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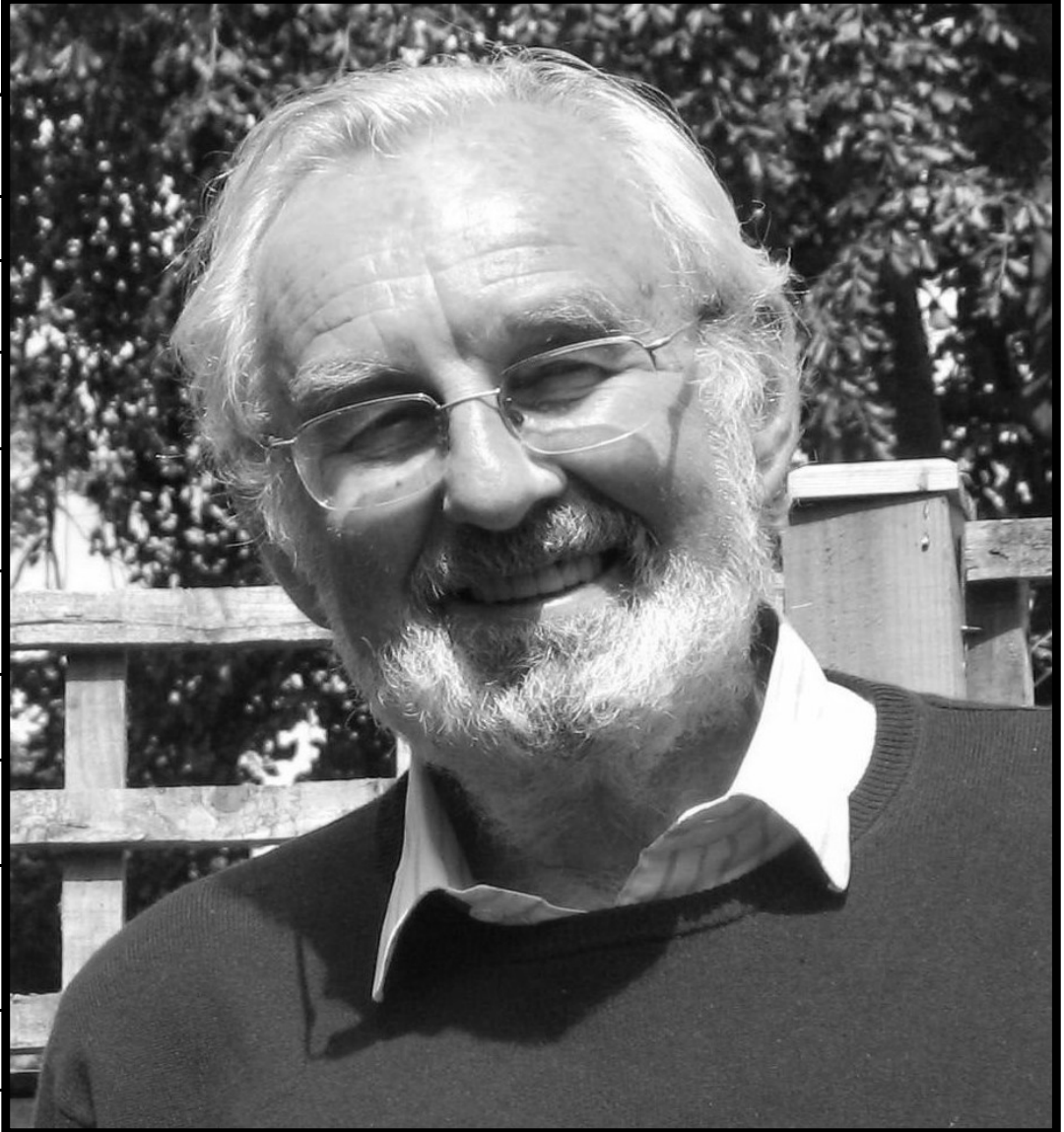
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David Guy Blomfield MBE 1934—2016 (see page 4 for an appreciation)

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Something will come of those aching days yet

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Shaking

Days yet

And we sat by your side and promised a promise to never forget

And never regret

For the rain must relinquish its rainbow

The rain must relinquish its rainbow

*Isabella Millington*

## Hello from *The Link* team

The late and much lamented David Blomfield put together the first edition of *The Link* in October 2003, with help from Laurette Thomas and Audrey Duck, and was the guiding light, with his wise and quiet counsel, right up to Issue 50, when he retired. We are certain that those who have worked with him in any of his many endeavours are missing him greatly for his kindness, sense of humour and generosity of spirit, amongst his many qualities.

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### LETTER FROM THE VICAR

I am currently on sabbatical, aka study leave, until Advent Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November. This is a huge privilege for me, and a welcome opportunity for us all to experience a range of different clergy as they kindly step in and take services at the Barn and St Luke's over the next few months. We have a great range – two nuns, an American, local curates and team rectors, retired chaplains and old friends – a different voice every Sunday, but worship assured and maintained. The parishes will not fall apart, nothing will alter, all will still go ahead, and I will have a great time in December picking up everything that has been achieved.

The notion of sabbatical leave goes right the way back to the giving of the Law to the people of Israel after they have escaped from slavery in Egypt. God lays down for them a principle of rest on the seventh day, for that is when God rested after creating the universe. That idea of Sabbath rest was extended to Sabbath years so that the land could rest, and then the Sabbath of Sabbaths, the Jubilee Year, when all debts were cancelled, property was returned and no one did any work for the whole year because, through their faithfulness, God would provide for all their needs. Clergy sabbatical leave does not quite follow that principle – it comes round every ten years, is limited by Episcopal Area and is not allowable if you have recently moved or are just about to, which is why I have had to wait fifteen years for this opportunity.

So, it will be a period of rest, of worship, of refocusing my mind on things other than the immediate affairs of the parishes. I shall be reading religious drama and visiting ecumenical and interfaith social projects to see what sort of social partnerships work and how they benefit the community at large. I shall, necessarily, report back.

In the meantime, use the parish office at St Luke's as the communications hub of the parishes. Guinevere Duff, the parish administrator, and her assistant Irene Stephens will be on hand, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday mornings, to take calls, read emails, make bookings for all the usual things – baptism, wedding, funeral etc – and the wardens in both churches will be maintaining the smooth running of the church. Pray for them as they take on more responsibility, work with them to welcome new people, encourage those who faithfully attend, and care for the lonely, the sick and the dying. It will be a time of refreshment for all, I believe, and I shall be delighted to see you all again at the end of November.

**Peter**

#### Baptisms

##### The Barn

10 <sup>th</sup> April	George James Jackson
	Rosie Angela Jackson
	Kevin John Jackson
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Lily Olivia Gillespie
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Daniel Robert Leon Edwards

##### St Luke's

31 <sup>st</sup> July	Oliver Charles Bailey
	Henry Edward Bailey

#### Weddings at The Barn

25th June	Deepak Chandrasekharan & Olivia Shipton
2nd July	Daniel Steele & Teresa Brown
20th August	Alexander Rennie & Amy Grier
21st August	Jermaine Sempebwa & Neema Moravia

#### Blessing of a Civil Marriage at St. Luke's

18th June	Chris & Natalie Cook
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#### Funerals

15th June	Christine Cook
26th July	David Blomfield
27th July	Sheila Skinner
23rd August	David Lambert

## DAVID BLOMFIELD AND KEW

It is such a great sadness to contemplate Kew without David Blomfield, a loving, generous, wise, irreplaceable presence in our midst. A true Christian in every sense of the word, he believed in local community, and supported by Caroline who was often involved, put in the work on a huge variety of projects and ongoing activities over a period of fifty years. He vested his interest in the community of Kew and through his books and talks on local history, his support of the church and his indefatigable energy for helping others we are all the richer for it.

He has left Caroline, three wonderful children and six grandchildren. The poem by his granddaughter, Isabella, the last verse of which is on page one, expresses beautifully their loss and at the same time the lasting legacy he has left for them in the metaphor of the rainbow.

I could write a whole new piece on what he has been doing since I wrote the profile in 2009 below. He continued to be Chair of the Richmond Local History Society, retiring in 2013 and then became its President. With Christopher May he wrote *Kew at War 1939–1945* and gave many talks on local history including the talk on the Star and Garter in April 2016, its centenary year; this after his illness had been diagnosed. Caroline told me that his mother worked as a nurse at the Star and Garter during the First World War, so it had personal meaning for him too.

The Richmond Local History website <http://www.richmondhistory.org.uk/> has many articles about him including an obituary from the online Guardian newspaper and the recording of his recent talk at the Star & Garter.

There is a memory page where you can donate to Cancer Research:

[www.justgiving.com/Melanie-Millington1](http://www.justgiving.com/Melanie-Millington1)

### DAVID BLOMFIELD – a profile (2009)

I first met David Blomfield when I was eleven and he was a charming, very good-looking undergraduate at Oxford. He was a friend of my sister and my parents were giving a dance. I was too young to attend but at lunch on the day I was placed next to him, and what I remember is that he talked to me and listened. When he could have ignored me, he made me feel special. If I had known, and understood what it meant, that he'd got an exhibition to read Classics (Mods and Greats) at Hertford College, and that before that he'd done his National Service for two years in the early fifties, most of it in Germany in a barracks next to Belsen, I would have been too shy to open my mouth. Now over fifty years later he's still as good-looking and I can see that his quiet, caring generosity has underpinned all that he has done.

The youngest of three brothers and the son of an army officer, David was the only one to go to Oxford. After Oxford he joined the Readers Digest as Editor for the Condensed Books series and had a successful career at the Digest for nearly thirty years. It was there he met Caroline. They married, moved to Kew in 1965 and soon became involved in the community, church and local government.

David says that it was the education of their three children at Queen's that made him realise the importance of representation and involvement at a local level. Kew had a community and he wanted to invest in it. He fought to change the rules at Queen's School to permit parental governors, and subsequently became a governor of Queen's, Darell Infant and Junior, Gainsborough Secondary School and Windham Nursery school. In the late 1960s he and Caroline helped Pat Lewis set up the Barn Nursery School in the new church hall, and for four years Caroline ran a satellite nursery in Gloucester Road. Education led to local politics. He'd always been a Liberal supporter, but what interested him was a smaller population – the 'politics of the parish pump' - where it was possible to identify with the people and the problems, and do something about it. He was a councillor from 1971 – 1978, and from 1979 – 1986, and during this period the council had more powers than at present, which made it important and rewarding work.

(contd. On page 5)

## David Blomfield and Kew (contd.)

At the end of the 1980s David left the Readers Digest and became a freelance editor, and Caroline opened Kew Bookshop. David was church warden at the Barn during Tim Beaumont's time and when Nick Darby took over, David chaired the committee responsible for converting the west end of the Barn Church, an operation which required a sensitive architect and a willing congregation. The work was completed in 2002 and has meant that the church is now used by the community every day of the week. He has also been responsible for chairing the building of the Orange Tree Theatre and the conversion of St Luke's House, plus numerous other community projects, which led, in 2000, to the award of an MBE. Throughout all these activities runs David's passion for local history. When Kew Bookshop opened in 1989 it needed a book about Kew's local history so Caroline challenged David and since then he has written three books: *Story of Kew*, *Kew Past*, and very recently *Kew at War*. He completed a PhD in 2007, his thesis being on the Boatmen on the Kew stretch of the Thames.

A church-goer all his life David talks about a 'pilgrimage of faith' where he is always exploring. A truly modest, clever and deep-thinking man, he has been supported throughout by Caroline. They have lived, worked and contributed to life in Kew for over forty years. Without exaggeration they have changed its landscape for the better.

Harriet Grace

## Social Share

Try and complete any task today and some helpful person will probably say "Did you know there's an app for that?" Whether it's checking the travel or the weather, planning your route or your lunch menu, buying bananas or booking a hotel, iTunes/the Google Play Store has an 'appy solution which they will deliver via your smartphone.

OK, I know apps are not strictly social media but I hope you'll forgive me sneaking them in. I think of them in the same way as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram as I use them on my phone.

There are lots of apps 'out there' with a Christian or faith-based purpose. I found the Church of England's **Reflections for Daily Prayer** useful when I was looking for a short daily Bible reading (or two) on which to reflect during the commute. You can try this app before you buy but there is an ongoing subscription charge. The Jesuit authored, **Pray as you go**, is a daily prayer session for whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work. Lasting about 10 minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. It is free to download. Richard Collins' **Daily Prayer Book** offers a good selection of short prayers also for free. Younger members of our congregations might well enjoy the **Bible App for Kids** which has illustrated bible stories and some interactive mini games. Again there's no charge to download it.

On Twitter I follow an eclectic selection of Christian tweeters. The Church of England **@c\_of\_e** provides good updates about the Anglican Church. Our own diocese **@SouthwarkCofE** does similarly for more local news. For updates and comment check out **@ChristianToday** (**@ruthiegleddhill** who worships at The Barn is one of their Contributing Editors). **@DigitalNun**, Herefordshire based Benedictine Sister Catherine Wybourne, has thoughtful suggestions for prayer – and incidentally a really well-written blog at: <http://www.ibenedictines.org/>. For a satirical look at faith follow **@shipoffoolscom**. And for cute pictures of a celebrity Vicar's cute dogs and cats follow **@RevRichardColes**.

On Instagram, you can get images, thoughts and prayers from Archbishop Justin **@lambethpalace** and from Pope Francis **@franciscus**. Try **@instagramforbelievers** for well-produced images, sayings and Bible quotes. And, while not strictly religious, I enjoy **@natgeo** which reminds me of God's wonderful creation; closer to home **@kewgardens**.

Personally, I don't use Facebook for faith based content but when researching this piece I came across <https://www.facebook.com/DigitalBible> for those who want a daily Bible verse to ponder. And was impressed by <https://www.facebook.com/WorldCouncilofChurches/> which has an active page encouraging ecumenical campaigns for worldwide peace and justice.

If you have any favourite social media sources to share on faith or spirituality feel free to Tweet them at **@barnkew** or post them on The Barn's Facebook page at: [facebook.com/barnkew](https://www.facebook.com/barnkew)

Sarah Ball (on Twitter **@sj\_ball**)



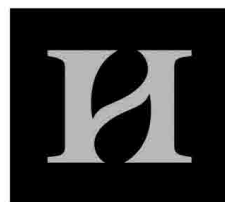
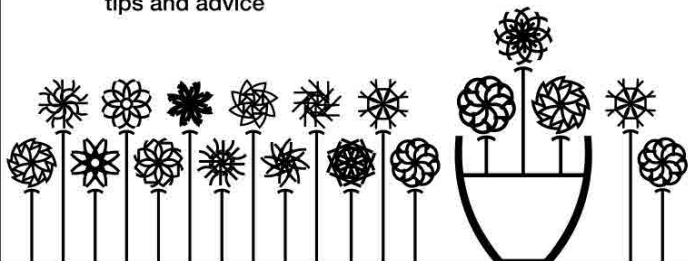


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We apologise for the very belated publication of this heart-warming story, but those who worship at the Barn will remember with fondness **Anita Wallis** — seen above when she was a Tiller Girl! She died at Prince Alice Hospice in April 2014, and following their wedding, when they had asked for donations to the Hospice instead of presents, Melissa and David Wallis wrote:

The nurses and clinical team were so compassionate and it was a great comfort to the whole family, at such a distressing time, to know that she was going to be properly cared for and would be comfortable.

“Anita was a lot of fun and had a mischievous sense of humour; one look from her could make us all dissolve into laughter! She’d been a keen dancer in her youth, becoming a Tiller Girl in her late teens and taking part in many productions around the UK. She even danced at the London Palladium and, though modest about it, she was very proud of her dancing past. Once her dancing days were over Anita became a ward clerk and later a medical receptionist before marrying her husband Clive and raising her family in East Sheen.

“She was one of those lovely people who would do anything for anyone. In an age where people often don't know their neighbours she not only knew all of her nearest neighbours but also the people who lived down the street, and thought of them all as friends.

“We were so humbled at the generosity of our family and friends in their donations to our wedding list for the Hospice and we are glad that we have helped to provide care and support for other people. We think Anita would also be very proud that we've helped others in her memory.

“The Hospice provides its care free from charge but needs over £9 million every year to provide these vital and much needed services. Only 25% of its funding comes from the NHS. so they absolutely rely on fundraising and donations from kind people such as you.

“Donating to Princess Alice Hospice means they can continue providing compassionate care and support for patients, their families and carers. The Hospice is an incredibly valuable resource for our local community and, if you can, I hope you'll join us in supporting them too.”

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## AVENUE CLUB NEWS



If you've attended any of our events over the last few months, we hope you've enjoyed them and are encouraged to attend the Club on a regular basis. Here are some more dates you might like to make a note of:

### **Walking Group - led by Serge Lourie – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**

If you've not been able to join Serge and his merry band for their monthly walk, give it a try – we are reliably informed it's a really pleasant way to spend a few hours. Please note the change of date – walkers now meet on the **FOURTH THURSDAY** of the month. The next walk is **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Meet at The Avenue Club at 10.30 am – destination Teddington. Call the office for more details.

### **Men's Health & Lifestyle Workshop with Garry Freer**

Don't worry if you missed the 4-week course, Garry has agreed to do some more sessions on Tuesdays - the next one is on **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September** at 12.30 pm. Cost is just £5. Call the Club for more details.

### **Avenue Club Choir**

Our Choir's Annual Summer Concert was a resounding success. There's always room for more singers so if you'd like to give it a go, the Autumn Term starts on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 2.30 pm. Cost £6 per session.

### **Quilt Raffle**

The Crafty Ladies of our Knit & Stitch Group have once again done us proud and produced a beautiful double bed Quilt – “Butterflies & Friends” - to be raffled at our Bring & Buy Sale on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**. This year there will also be two runner-up prizes of two hand-made cushions. Raffle Tickets will also be on sale at the Club and Tikki Patchwork Shop on Sandycombe Road.

### **Creative Writing**

They say everyone has a novel in them – why not take the first step! Explore different styles of writing, share your work (if you want to) and enjoy the company of other writers. Do come along and give it a try — **every Monday at 11.00 am and 1.00 pm for an hour and half**, just £5 per session. Call the Club for more information.

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	<p>This is the worst quarter for casualties so far, as it coincides with the start of the Battle of the Somme on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916. In all 12 local men perished during the quarter.</p> <p>On that terrifying first day of battle, three residents died — see 1, 2 and 3 below.</p>	<p><b>St Luke's WW1 Roll of Honour Board: those who died July — Sept. 1916</b></p>
<p><b>1 William Frederick COLLINS</b> Rifleman S/13223, 2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade. 8th Division. Killed in action 1st July 1916. Aged 28. Son of Mr &amp; Mrs Collins of Kew Road, Kew. Husband of Mrs Florence Collins later of Bulawayo, South Rhodesia. Born and enlisted in Kew. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial MR 21.</p>	<p><b>2 Robert LUSCOMBE</b> Rifleman 550367, 16th Battalion, London Regiment (Queens Westminster Rifles). 56th London Div. Killed in action 1st July 1916. Aged 24. Son of William &amp; Mary Irena Luscombe of 1, Broadway West Norwood. Born in Blackhawton, Devon and enlisted in Westminster. Resident of Gower St. W1. Buried in Gommecourt British Cemetery No2 Hebuterne</p>	<p><b>3 Henry William SIMPSON</b> Private G/2333, 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. 29th Division. Killed in action 1st July 1916. Aged 18. Son of Henry James &amp; Sarah Anne Simpson of 19, Victoria Parade, Kew Gardens, Richmond. Born in Kew and enlisted in Richmond. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial MR. 21.</p>
<p><b>4 Alexander Ford CORMODY</b> Lieutenant 6/3213, 1st Battalion, Canterbury Regiment, New Zealand Infantry. New Zealand Division. Killed in action 8th July 1916. Aged 34. Son of Thomas &amp; Sarah Cormody of 290, Sandycombe Road, Kew Gardens, Richmond. Born in Liverpool. Buried in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres F. 921.</p>	<p><b>5 Charles Herbert BAILEY</b> Private 6424, 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. 5th Division. Killed in action on the Somme 23rd July 1916. Aged 29. Husband of Mrs Harriett Ellen Neal Bailey of 42, Shaftesbury Road, Richmond. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Kingston on Thames. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial MR. 21</p>	<p><b>6 Ernest SNAZLE</b> Corporal 9379, 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. 5th Division. Killed in action on the Somme 16th August 1916. Aged 26. Son of George &amp; Emily Snazle of 64, Windsor Road Richmond. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Kingston on Thames. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial MR. 21. Brother of F G Snazle, killed in action at Cambrai 20th November 1917.</p>
<p><b>7 Francis Pring HUXTABLE</b> Private 4819, 51st Battalion, Australian Infantry. 13th Brigade. 4th Australian Division. Killed in action near Courcellette 21st August 1916. No other details. Buried in Courcellette British Cemetery F. 280</p>	<p><b>8 William Henry BOWGEN</b> Sergeant 3383, 1st Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers. 16th Irish Division. Killed in action on the Somme 9th September 1916. Born in Battersea and enlisted in Richmond. Next of kin residents of Richmond. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial MR. 21</p>	<p><b>9 Frederick George BAILEY</b> Private TF/3775, 1/8<sup>th</sup> Bn, M'sex Reg. 4th Div. Killed in action on the Somme near Flers on the 15th Sept 1916. Aged 23. Son of Herbert &amp; Emma Bailey of 33, Windsor Road, Richmond. Husband of Mrs Minnie Bailey of 8, Windsor Road, Richmond. Born in Kew and enlisted in Hampton Court. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial. MR. 21</p>
<p><b>10 Walter Robert STANTON</b> Rifleman. 13/203051, 7th Bn Rifle Brigade. 14th Light Division. Killed in action near Flers 15th September 1916. Aged 24. Son of Robert &amp; Ada Blanche Stainton of 77, Mortlake Road, Kew. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Ealing. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial MR. 21. Brother of S. Stainton who died 26th Nov 1914 (see <a href="#">Link 45</a>)</p>	<p><b>11 Samuel OSBORNE</b> Private 16300, 12th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. 41st Division. Killed in action 16th September 1916. Born in Hammersmith and enlisted in Kingston on Thames. Next of kin residents of Richmond. Buried in Bull Road Cemetery, Flers. F. 2771</p>	<p><b>12 Montague Adolf STIMSON</b> Second Lieutenant, 8th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. 18th Division. Killed in action on the Somme 30th September 1916. Aged 21. Son of William Adolf &amp; Beatrice Stimson of "Claraville" Lion Gate Gardens, Richmond. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial MR. 21. Brother of Eric Malcolm Killed in action 24th Aug 1915. Aged 17. (see <a href="#">Link 48</a>)</p>



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

**The Vicar will be on sabbatical from the end of August until the end of November**

### September

Monday 12th	8.0pm	Barn PCC Meeting
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Murder Mystery Evening (St Luke's)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Barn Stewardship

### October

Sunday 2nd	9.30 & 11am	Harvest Festival
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Barn social event - Disco
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11am	St Luke's Patronal Festival (joint service) Rev. Gail Smith
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	St Luke's PCC Meeting

### November

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Community Concert with tea in The Hall (Mary Noyes)
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-1.30	St Luke's November Fair
Saturday 26th	11.00-2.00	Barn Christmas Fair
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Advent Music & Readings by Candlelight at St Luke's
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.0pm	St Luke's PCC Meeting

### December

Saturday 10th	3pm	Abbeyfield Carol Service
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Junior Church/Brownie Play
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Nine Lessons & Carols at The Barn
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Barn Crib Service
	4pm	St Luke's Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass at The Barn

## BARN SUMMER FAIR

In the middle of a somewhat wet Summer, the Sun shone throughout the Fair in early July! A varied selection of songs from the Kew Community Choir gave a good start to the entertainment programme that was then beautifully followed up with Kimmy of Hartbeeps easily holding the attention of the children out on the grass and finally, last but definitely not least, Lisa ran a very engaging Puppet Show. In between events, people could browse at such traditional stalls as "home produce" and "plants"; try their luck on a number of other stalls; and purchase some unique craft items from a variety of local traders.

Our thanks go to everyone who contributed. From those who prepared for the event with the advertising campaign and donations; to those who helped, came and bought at the event itself; to those who ensured that the church was put back to its pristine self at the end; and many more besides. With your help we raised close to £1,800 towards church funds – brilliant news!

**Felice Oxborrow**

## Nicholas Houlton and the Barn Church website

We thought you would all wish to be aware that we have a very informative and up to date website. Have a good look: <https://barnchurchkew.uk/>

Nick Houlton, who has created and looks after our new website, has been coming to the Barn for around ten years. He and his wife, Tina, were married in 2006 by Father Peter, and both of their children, Izzy and Madeline, have been christened in the church too.

Nick really enjoys looking after the website and is always looking for people to come up with ideas or new pieces for the site - so do get in contact [nhoulton@barnchurchkew.uk](mailto:nhoulton@barnchurchkew.uk)

We are very grateful to Nick for all his hard work.



### A message from the Rev. Gail Smith

It is hard for me to believe that it has been sixteen years since we first came to Kew. I had an interview with the Rev. Nick Darby, the then vicar of St. Luke's and St Philip and All Saints (The Barn), just after Christmas. His curate had just left and moved to Berlin. We chatted and by the end of lunch I knew I was coming to work with him later in the spring. He then left in the summer for a sabbatical. We had agreed that I would work two Sundays a month plus two to three days during the week. It was the best thing that ever happened to me. I never thought I would find a place to do ministry when we moved from Baltimore, Maryland at Christmas time, 1999. Within three weeks I had a place to call home in Kew.



Thinking back on those first years with Nick I realized quite a bit happened. Beyond visiting with his pastoral care committee, doing services at Abbeyfield, helping with the morning Chapel at The Queens school, remembering the Pilgrims with the Unicorn School, meeting with the group that began the Friday night Youth Club at the Barn, helping Mary Noyes with Girl Scouts; and working with Churches Together in Kew for their Lent Classes. I was also involved with the Kew Richmond Quilting group and attended classes at "Stitch in Time". The highlight of that time, however had to be September of 2001. The vicar, Nick, was on his yearly vacation; while I was left in charge.

On the afternoon of September 11<sup>th</sup> I had just arrived home and listened to my answering machine. There was a message from Margery from the Barn telling me she was sorry for what had happened in the US. My son called from the Washington, D.C. area telling me he was OK. I had no idea what they were talking about so I turned on the news and saw the picture of an airplane flying into one of the twin towers, followed not long afterwards by the horrifying sight of the towers collapsing. When I called my daughter, who is a flight attendant, and my son, who drove by the Pentagon daily, I could not get through to them. I did manage to talk to one person who promised she would check in with them when she could. In those moments the world was changed for all of us; it was never really to be the same again.

I knew as churches in Kew that we had to do something in Kew so I contacted the Wardens of both churches. As we already had a Compline service planned to happen at the Barn on Wednesday evening we decided to get the word out to the town. We planned to expand Compline to include prayers for all that had happened. We expected maybe 40 people at such short notice. When the service began we had close to 150 people. People had the opportunity during the service to express their own thoughts and concerns. It was Kew at its very best. Later the following Saturday there was a planned walk along the Thames past Kew Gardens where people again were able to express their concerns. I will never forget that time and the mutual support people gave to one another. It is what the Church and Jesus call us to everyday; to reach out to others, to be there for those in need. As difficult times continue to happen in our world, the sense of support that happened back then that goes beyond our individual concerns is what we are to be about today as well. Despite our differences we are to be there for one another, now. I am looking forward to being with you all for two Sundays in October whilst your vicar, the Rev. Peter Hart, is on his sabbatical. Blessings,

**Gail**

### FUTURE FAIRS

A little in advance, but two definite dates for your diary:

Sr Luke's November Fair - Saturday 19th November

The Barn Christmas Fair - Saturday 26th November

Both are occasions not to be missed, with a variety of stalls to help you stock up for Christmas, and lots of fun for all the family!





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Sue May **8940 8724**

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### Tea & Art Club

for over 50s Thurs 11-12

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### Kew Neighbourhood Assn

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### Kew Community Trust

runs **Avenue Club** - social activities for older people. David Polya

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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](http://www.richmondandkewquilters.org.uk)

### Kew Community Choir

Thurs. 7.30

— 8.30, St Luke's in the Avenue

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Third Wed monthly, lunch for retired professionals, Richmond Golf Club. **8785 6718 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](mailto:rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk)

[www.richmondhistory.org.uk](http://www.richmondhistory.org.uk).

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## KIDS

### Girl Guiding

**Brownies** (7-10 yrs)

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Thursdays: St. Luke's House,

Sandycombe Road and the Barn Church.

**Guides** (10-14 yrs)

Thursdays: the Barn Church.

[guides5thkew@gmail.com](mailto: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

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## KEW FOR YOU

What a wealth of things there are to see and do in Kew Gardens this autumn, for all ages!

Bees are playing an important role in the Gardens in many ways, not least in the new Hive.

**The Hive at Kew** is really wonderful and all ages of people are finding it fascinating. It is

planned that the Hive will remain at Kew Gardens until the end of 2017 and entry to the installation will be free as part of your Garden visit. A team of trained explainers will be on hand to help till 30<sup>th</sup> October. This structure is 17 meters tall, weighs 40 tonnes and focuses on honey bees and their role of pollination in feeding our planet, by producing an amazing sound and visual experience which is definitely not to be missed. Did you know that 70 out of the 100 crop species that provide 90% of our food worldwide are pollinated by bees?

**The Artist Wolfgang Buttress** designed the Hive and it was built using over 170,000 aluminium pieces and 1,000 LED lights which glow and fade, whilst a unique sound track hums in response to the activities of live bees, in a beehive behind the scenes at Kew.

**Pollination Trail:** Why not follow a trail around the Gardens to learn about the role of bees in pollination? A trail map is in The Hive welcome leaflet, which you can pick up as you arrive in the Gardens. Younger visitors can join in as well, with fun stories and puzzles to solve on the special family boards.

**Bees in the Garden:** On Saturdays 17<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Kitchen Garden, the Kew Horticulturist, Joe Archer, will be giving talks about bees at 11am and 2pm and about pollination at 12noon and 3pm. On Fridays only, Joe Archer will also be talking about the Kitchen Garden from 2pm till 2.30pm until 28<sup>th</sup> October. There will be no extra charge.

**Bees at Risk:** Wild bee species have declined by more than 20% in 10 years, due to neonicotinoid pesticides. They were banned by the EU in 2013, but many British farmers want them back to stop flea beetles damaging oil seed rape crops.

**Bee Film Stars:** till 30<sup>th</sup> October, go to the Princess of Wales Conservatory film room and enjoy the short films about the stories of bees.

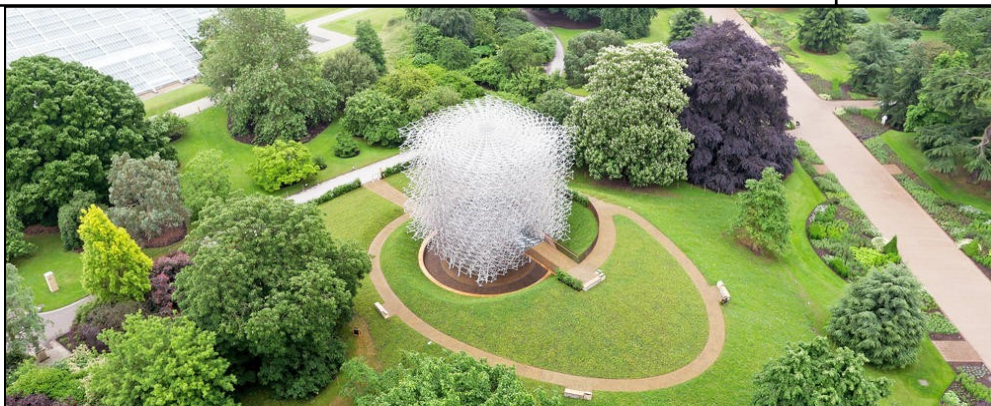
**Heard the Latest Buzz?** To quote from The Times: "It's a bee in the key of C." The journalist, Ann Treneman wrote that the Hive is an extraordinary piece of structural art linked to a real beehive nearby. She fell in love with it the moment she saw the 17m whorl of metal rising into the sky.

**Now for something completely different:** the **Broad Walk** has been totally redesigned by Richard Wilford, whilst respecting William Nesfield's original design from 1846. The stunning new borders, about 320 meters long, contain nearly 30,000 plants. The design includes 8 different zones, to reflect botanical and horticultural science. New copper finials have been installed on top of the climbing rose supports on the Broad Walk. They have been made especially for Kew from recycled copper pipes, which are then split and flattened.

**I Spy with My Little Eye.....**find the Marianne North Gallery and look inside it for any paintings with people in them, (clue: find paintings 13, 96 and 415). These all show important pollinators like birds, butterflies and humming birds.

**Christmas at Kew:** advance notice: There will be a new Christmas Trail for 2016 and tickets are now on sale. Go on line for further details.

**And finally:** you might not have heard that the Prince of Wales has been announced as our new Royal Patron. In a special recorded message for Kew, marking the launch of the new Great Broad Walk Borders, he said that he could not be more proud and delighted.



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