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On Saturday 17th June we will be joining in the Great Get Together under the oak tree at the west end of the Barn Church, on the corner of Marksby Avenue and Atwood Avenue, from 3pm until 6pm. There will be lots of fun activities and music throughout the afternoon, as well as an opportunity to discuss all that is good in our community.

Do come for the afternoon, or pop in for part of it.

The purpose of the Great Get Together is to remember Jo Cox MP, who was murdered during the EU referendum campaign a year ago.

Jo Cox's well known phrase, "We have far more in common with each other than things that divide us" has become the watchword for current efforts at community-building across the country.

So bring your picnic, help us cut a special cake, write a message about what is good in our community or take part in the big balloon release at 5.30. The event is entirely free – bring your family, invite your friends: come and help us make our community stronger.

For more information, please contact the Vicar on 8392 1425.

Hello from *The Link* team

The Great Get Together will be a fine and fun occasion in honour of Jo Cox MP and is rightly celebrated on the front page. Otherwise we have the usual selection of articles which we hope you will find of interest; we hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing summer — and please keep supporting our advertisers!

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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

The merry months of May and June have come, and people's minds are turning to holidays and evenings in the garden, and everything ever so slightly slows down. In the Church, we have passed the major festivals of Easter and Pentecost, grappled with the Trinity, and are now on the long haul through Ordinary Time, until October. All the weddings and blessings of marriages in the two parishes took place inside 5 weeks – no more organising hymns and readings, music and who is going to sit where. Children have been admitted to communion, three candidates will be confirmed at Christchurch East Sheen on Sunday 18th June, and that is that for the year. Time to sit back and relax.

No it is not. All of these events are staging posts on the journey of faith, an embracing of a sacrament, the fulfilment of much learning, and then taking the next step towards maturity. The work does not stop with the sacrament: that is just a new beginning. Just as baptism leads to admission to communion, and receipt of communion leads to confirmation, so love leads to marriage, and marriage leads to all the joys and challenges of family and community life.

In addition, the merry months of May and June were full of electioneering, of pundits and manifestos, of door-stepping and tribal allegiances. We are past that now, and must live with the consequences of our democratic freedoms. Which leads us to the question, "What next?" If baptism leads to further sacraments, and love leads to marriage and on to making a new life together, what follows an election? What actions are required of us now?

There is a need to identify the specific challenges that remain within our community. Kew has its strengths and its beauties, but that does not preclude other social problems from rearing their heads. Isolation remains a serious issue for the elderly and young parents. Rough sleeping and public begging have not gone away now that we have cast our vote. How we as a country will treat those from other countries who already live and work amongst us has not yet been decided, let alone those who will come in future years, and that is an issue which affects every single one of us. The migrant flow from war-torn countries has not been halted by our vote – this borough currently houses two Syrian refugee families: surely we can do better than that!

The Kew Neighbourhood Association is leading the drive to counter social isolation locally – get in touch with them if you want to help (mail@kna.org.uk). **Churches Together in Kew** spearheading the work on rough sleepers locally – contact them if you want to get involved (churchestogetherinkew@gmail.com). Start badgering our MP now to get a fair and just settlement for those from other countries already here and those still to arrive. **Refugees Welcome in Richmond** (refugeeswelcomeinrichmond@gmail.com) would be delighted to hear from any landlord prepared to house a Syrian family in one of their properties – with a five-year rental agreement, backed by government and UN funding (see page 7).

And join us at the Big Get Together on Saturday 17th June at 3pm – bring a picnic, join in the conversation, help build our community.

Peter

Baptisms at St Luke's

19th March Krish Anand Patel
14th May Annabelle May Stally
21st May Ethan Omidiran

Weddings

6th May Sacha Herring and Verity Simpson
27th May James Nicholas & Jennifer Page

Blessing of Civil Marriage

29th April Alexander & Joanna Plews Mayall
21st May Clare & Ermal Gray



Many congratulations from us all to Jayne (church warden at St. Luke's) and Jonathan Armstrong on the safe arrival on 18th May of Sophie Elizabeth, weighing in at 7lbs 10oz.

Funerals

11th April Margarette Wills
Brian Ohlson



Temple of Arethusa, the Royal Botanical Gardens' War Memorial

Research is ongoing, please contact me to correct any inaccuracies

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St Luke's WW1 Roll of Honour Board: those who died April — June 1917

1 Lt. Reginald H Louis Served in the 49th Bn, Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment), 7th Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division. Died of wounds suffered on Vimy Ridge 13th April 1917, aged 26. Son of Mr & Mrs Cecil Louis of Richmond. Born in Kensington. Buried in Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension. F12

2 Sgt Frederick A Honey, 8th Bn, Royal East Kent Regiment (The Buffs), 24th Division. Died of wounds 17th April 1917, aged 28. Son of Thomas & Maria Honey of 64, Alexandra Road, Richmond. Brother of Christopher Honey (qv). Husband of Mrs Ellen May Honey of 17, Darell Road. Born in Sunnyhill, Berkshire and enlisted in Richmond. Buried in Choques Military Cemetery F. 98

3 CSM Edward Simpson 10127, 1st Bn, Seaforth Highlanders, 7th Indian Division. Died in Mesopotamia 21st April 1917, aged 31. Grave lost. Husband of Mrs Emily Simpson of 15, Victoria Cottages, Kew Gardens. Son of John & Susan Simpson of Church Cottage, Basingstoke, Hampshire. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Hounslow. Commemorated on Basra Memorial, Iraq. MR. 38

4 Lt. John Charles Beswick, 11th Bn, Kings Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, 40th Division. Died in captivity at Arras 22nd April 1917. Buried in Cambrai (East) Military Cemetery F. 403.

A botanist at Kew — see website:

such is the price of empire: the lost gardeners of Kew



5 Pte Donald Alfred Wallace G/62401 2nd Bn, Royal Fusiliers, 29th Division. Killed in action at Arras 24th April 1917, aged 20. Son of William Alfred & Elizabeth Martha Wallace of Buckingham Gate, later of 18, Queensberry Place, S. Kensington. Born in Kew and enlisted in Putney. Formerly with the 3rd County of London Yeomanry. Commemorated on Arras Memorial MR. 20.

6 Pte Frederick William North Hoskin 11976, 7th Bn, East Surrey Regiment, 12th Division. Killed in action near Feuchy 1st May 1917. Aged 40. Husband of Mrs Edith Hosking of 37, North Road, Richmond. Born in Chichester, Sussex and enlisted in Kingston on Thames. Buried in Feuchy Chapel British Cemetery, Wancourt. F. 531

7 L/C Reginald Langston G/4586, 1st Bn, East Surrey Regiment, 5th Division. Killed in action 8th May 1917. Born in Acton and enlisted in Richmond. Buried in Orchard Dump Cemetery. F. 777

8 Pte William Fallowfield 32598, 1st Bn, South Staffordshire Regiment, 7th Division. Killed in action at Arras 13th May 1917. Enlisted in Staines. Next of kin residents of Richmond Formerly with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps (W. M. Fallowfield J. no match with CWGC or SDGW) Commemorated on Arras Memorial MR. 20

9 Rfn Frank Maurice Jephson (ARCO) 303040, 1/5th Bn Rifle Brigade, 56th London Division. Died in hospital at Etaples 20th April 1917. Aged 31. Son of Mr & Mrs T. Jephson of Derby. Husband of Mrs M. K. Jephson of 272, Sandycombe Road, Kew. Born in Derby and enlisted in Richmond. Buried in Etaples Military Cemetery. F. 40.

www.warcomposers.co.uk/jephson

10 Pte Harry George Hopkins SR/9666, 1st Bn, Royal Fusiliers, 24th Division. Wounded at Messines and died on the 11th June 1917. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Hounslow, Next of kin residents of Richmond Special Reservist. Buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium B. 11

11 Gun Christopher Thomas Honey 68818, 51st Siege Battery, Royal Garrison artillery. Died of wounds in Base Hospital at Boulogne 12th June 1917, aged 32. Son of Thomas & Maria Honey of 64, Alexandra Road, Richmond. Enlisted Richmond Brother of Frederick Honey (qv). Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery F102

12 Pte Benjamin Robert Mitchell McCrow 590, 1st Kings Dragoon Guards. Cavalry Division. Killed in action 22nd June 1917. Born in Putney and enlisted in Hounslow. Next of kin residents of Richmond Buried in Templeaux le Guerard Communal Cemetery Extension F1494.

Profile — SARAH BALL

Any of us who know Sarah know that she is a communicator, that she gets across what she wants to say clearly, concisely and with an energy that makes us want to listen and help. Many of her requests or information may be practical – the role of a church warden is very practical – but she always manages to convey something larger than the everyday, the feeling that the world is there to be understood and built upon, that in the Christian world there is always room for learning and a deeper comprehension of the Christian message.

This desire to explain and make accessible is a theme running through Sarah's life, be it as a journalist explaining complex issues or asking the questions people want asked, to making business systems and corporate decisions accessible to members of staff, to demystifying the world of wine. At York University she gained a degree in history and history is surely a great basis on which to understand how something has become what it is now, from world events to the history of an individual. She won a Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship to do an MA at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles in Broadcast Journalism, and on her return to the UK joined the BBC as a trainee journalist, going on to report and produce for radio and TV in Newcastle upon Tyne. She moved to London to work for BBC News 24 which evolved into the News Channel, later transferring from journalism into corporate communications at the Corporation. Sarah left the BBC in 2011 and after six months' world travel with her partner, Sally, she worked for over four years at The Good Wine Shop in Kew where she got to know David Blomfield, her contact for advertising in the Link. She was struck by what a lovely, genuine, caring person he was, even though the purpose of their meeting was advertising! It was through this contact she came to join the Barn Church. She now works freelance in marketing and communication.

Sarah was born in Nottingham and then moved with her family to Bolton. Her mother is a Methodist and in her early years Sarah was influenced by the inclusivity of the Methodist church which allows everyone in the congregation to take communion whether or not they have been baptised or confirmed – Sarah was neither. As a teenager and student she stopped being a practising Christian, and then three years ago her mother invited her to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land organised by McCabe Pilgrimages. At first she was uncomfortable with the amount of praying and services, but the group was led by an inspiring vicar and she found the sites they visited and his instruction very moving. At the Sea of Galilee two members of the group were to be baptised, and she experienced an overwhelming spiritual feeling that she too wanted to be baptised. Her baptism there affected her profoundly and when she returned she searched for the right church, and this is where David Blomfield helped her. She is now preparing for confirmation on the 18th June.

She has been a church warden for a year, and although she modestly professes to have so much more to learn, she and Robin Hancock are making a huge contribution to the running of the church and the introduction of exciting new ways to raise money and extend the community of the church. Sarah says she is enormously grateful to the team of assistants who make what Robin and she do achievable. Her aim, not surprisingly, is to improve The Barn's communication, particularly through social media and the website, and more than that - not to talk 'in code' or assume people understand what is going on. She wants to make sure people feel included in all the things the church does within and further afield, for example the work of Umunandi for the Greenpark School in Zambia (see *Link* 54, page 13). From where I'm sitting, she has already made shining inroads into that mission.



Harriet Grace



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REFUGEES WELCOME in RICHMOND

RWinR Picnic

A little girl in a pretty dress blowing bubbles on a green lawn with a fairy-tale castle as backdrop! What could be more idyllic? The happy picture records a picnic hosted by RWinR on a sunny Sunday afternoon in May at Strawberry Hill House, and much enjoyed by about sixty people. Guests included students from as far afield as



Hong Kong and the Philippines; two spoke Bengali and a loud exchange in Spanish was reported but the majority of the visitors were Arabic speaking, refugees from Yemen, Iraq, Egypt and Syria all struggling with English and enjoying the friendship of so many expatriates in a situation like their own.

Refugees Welcome in Richmond (RWinR) has already welcomed two families in Whitton, both having fled the bombs of Syria. It wasn't easy to find the first accommodation. As everyone reading this will know there is a long waiting list for housing in the Borough, and the Council was clear that houses could not be offered to refugees before the needs of un-housed residents.

The only solution was to find private landlords willing to accept the reduced rent offered for refugees by the Home Office. The search is ongoing. The UK has volunteered to take the relatively small number of 20,000 refugees over 5 years but the numbers accepted are still very low. *Caritas*, a Catholic charity, offered the first two houses - beautifully appointed and furnished - to RWinR.

Members of the group are on a steep learning curve. It's not just remembering to take off your shoes when visiting. The Council has covered many of the initial needs and has organized schooling but all the new arrivals want to learn and practise English; there are health needs and dentist appointments to sort; the families are keen to grow their own vegetables and herbs - they need to find the garden centre and get started; someone kindly found them a Hoover, someone else bought a stair-gate. And there are many other aspects of helping our friends to fit in with their new surroundings.

The blessings are everywhere: the delicious food, offered at every opportunity and laid out in splendour at the picnic; the warmth and gratitude of the new arrivals; the insights into different ways of thinking.

Date for your diary - Thursday 29th June at the Vineyard, Richmond:

RWinR and Three Peas (<https://threepeas.org.uk>) will be joining forces for an evening of entertainment, delicious food, a few speakers, plenty of discussion and fund-raising for refugees.

Three Peas is a charity started by a group of women "who felt exasperated and upset about the plight of the many thousands of people fleeing civil war in Syria and other war-torn countries."

Their aim is to raise funds and sponsor families; to send funds to volunteers already working in refugee camps; to offer support, guidance and compassion - and whenever possible to go to Greece themselves to lend a helping hand and offer their considerable professional skills.

At www.refugeeswelcomeinrichmond.org you can find out more about us, our events and our ambitions for helping refugees.

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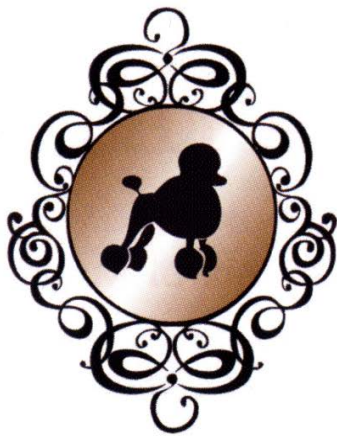
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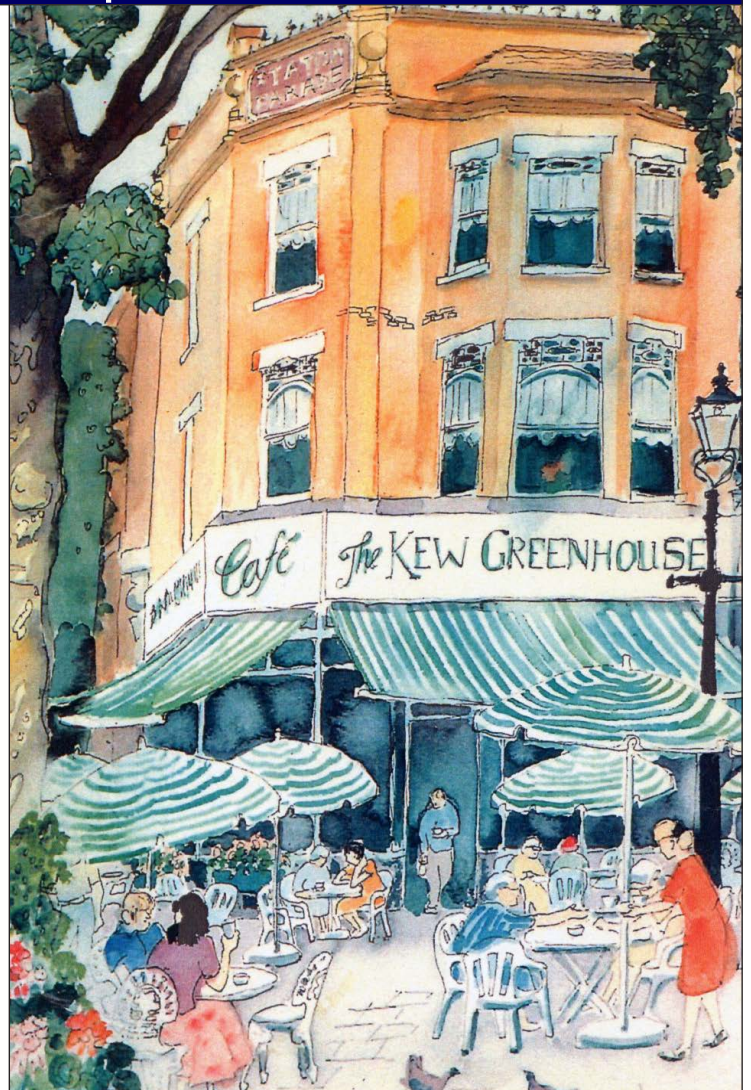
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AVENUE CLUB NEWS

Greetings All from The Avenue Club. We're shaking off the winter and looking forward to balmy summer days – well we can only hope! See below for opportunities to join us for outings, concerts, lunches and more.



We have two new members of staff - Nicola, our new Centre Director, and Caroline has joined the Avenue Club Team. Do feel free to pop in to say hi – we're always happy to stop for a chat! The Club is open 10 am – 3 pm Monday to Friday.

The new room is zooming towards completion and we're getting excited about all the new things we'll be able to offer at the Club. We have had some suggestions from the Survey – many thanks if you filled it out. If you haven't it's not too late, you have till the end of June. Here's the web address again:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PB3PMXT

Avenue Club Activities – WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OUR NEW AUTUMN PROGRAMME.

While you're thinking about suggestions for NEW activities at the Club, perhaps you'd like to see what's already on offer. Email us at avenueclub@kewcommunitytrust.org.uk and we'll send you our current Daily Activities Sheet. If we have your email address we can also keep you up to date with new events and activities. Don't worry, we won't inundate you with emails! Or just give us a call for a chat. 020 8948 8807

Avenue Club Outings – see our Newsletter for full details.

Although our Outings are for Avenue Club Members, we do often have cancellations at the last minute and we sometimes have spaces, so if you're interested in any of the following outings, do give us a call a few days before to check if there are seats left. Unless otherwise stated, the coach leaves the Club at 10.00 a.m. **We are also looking for a strong volunteer who might be willing to push a wheelchair on an Outing.** You'd get the Outing for free, so do give us a call if you're able to help.

The Cinema Museum, Kennington – Thursday, 1st June, 2017 - **£24.00 incl. lunch**

Mottisfont, nr. Romsey, Hampshire – Wednesday, 21st June 2017 - **£26.00/£15.00 (NT Members)** – leaves the Club at 09.30 a.m.

Bombay Sapphire Distillery, Laverstoke Mill – Thursday, 6th July, 2017 - **£30.00 incl. complimentary drink and guided tour** – Bring a Packed Lunch

The Design Museum, High St. Ken. – Tuesdays, 11th July 2017 - **£5.00** (pay separately on the day for special Exhibitions)

Lord's Cricket Ground – Wednesday, 19th July, 2017 - **£20.00** – Leaves the Club at 12.45 for 2.30 p.m. tour.

The Charterhouse, EC1 - Tuesday, 8th August 2017 - **£22.00** - Leaves the Club at 12.45 p.m.

Buffet Lunch on Wednesdays : For the warmer months (we hope!) Steve is laying out a delicious buffet lunch with cold cuts, cheese, olives, salads, warm bread rolls and a pudding. All very delicious. Just **£4.00**.

Avenue Club Choir Concert & Tea – Wednesday, 5th July 2017 at 3.00 p.m. - £5.00

Join us for a selection of popular medleys from our Choir, led by **Ian Bloomfield** with **Margie Marshall** on piano. Highly entertaining afternoon with a very yummy high tea to follow. A very entertaining afternoon – all welcome.

Future Dates for The Avenue Club Walking Group with Serge Lourie : Walkers meet at the Club at 10.30 a.m. and Serge plans a route with stops for refreshments and lunch and options to hop on a bus!

Thursdays : 13th July, 24 August, 28th September, 26th October, 16th November, 14th December.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AT THE AVENUE CLUB VERY SOON.
CALL 020 8948 8807 FOR MORE DETAILS**

KEW FOR YOU

What a splendid time of year it is to write about the beauty and interest to be found in Kew Gardens; we are so fortunate to live nearby. Pottering about the Gardens in the sunshine is a delight in the summertime for all ages, from the elderly to little children, all of whom can find many things to interest and delight them.

Did you know that burping cows are heating up our planet, but that Kew Scientists can stop them? New research, by Kew Scientists, has revealed a vicious cycle of warmer temperatures, tougher plants and increasing emissions of

greenhouse gasses from livestock; but this may be alleviated by changing the diets of farm animals.

Summer Music Concerts in Kew Gardens there will once again be a delight, from 11–16 July. World class artists will perform in Kew Gardens, go to kewthemusic.org. Bring your own food and drink, visit the artisan food stalls or treat yourself to a pre-prepared Hamper. For something extra special, Kew Gardens are offering a Summer VIP BBQ!

Now for something completely different! Rubber is still extremely useful in all sorts of ways, such as the production of seals, gaskets, inflatable objects and tyres. It is now known that the use of rubber dates back to the early 16th centuries in the West Indies and Central America. The first synthetic rubbers were produced less than a century ago and were important in two world wars and today they still provide about 55% of the market. The rest of the rubber market comes from natural material, the Hevea brasiliensis tree which has been transplanted to countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

The Great Pagoda: Recent visitors to Kew Gardens will have noticed some interesting things happening to the beloved Great Pagoda, in order to restore it to its original Georgian splendour. The famous eighty dragons are to be replaced. You will have seen the scaffold erected around it, which will be in place at least until the end of 2017, when installation of the new dragons will begin. The Historic Royal Palaces anticipate reopening this important building permanently, from around Easter 2018. The Great Pagoda is an iconic landmark, built in 1761/2 for Princess Augusta, mother of George III, by the Architect William Chambers. It is one of the most important examples of a Chinese-inspired Pagoda in the world.

The Temperate House: Restoring an architectural masterpiece, such as this 150 year old Victorian glasshouse, is just amazing! The biggest and oldest glasshouse of its kind, is integral to Kew's heritage. An iconic Grade 1 listed building, designed by the renowned architect, Decimus Burton. The passage of time has taken its toll and major restoration is under way before the reopening in 2018.

Joseph Hooker: Putting plants in their place. To mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of one of Victorian Britain's most important scientists, Kew is holding an exhibition of his photographs, journals and paintings until 17 September, in the Shirley Sherwood Gallery. Tours are free, although booking is essential. Please call 020 8332 3622.

Finally, something special: the Joseph Hooker Celebration Weekend! Kew is celebrating his life and work with a weekend of talks and activities for all the family, on the 1st and 2nd July. Have a look on line for such things as the Kew's Explorer Camp, Meet Joseph Hooker, Joseph Hooker reads his letters, Trailblazing tales, Hookers Himalayan Expedition, Adventure Postcards, Exhibition Tour and Garden Explainers. Enjoy!

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House Maintenance



Brian is well known for his work throughout Kew over many years. He has painted and done maintenance work on countless houses, as well as St Luke's, the Barn, and the Barn Church Hall.

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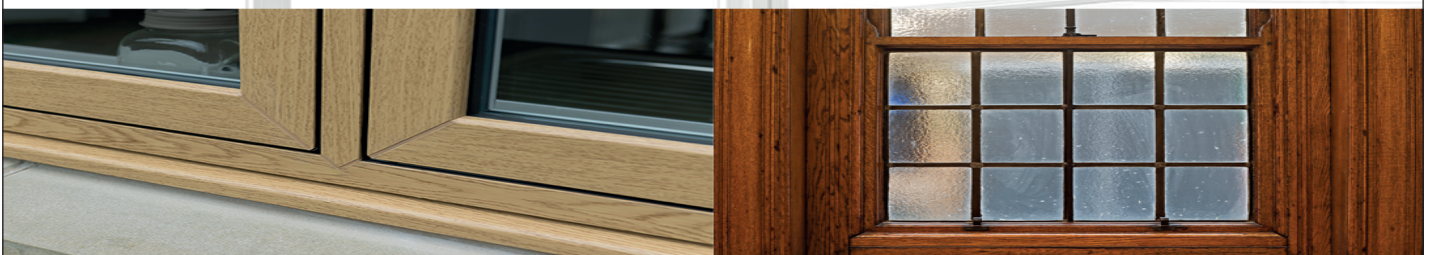
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Diary of Events & Services at St Luke's and The Barn

June

Sunday 11 th	9.30 & 11am	Admission to Communion
Saturday 17 th	3-6pm	Jo Cox: <i>The Great Get Together</i> — Picnic under the Tree at The Barn
Saturday 24 th	7.30pm	St Luke's Beetle Drive
Saturday 24 th	11am-2pm	Barn Summer Fair

September

Saturday 30 th	7.30pm	St Luke's Murder Mystery
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October

Sunday 1st	9.30 & 11am	Harvest Festival
Sunday 8 th	9.30 & 11am	Remembering those from the parishes who died during the past year
Saturday 14 th	7pm	Barn Dance/Disco at The Barn
Sunday 15 th	11am	St Luke's Patronal Festival

November

Sunday 12 th	9.30 & 11am	Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 18 th	10.30am-1.30pm	St Luke's Christmas Fair
Saturday 25 th	11am-2pm	Barn Christmas Fair

A Giggling Wolf Production



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**MARQUEE OPENS
1.00pm**

**PRIZEGIVING
4.00pm**

This year a new cup will be awarded to the first-time exhibitor who gains the most points in the Horticultural Classes. And you can now follow us on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you - and your exhibits - there!

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Pensford Field – Butterflies in 2016

Five visits were made. Details as follows:

05.04.16 (sun and showers): Peacock 1

07.05.16 (sunny): Small white 1, Holly Blue 1 (pictured below), Speckled Wood 1,

06.07.16 (sunny) Small Skipper 3, Large Skipper 1, Large White 1, Small White 1, Painted Lady 1, Gatekeeper 3, Meadow Brown 8

12.08.16 (sunny): Large White 1, Small White 2, Holly Blue 1, Comma 1, Speckled Wood 2, Gatekeeper 2

14.09.16 (sunny): Large White 1, Small White 1, Red Admiral 1 (pictured)



While an experienced observer would normally expect to pick up all the butterflies present at the time of any visit, it is always possible that one or two might escape recording, and of course other species may have appeared at other times.

Twelve species is a good score for what is a small site in a suburban location. None are in the least rare, but given the nature of the site, it would have been very surprising if any rarities had been found. Rare butterflies generally spring from uncommon habitat, which does not arise here.



As to numbers, it is to be expected that the Meadow Brown, as a prolific grass breeder and colonial (rather than territorial) insect should be best represented. Others which it appears likely are breeding are Small Skipper, Large Skipper, Large White, Small White, Holly Blue, Speckled Wood and Gatekeeper. The other species recorded are more likely to be visitors passing through (which is not to say they might not breed here in future)

ANY OTHERS?

One never expects brilliant sunshine all the way through the season, but 2016 and 2017 had rather unusual weather patterns such that some species had a particularly poor year generally in south east

England. These included the Common Blue and the Small Tortoiseshell, both of which seemed reasonable possibilities for Pensford Field.

7 other species which might be found are Essex Skipper, Brimstone, Green Veined White, Orange Tip, Purple Hairstreak, Small Copper, and Ringlet. Some of these are more likely than others, but two or three from the nine would be no surprise.

HABITAT CHANGES?

In its development as a wildlife haven, Pensford Field is a relatively new site, and the vegetation is still evolving. It is suggested that it be left to continue doing just that for the time being in order to see what plants appear, with no special planting of (e.g.) wildflowers and no removal of anything currently growing. Brambles, while helpful to some species as a nectar source, should not be allowed to encroach on the grassland area. Stinging nettles are a benefit – Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Comma and Red Admiral all breed on them. The buddleia is a good nectar source for the larger butterflies. If cutting the grass, do it late in the year and leave the fringes next to the trees uncut.

The above advice is butterfly-oriented. Other types of wildlife may benefit from different, even directly contrary, regimes, so depending upon what is desired compromises may be necessary.

CONCLUSIONS

Overall, Pensford Field can feel very pleased with itself for its contribution to butterfly diversity in the locality. A further 4 or 5 visits in 2017 would be desirable to see what else may be found.

I.R. CUNNINGHAM

March 2017

We are grateful to Ian Cunningham who has kindly written this report and look forward to another programme of visits in 2017

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A big thank you to everyone who supported the Barn Movie Day. Each film showing had its own unique character and atmosphere and the whole day contributed a profit of over £1,500 to church funds.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the **May Ball** on 20th May. It was a wonderful evening, with 89 people enjoying a sumptuous three-course meal, followed by fantastic new band, Frank the Cat, who had everyone up and dancing from the very first song! Over £5,000 has been raised for the Kew Neighbourhood Association and the work of St Luke's, so a huge thank you to everyone who came along, donated wishing tree prizes or silent auction items, and especially to the brilliant Social Committee, who put in so much work behind the scenes to make events like this happen.



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