome racing, and later as an adult became a professional golfer competing in this country and the USA.

In the 1990s he moved into the development side of sport, working across Europe and living in Switzerland, Germany and Austria. He then took an MSc in Sports Science, majoring in Biomechanics which put simply means the 'physics of sport', a scientific measuring and analysis of athletic performance, and became a lecturer at Buckingham University. In order to gain a deeper understanding of the governance and commercial aspects of sport he took an LLM in Sport Law and now works in the School of Business, Law and Computing. He is also involved with international partnerships with overseas universities, particularly in the United Arab Emirates helping to support and develop their educational business.

Meeting many people from different religions and cultures on his travels helped Andrew to reconnect with his faith. He found there was an inspiring common bond in the search for something beyond our individual selves and the desire to find meaning through service and faith.

As Church Warden he wants to offer practical help and relishes being more deeply connected to the church and community that he values so much. He would love to share the role with anyone who would like to join him, but feels very supported by the numerous members of the congregation who carry out different necessary tasks, and keeps in touch with Irene and Jane, the two church wardens at St Luke's who are always there for advice.

He and Alison have been living in Kew since 2009 and have two children, Harris and Keira, and are very much part of the church already. We look forward to his stewardship and feel sure he is the right person to nurture the ethos that makes the Barn Church so special.

Harriet Grace

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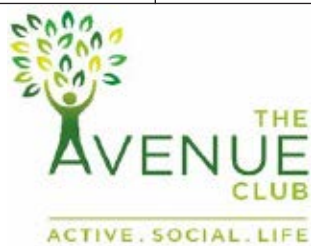
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We're all hoping for a cooler start to our Autumn Programme of Activities and Events! Do come along to try any of our regular Activities. Check out our website, where you'll find information about the Club including all our News, Activities and Events. Alternatively email us or give us a call and we'll send the information to you. Even better pop into the Club for a chat and to see what's going on for yourself.

From Brief Encounter to Kitchen Sink : British Postwar Films

Tuesdays – 10.00 – 12.00 - £7.00 – starting Tuesday, 25th September

While our Art Historian is on maternity leave (she's hoping to be back in early in the New Year) we are delighted to welcome, John Wischmeyer, who teaches courses on the cinema at City Lit, Bishopsgate Institute and BFI South Bank. As a forerunner to those wonderful black and white Kitchen Sink 60s films, John will be starting with David Lean's "*Brief Encounter*", (1945). Each week he will cover a different film, showing you excerpts followed by a discussion. There will also be time to talk about films you've seen and to share information about what's on in and around London. Full details of the programme can be found on our website or on the Notice Board in the Club.

OPERA LECTURES – 2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month

10.00 – 11.45 - £7.00 - starting Thursday, 13th September

Following on from our last very successful series of Lectures, Ross Alley is returning to the Club with a series of "*Opera in Performance*" lectures which will focus on works currently on in London and especially live screenings to cinemas from The Met in New York, starting with Puccini's "*La Boheme*". (Details of all the lectures can be found on our website or the Club Notice Board). What could enhance your enjoyment of opera more than discovering how the drama is made into music and then being able to see the story unfold on the big screen or live at the theatre.

CONNAUGHT OPERA – "Bless 'Em All" – Monday, 24th September at 1.45 pm - Free

Together with *Abbeyfield* we are delighted to once again host a new show (sponsored by Richmond Parish Lands Charity) from Maria Arakie and Glenn Wilson with Pianist Nick Bosworth, who will be entertaining us with a gala of Edwardian Songs to mark the WW1 Armistice. **All Welcome.**

UKULELE CONCERT AND TEA – Monday, 8th October – 1.00 pm – Tickets £5.00 each

Come along to hear our very own "*Avenukes*", who will be performing a variety of popular songs for this fundraising event. Tea and Cake served after the Concert. **All Welcome.**

BEGINNER'S SPANISH – Mondays

Our original Beginners' Group are doing so well that with enough interest we will start a new Beginner's Spanish Group in October. Please do email or call the office to put your name down if you're interested.

TABLE TENNIS – Come along for a game of ping pong at The Avenue Club – *Call us for details.*

KEW COMMUNITY TRUST – AGM – Thursday 4th October – 19.30 – Main Hall – All Welcome

ANNUAL BRING & BUY SALE – Thursday, 22nd November – 10.00 – 1.00 – All Welcome

We welcome donations of good bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, homemade jams, jellies and chutneys.

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The Surrender of the Germans at Abercorn

Following on from the account of *Mimi* and *Toutou* on Lake Tanganyika in 1915-16, Malcolm Alexander concludes his story of WWI in East Africa ...

By September 1916, the campaign in East Africa had begun to swing in favour of the Allied forces. The German *Schutztruppe* led by General Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck had been confined to the south-east of German East Africa (later Tanganyika, now the mainland of Tanzania). By November 1917, Lettow-Vorbeck had been forced south into Portuguese East Africa (today's Mozambique), where he maintained an active campaign throughout 1918.

My interest in these events has been stirred by finding my great uncle Claude's personal photographs of Lettow-Vorbeck's 'Surrender' at Abercorn on 25th November 1918, but how had this come about? By late October 1918, news was reaching the German forces that an armistice was about to be imposed on Germany, but Lettow-Vorbeck's reaction was to push on. He had now entered British territory in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) and on 12th November had reached Kasama, whilst one of his divisions seized the bridge over the Chambeshi river, 50 miles south. The next morning, after the capture of an English motorcycle dispatch rider, Lettow-Vorbeck was handed a telegram: 'Send following to Colonel von Lettow-Vorbeck under white flag. The British Prime Minister has announced that an armistice was signed at 5 hours on Nov. 11th and that hostilities on all fronts cease at 11 hours on Nov. 11th: General van Deventer.'

Lettow-Vorbeck remained unbowed: 'I felt convinced that the conclusion of hostilities must have been favourable, or at least not unfavourable to Germany.' On 14th November, he met with the District Officer, Hector Croad, who explained that the Kaiser had abdicated and quit Germany. Eventually accepting the news, he was instructed to proceed immediately with his troops to Abercorn.

On the morning of Monday 25th November, the sky swollen with rain over Abercorn's parade ground, as the British flag fluttered in the wind and a contingent of Northern Rhodesia riflemen and *askari* formed a guard of honour for the signing of the surrender, they could see the 'Lion of Africa' for themselves. Lt. Col. Hawkins was surprised: 'Von Lettow himself turned out to be a very different man from what we had expected ... instead of the haughty Prussian ... he turned out to be a most courteous and perfectly mannered man.'

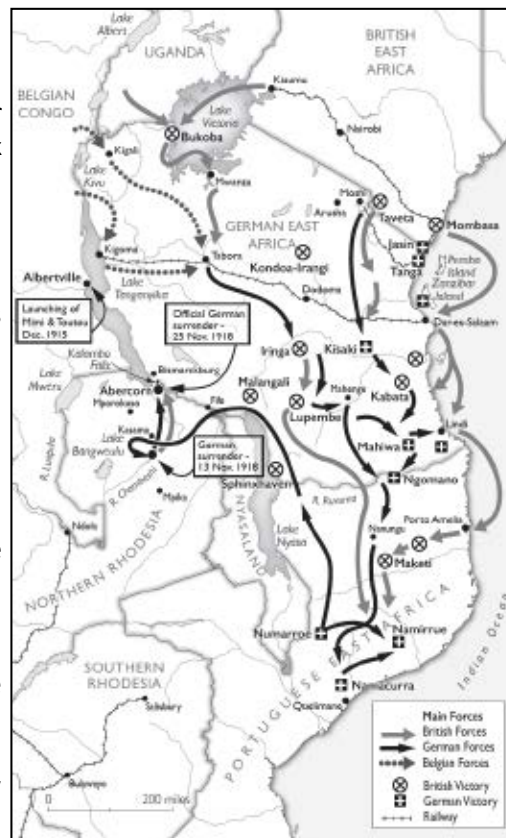
Back in Berlin a hero's welcome awaited. On 2nd March 1919, Lettow-Vorbeck led a so-called 'Victory Parade', marching through the Brandenburg Gate to be received by the Weimar government. He and his men had earned the distinction of being the only German force to occupy British territory during WWI, fighting the last battle on African soil on 13th November 1918.

Some historians have referred to the Great War in East Africa as a 'sideshow' to the war in Europe. This may be technically correct, but is nevertheless demeaning. The scale and impact of the campaign were gargantuan. Over the four-year period, the German forces consisted of approximately 3,000 white and 12,000 black and Arab men, opposed by some 127,000 British, including white, Indian, black and Arab. In all 11,189 men died, with 10,811 incapacitated through disease and wounding, and more died of illness and starvation than from battle injuries. The armies depended on the work of black African porters and labourers, of which an estimated 95,000 died.

A further calamity for the African population was gathering pace, with the outbreak of 'Spanish flu'. Normally a killer of the young and elderly, it hit those in the prime of life, killing around four per cent of the East African population, and an estimated 30 million worldwide. In Africa, the loss of so many able-bodied males resulted in acute food shortages. In the words of Mulenga Chisanga Paulo, a young survivor of the pandemic: 'After the end of the White Man's War, catastrophe fell upon us. No village or family was spared. There was death everywhere.'

On 25th November 2018, the Centenary of the end of WWI in Africa will be commemorated in Abercorn (now known as Mbala) in northern Zambia.

Malcolm Alexander has written *Ulendo: Claude's African Journey into War and Passion*, the biography of his great-uncle, Claude Oldfield, to be published in October by Aldridge Press.



General Von Lettow-Vorbeck leads the "Victory Parade" in Berlin

Extract from the Richmond & Twickenham Times, 1st December 1967 (with apologies for grainy photo!)

BISHOP BLESSES CHURCH HALL

A warning not to separate social meetings from worship was given by the Bishop of Kingston, Rt. Rev. William Gilpin, when he blessed the new Hall at Barn Church, North Sheen, on Saturday.

The official opening was followed by a parish social – and tomorrow the parish gets down to the serious business of cutting the debt for the Hall.

A Christmas Bazaar will be opened by Leslie Crowther at 11 am.

On Saturday the Vicar of Barn Church, Rev. David Frayne, welcomed his two predecessors, Rev. A.W. Beak and Rev. H.J Woodward. The official opening was performed by Mr. Uvedale Lambert, whose family played a major part in the building of the Barn Church.



Mr. Woodward and Mr. Beak, two past Vicars, with the present Vicar in the new Hall.

Endorsed warning

He endorsed the Bishop's warning by saying "Please do not fall into the habit of feeling that worship should take place in the ancient building and social activities taking place in the modern building. I hope at the end of social evenings you will clear away the tables and chairs and hold the Eucharist. Worship and pleasure should be put together."

Mr. John Watson, church warden, told how the Hall had been an idea in Mr. Woodward's head four years ago, but how it soon found its way on to the agenda of the PCC. The former Hall was sold to the Roman Catholics to raise the initial funds and then Mr. George Cassidy set to work to transfer Mr. Woodward's ideas into a plan. He praised the results that Mr. Cassidy, who is an architect and chairman of the Richmond Society, had achieved.

The debt

Drawing attention to the debt which had resulted from the work, Mr. Watson said that an appeal would soon be launched in the parish, but he wanted the congregation to sign covenants as a first step. He said that over £2,000 had already been raised in this manner and he hoped to double that figure by Christmas.

Speaking in favour of covenants he added "This is the right step to take before we go out to the people of the parish for money. People outside the congregation will help if they see that we are helping ourselves".

Diary of Events & Services at St Luke's and The Barn

September

Sunday 16 th	9.30 & 11am	Back to Church Sunday inc. Baptism Call Back
Monday 17 th	8pm	Barn PCC Meeting
Sunday 23 rd	11am	Stewardship at St Luke's
Monday 24 th	8pm	Baptism Preparation at The Barn
Sunday 30 th		St Luke's Vineyard Lunch

October

Sunday 7 th	9.30 & 11am	Harvest Festival
Saturday 13 th	6.30pm	Barn Dance at The Barn
Sunday 14 th	11am	St Luke's Patronal Festival

November

Sunday 4 th	9.30 & 11am	All Saints – All Age Worship
Sunday 11 th	2.30pm	Remembrance Sunday – 100 th Armistice Anniversary at St Luke's
Saturday 17 th	10.30-1.30	St Luke's Christmas Fair
Saturday 17 th	7.30pm	London Welsh Rugby Club Choir concert at the Barn
Saturday 24 th	11am-2.30	Barn Christmas Fair

Admitted to Communion

at St Luke's, on Sunday, 3rd June:

Ishaan Gandhi
Eddy Gout
Elena Kingstone
Heidi Liebers
Sophie Mitchell
William O'Brien
James O'Brien
Heather O'Brien
Antoine Ramond

at the Barn, on Sunday 27th May:

Melody Moppett
Harry Hancock
Joshua Anand*
Evie Patrick*
Sophie McMullin
Lydia Pannett
Emily Hayman
*Admitted on 3rd June

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KEW FOR YOU

This summer has been an amazing one and the glorious weather is in full blaze as I write, so it was rather a surprise to have some rain on a Sunday at the end of July. Why did the shower smell so good? Apparently there is actually some chemistry having an effect and bacteria, plants and even lightning produces the smell of clean air and wet earth. The scent is called petrichor and the scent has been chased by scientists and perfume producers. Interestingly, what you can smell is that of a type of bacteria called *Streptomyces* used to create commercial antibiotics.

Rescued from danger and flown to safety in Kew's Frozen Vault:

during a botanical survey along the banks of the Seli River, Kew scientist Xander van de Burgt and Joseph Momoh found a population of an aquatic herbaceous plant growing in dense patches in the river. Unknown to science, it has since been named as

Ledermanniella yiben by Kew Scientists. Critically endangered and only growing in one locality, this plant will be submerged permanently when the proposed hydroelectric reservoir is implemented.

Prince Charles is the Patron of Kew Gardens and he recently enjoyed a private tour of the amazing and recently restored Temperate House. He was fascinated and delighted by the standard of the restoration and the stories of the 1,500 plant species in the inside.

The Great Pagoda, recently opened after two years, was then visited by the Prince who actually climbed all the 253 steps. The restoration is really stunning and it is well worth walking down to the southern end of Kew Gardens. Many people have seen the stunning dragons on the outside of the building and also enjoyed seeing the Blue Peter one. There is a charge to climb the Pagoda itself.

Kew Soaps: I am interested in the soaps on sale in Kew, as they are the ones I have recently bought for my own use and they are completely free of animal products. For the past year, Kew has been working with the English Soap Company based in East Sussex. To celebrate the reopening of the Temperate House they have created a new soap scented with pineapple and pink lotus flower.

Yet another very enjoyable Kew the Music was the fifth one, staged in the Northern area of the Gardens. The concerts were performed in the new area and were successfully enjoyed in their new home, after many years of musicians in front of the Temperate House. This year nearly 34,000 happy visitors attended, picnicked and danced.

The Children's Garden: this covers an area of a hectare next to Climbers and Creepers, the favourite spot of our Italian niece! It is based on the four elements important to plants: Air, Water, Sun and Earth and it is aimed at children ages between 2 and 12. Construction work will be completed late this year and is scheduled to be open by Easter – with a soft opening before that.

And finally, one of our little grandchildren called Idris always loves going into the Palm House to find the bananas still growing in a corner tree and he hasn't been disappointed yet. One of my own favourite places to visit is the Water Lily House, next to the Palm House.



Rosalind Eagleton



NOTICE BOARD

GENERAL

St. Luke's House

Debbie Fife **8940 2791**

The Kew Society

Conserves and enhances the ethos of Kew, environmentally and topically. New residents welcome.

Sue May **8940 8724**

membership@kewsociety.org

Kew Sinfonia

High standard chamber orchestra, 3-4 concerts p.a. at St Anne's, rehearsals at the Barn.

8876 9318

Kew Horticultural Society

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8948 7254

Kew Wind Orchestra

King's House School, King's Rd, Richmond. All ages, Thurs, 8pm.

8876 2192

Tea & Art Club

for over 50s Thurs 11-12 Pensford Field.

Pam: **07500 178578**

Kew Neighbourhood Assn

Offers help with transport to medical appointments and the Avenue Club, together with befriending and shopping. **8948 8054** weekdays 10-12 for help and offers of help.

Kew Community Trust

Runs **Avenue Club** - social activities for older people. Nicola Patel **8948 8806**

Rotary Club of Kew

Coach & Horses, Kew Green. Wed, 7.30 for 8pm.

8894 9958

Richmond and Kew Quilters

every 2nd Monday of the month. 7.30—9.30pm, St Winefride's Church Hall.

www.richmondandkewquilters.org.uk

Kew Community Choir

Thurs. 7.30 — 8.30, St Luke's in the Avenue noyesmary@hotmail.com

Q2 Players

Kew Scouts HQ, Station Ave, Presents two full-length plays each season, with performances at the National Archives. **8940 2053**

North Sheen Bowling Club

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Kew Studio

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8332 2122

www.kewstudio.org

Richmond Chamber of Commerce

1/3 Richmond Road Twickenham TW1 3AB

email@richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk

Arts Richmond Unit 6, Upper Deck, Phoenix Wharf, Eel Pie Island, TW1 3DY. Over 80 affiliated societies.

8892 9446

info@artsrichmond.org.uk

Kew Residents Assn.

Caring about the community environment by promoting sensitive and appropriate local development www.savekew.org.uk

Priory Park Club

Bowls, Bridge and Tennis Forest Road, Kew

www.prioryparkclub.org.uk

Bowls: **8400 1963**

St. John Ambulance

8948 8852

For events coverage:

operations@richmond.sja.org.uk

Probus Club

Third Wed. monthly, lunch for retired professionals, Richmond Golf Club. **8948 5553 or 8994 0396**

Richmond Local History Society

Talks, usually 2nd Mon. monthly Oct/May, 8pm. Duke Street Church, Richmond TW9 1DH.

Elizabeth Velluet **8891 3825**

rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk

www.richmondhistory.org.uk

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KIDS

Girl Guiding

Brownies (7-10 yrs)

Tuesdays: St. Paul's, Raleigh Road; Thursdays: St. Luke's House, Sandycombe Road and the Barn Church.

Guides (10-14 yrs)

Thursdays: the Barn Church.

guides5thkew@gmail.com

Kew Scout Group HQ

Station Avenue by Kew Gardens Station (rear of Pether's Butchers Shop).

Beavers (6-7 yrs) Thur 6 pm

Cubs (8-10yrs) Thur 7 pm

Scouts and Explorer Scouts

(11+ yrs) Fri 7 pm

8940 2484

Kew Youth Club

Barn Church (entry Marksbury Ave): Friday nights during term time, secondary school years 7-9.

Entry £3.00. jabraddock@sky.com

Kew Park Rangers Football

North Road Recreation Ground.

Ages 5-11, boys and girls.

Sat morning (training),

Sun morning (matches).

07770 755 538 or 8940 9882

Kew Young Musicians

Saturday morning music school for 5-18s. Drums, bass, electric and classical guitar, saxophone, clarinet, flute, recorder and singing.

kewyoungmusicians@googlemail.com

8401 6950

Toddler Groups

Barn Church Mon. Wed. and Fri.

9.15 –11.00

Windham Rd. Tues 9-11 term-time

Toy Library The Old Court House, Sheen Lane, Mortlake.

£1 membership, plus 30p per toy for 2 wks, plus family drop-in.

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First Friday Community Lunches Autumn/Winter 2018



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2 November - SteppingOnOut

a non-profit organisation run by people with learning disabilities www.stepsonout.org.uk

7 December - SPEAR

homelessness to independence
www.spearlondon.org

Held in the church hall of St. Winefredes Church, Leyborne Park, Kew, **12.30pm to 2pm.**

We serve a delicious light lunch of home-made soup with bread and cheese, followed by desserts, tea/coffee, at a cost of £5.

BARN SUMMER FAIR



Mary Noyes and the Kew Community Choir performing at the Fair Saturday 16th June seems a long time ago now, but it is good to report that the Fair raised over £2,200 for much needed church funds, thanks to the support given by the congregations of both the Barn and St. Luke's, the Kew Community Choir and especially for the hard work put in by the Barn Events team, led by Felice Oxborrow



News from St Luke's Events

Bingo Results – 12th May 2018

A call of "Two Little Ducks" and response "quack quack" rang out across the hall in St Luke's as a throng of people attended the fast and focused bingo evening in May. Young and not-so-young

enjoyed the evening, people said what a great night it was, and the children were amazing - so focused on the games. The organising team also provided a delicious supper, and bounteous raffle prizes, enabling us to donate £220 to **Mary's Meals** (www.marysmeals.org.uk) as well as supporting St. Luke's.

Mary's Meals provides life-changing meals for 1,257,278 children in their place of education, who otherwise would not eat, to enable them to continue in education and work towards their dreams. Children like Chimza Harry, who attends Mwalamba Primary School in Malawi. Chimza (short for Chimwemwe, which means joy) is top of his class. However as the eldest male living in the household, he feels duty-bound to help support the family and would not be at school if it wasn't for the meals provided, as it gives him the energy to study then walk home and work. He wants to be a doctor, to help the people around his village.



St Luke's Christmas Fair

Saturday 17th November, 10.30 am – 1.30 pm



If a large luxury department store on Oxford Street is the first department store in the world to start selling Christmas decorations in August, then perhaps St Luke's will be the first Church to start promoting its Christmas Fair in September!

Our Christmas Fair has something for everyone with a great variety of stalls including: toys; bric-a-brac; home cooked produce; tombola; children's crafts and games; Christmas gifts; raffle; delicious lunches and the much-loved Santa's Grotto.



This year, with the opening of the new Marwood Room, we're planning an even bigger event and have a number of tables available for hire to showcase local Kew businesses and groups. If you are a local entrepreneur and would like to hire a table at our Fair, please call Laura Coughtrie on 0202 8876 3202 or email alnac17@gmail.com.

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