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On Friday 7th December, from 5 - 8 pm

Kew Sparkle is here again!

As ever, it's a celebration marking the start of the festive season whilst supporting a local charity — this year it's the Vineyard Community Centre, working for the most vulnerable and destitute in the local community. All the local churches hold regular Sunday lunches for the homeless in support of the Vineyard project. *see page 8 for further details.*

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Hello from *The Link* team

Kew Sparkle is here again! We do hope that you will support the local shops and businesses who are such an important part of our community and many of whom advertise in *The Link*, thus paying the cost of production as well as contributing towards church funds. A very Happy Christmas to all our readers and all good wishes for the New Year — and congratulations to Matt and Anna Pannett who celebrate their Silver Wedding on 30th December!

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Letter from the Vicar

What do you want out of Christmas this year? Fun? Family get togethers? More presents than last year? A little bit of peace and quiet? And when does your Christmas begin? As I write this, some people have already got their Christmas tree up and the decorations out – why wait!

This year we have an election during Advent – we have all had to register to vote, which is not too dissimilar to the circumstances that led Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem – only they didn't get to choose their country's leaders, just pay taxes to the Romans. Elections are serious events, we need to think deeply and prayerfully about how we vote, how we exercise that long-fought-for freedom and responsibility. The time leading up to that vote, and the weeks after it, will have an effect on our preparations for Christmas – it will be a political moment which will need to be surrounded with prayer, not sherry and carrots. This year's Christmas will not be like Christmases of former years – we need to be prepared.

Isn't Christmas a political event, anyway? God intervening directly in the life of his creation, living amongst us as one of his creatures is a political action, because it speaks of a God who experiences human life in all its pain and glory, a God who moves through this world and sees how human beings live together and organise their lives together in a broader society. When Luke tells the story of the baby Jesus being visited by shepherds, he wants his readers to understand that the God who lives amongst them cares for everyone in society, even those cut off from the normal run of things by their work or their lifestyle. Matthew brings the wise men to the baby Jesus to show that the whole world is included in the orbit of God's love.

So Christmas is about everybody – the homeless, the housebound, the children, the adults, the fit and the healthy as well as the sick and the vulnerable – everyone. And Christmas is about the whole of our planet, for Christ comes and walks through fields and woods and mountains and rivers, just as much as in streets and city squares.

If we are going to be responsible citizens and exercise our democratic rights to the full on 12th December, then we also need to be responsible citizens and open up our Christmas to the whole world, not just hug it to ourselves. The winter night shelters, in partnership with Glass Door and SPEAR are up and running again, and needed by more people than last year. Get in touch with me and we can explore ways of volunteering with the project. There are families across our borough for whom Christmas presents an insurmountable burden, and who will have to rely on foodbanks to feed their family through the festive season. Again, we will be sharing in a partnership with the local authority to provide Christmas presents for struggling families – go to any of the Kew churches and pick up an Advent Angel to make a difference locally. What are your neighbours doing this year? Will any be on their own? Make Christmas special for them, take the first step, go to them rather than wait for them to ask.

And most of all, seek out the presence of God in worship, in song, in prayer, in storytelling, in drama, in silence as well as in a lot of noise – God's love for his creation is as strong and effective now as it was those years ago when Jesus was born.

Peter

Wedding

19th October Ben Worsley and Ellie Foulis Brown

Funerals

26th September John Elstone

9th October Alec Sykes

6th November Kenneth Mayall

19th November Jeff Hoare

RICHARD WRIGHT

Richard deserves a long-service award. For nearly twenty years he has been the Booking Manager for the Barn Church and Hall, quietly, effectively and efficiently making sure the business of allowing events to take place in these venues runs seamlessly, making people want to use the church or hall again and again.

Concerts, talks, theatre group rehearsals, Mary Noyes' musical events, a film or a jazz evening, or the occasional funeral service brings in much needed income for the church. Over the years Richard has been there to open the church, help set up, raise and ensure invoices are paid and provide a friendly, reliable service. He will help with the sound system and microphones required in any of the events, and loves getting to know the different people engaged in different activities. Recently he has been involved in the installation of the new boiler ensuring all of us are warm enough in the coming winter months.

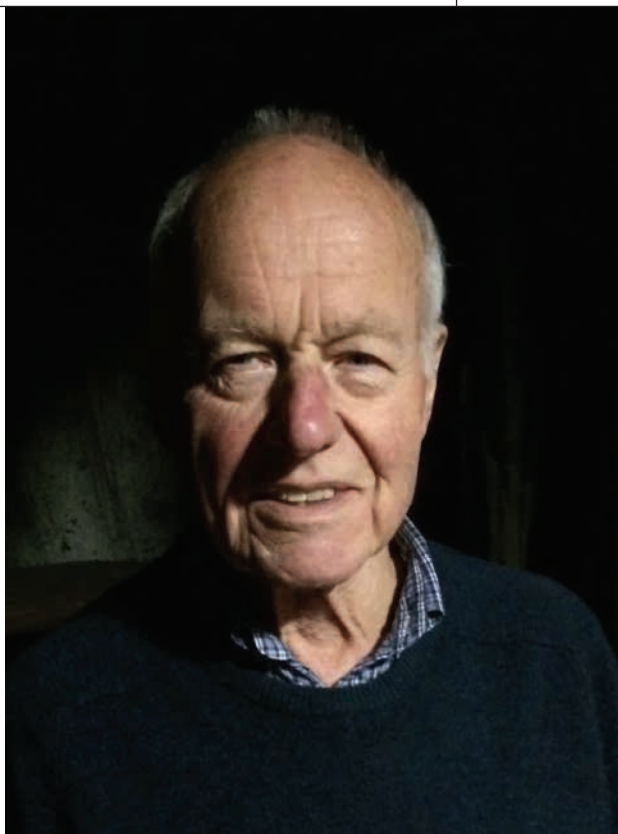
In 1994 he and Sally moved to Kew, and when Alice was born Richard decided to retire from his job as Head of Bi-Media Sound Operations, News & Current Affairs, and become a house-husband.

Leaving school at sixteen he worked in civil engineering as a trainee site agent until lay-offs from his company during the exceptionally cold winter of 1963 made him apply and be accepted as a trainee Technical Operator in radio sound at the BBC. He was to be at the BBC for thirty seven years, largely working in radio. He became a Studio Manager and then Senior Studio Manager working on programmes such as Today, The World at One and PM.

It is the role of the Studio Manager to ensure the signal leaving the studio is balanced and appropriately loud or soft as the broadcast is happening. These are news programmes and some of the pieces will be pre-recorded but most of the interviews are *live* which requires sang froid! The Studio Manager sits at the Sound Desk with a second-by-second running order which may suddenly change and require instant and precise fading in or out. At World at One, for example, a pre-recorded interview may have to be cut or a live one extended. The Studio Manager has to keep a cool head, the Studio Presenter a steady voice to cope with the alteration.

At the forthcoming election, the Barn Church will become a polling station for the day. In 1983 Richard was the Senior Studio Manager working with Brian Redhead on election night from 11pm to 6.30am, which must bring it all back, although in such different times! It was soon after that Richard was promoted to management responsible for scheduling staff working in studios and organising the number of studios. When John Birt became DG of the BBC he made News and Current Affairs into a combined Radio and TV service and Richard was given the job of Head of Bi-Media Sound Operations, a prestigious role proving that he was at the top of his game.

Since retirement Richard likes to keep his hand in making recordings. He has made an organ CD for both Alban Clarke and Carl Dorman as well as one for a local Blues Band. His modest, warm presence feels part of the church and something we couldn't be without. He is what helps makes the Barn the place we love.



Harriet Grace

Big improvements at the Barn!



At the Barn the whole congregation is extremely grateful to the **Richmond Parish Lands Charity** for a generous grant which has paid for the complete refurbishment of the ladies toilets in the church hall, which include a compartment with a lower door and lower basins for children. It has also paid for a significant part of the cost of a new boiler to heat the church itself: the old one finally ceased to work in the spring. The boiler installation was complicated and required a new flue and extensive new brass pipework, and thanks go in particular to Richard Wright and Matt Pannett for all their sterling efforts to get the work completed on time. Nursery manager Susie Hancock also worked closely with church wardens Andrew Rankin and Beth Elliott and is delighted by the results and grateful to all the community who fund-raise and attend the church events, making these important updates to the facilities possible. Susie said "the nursery children are enjoying safer, cleaner more modern facilities to encourage and facilitate independent health and self-care, and are especially fascinated by the infra-red 'magic' sensor taps!"



Drudgery Divine — a tribute to Nigel and Susan Barton

In my glorious morning walks in Kew Gardens (how fortunate we are!) I often stand on the elegant curved bridge to catch a glimpse of the swans with their dazzling, heart-shaped plumage gliding serenely across the lake. It all seems so effortless, but we know that beneath the regal nonchalance their feet are paddling manically away to sustain their stately progress.

Our parishes are like that. We have our splendours: the wonderful music, preaching, intercessions, heavenly ritual, welcoming smiles, the scintillating *Link*. These are riches indeed, but behind the scenes there are teams of people working faithfully and unseen without whom the whole splendid edifice would collapse and we would be meeting in a field - or still asleep. Consider the cleaners, flower arrangers, gardeners, menders, launderers, organisers, administrators and, crucially, our indefatigable financial experts.

And so today we say thank you to Nigel and Susan Barton, our recently retired treasures (a typo for "treasurers", but entirely appropriate!), who have striven so heroically on our behalf, for there were nights when, already exhausted by professional pressures, they would labour on into the early hours on our behalf. In their characteristic modesty they will not mind if, in thanking them for their decade of devotion, we link them with all those who at St Luke's and the Barn serve selflessly and unsung to keep our churches and our worship so vibrantly alive and afloat.

Paul Gregorowski

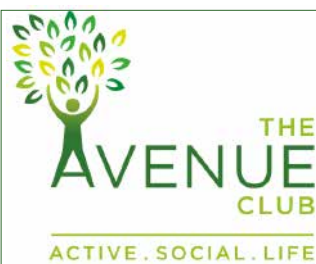
Plenty of room at the Bug Hotel



Exciting things are happening in the garden at The Barn Church. The Junior Church's runner beans were up and running and have now come and gone, and a new herb patch has now been planted.

In a leafy corner a hotel has recently opened for bugs. Why not come along and join in the fun in the garden – we hope to have some more exciting projects for young and old alike to work on in the coming months.





The Avenue Club News

The Avenue Club, St Luke's in The Avenue,
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**We'd like to remind you about all the activities
we have going on at The Avenue Club.**

If you are making a New Year's Resolution to get fitter, we have **pilates, yoga** and **low impact aerobics**, with **seated exercises** and **balance & agility** for the less mobile. For the more energetic, there is **advanced pilates** or **line dancing**. We have 2 **table tennis** groups and have introduced one to one **strength training** sessions. Not forgetting our keen monthly **walking group**.



For any linguists we offer **French, Italian** and **Spanish** and if it's music you're after, we have a **community choir** and a **ukulele** group. If you are arty or crafty, we run **mosaics, art** and **knit & stitch groups**.



We also run an **afternoon cinema & film club**, **opera** lectures (with a focus on Verdi from January) **art history** classes and a **history** group. If you enjoy writing, join our **creative writing** group or come along to our **book club** which is restarting in January. **Bridge** is also available for all abilities.



For your **wellbeing**, we offer a **men's group, mindfulness** and **tai chi**.

Our **hairdressers** are here on Tuesday and Thursday and if you're after **chiropody** or a **massage**, that's available every Wednesday. We offer a **variety of lunches** on Monday to Wednesday with a delicious **roast lunch** on Thursdays.

Come along and give one of our activities a try.

For further information, contact us or pop into the Avenue Club Office.
Email: avenueclub@kewcommunitytrust.org.uk Tel: 020 8948 8807

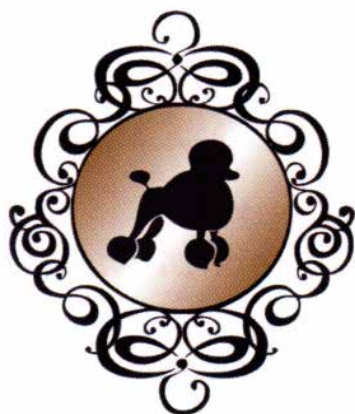


FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2019, 5-8PM

Kew Sparkle arrangements are now well underway. Schools are planning their part in our "Kew Kids for Kew Christmas Lights", where the kids wear a Christmas jumper to school and bring along a donation. The school choirs are already rehearsing their songs. The Kew traders are also assembling fabulous raffle prizes for the evening and making generous contributions to the Christmas lights too.

CHOSEN CHARITY: Each year, Kew Sparkle raises between £2000-£3000 for a local cause, and this year the Committee has chosen the **Vineyard Community Centre**, a registered charity that specialises in helping meet the needs of the most vulnerable and destitute in the local community. Guests using their services are mostly homeless, living in poverty or socially isolated as a consequence of family breakdown, unemployment or addictions. The **VCC** provides a "morning drop-in" to those in crisis, a community nursing service, a food bank with five satellites, a cafe which welcomes those who experience social exclusion and a charity shop. The funds from the raffle and any profit raised on the night will be donated to the **Vineyard Community Centre**.

VOLUNTEERS: If you have some spare time on Friday 6 December 2019 - any time from 1pm to 9pm - and want to help out for an hour, then do please let us know. Email kewsparkle@gmail.com with your preferred slot and contact details. If you are a local business you may wish to consider donating a raffle prize.



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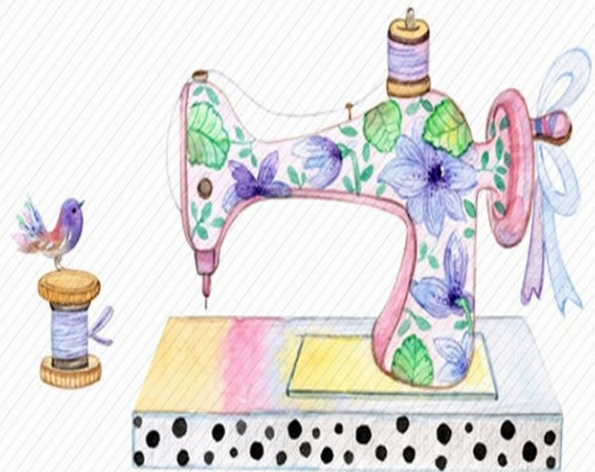
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Kew for You

It may be winter but Kew Gardens has a wide range of ongoing activities and tours to appreciate the gardens at this time of year.

Kew Discovery and Access: this offers learning opportunities for visitors with limited mobility, additional or sensory loss. Regular accessible learning events include guided tours for deaf BSL users, health walks for visitors with sight loss and out of hours events for visitors with autism.

Kew Sensory Trail Sound: this includes the Woodland Garden, the Rock Garden, the Davies Alpine House, the Secluded Garden, the Hive and the Great Broad Walk Borders.

Kew Guided Tours: We are fortunate in Kew

Gardens to have free daily walking tours which provide an introduction to the Gardens, Kew Science Collections and History.

Private Walking Tours: I really enjoyed it when a group of my friends had a private walking tour in Kew Gardens. Bespoke tours for individuals or groups can be arranged and payment is essential and required six weeks in advance. Standard entrance fees apply. To book private tours email tours@kew.org. For free tours visit the Kew Gardens website – Visit Kew.

Explore the Temperate House: this is the world's largest surviving Victorian glasshouse. It's home for some of the rarest plants in the world that can be found growing in temperate zones. Never too hot nor too cold, temperate zones have definite changes in seasons throughout the year, as we have.

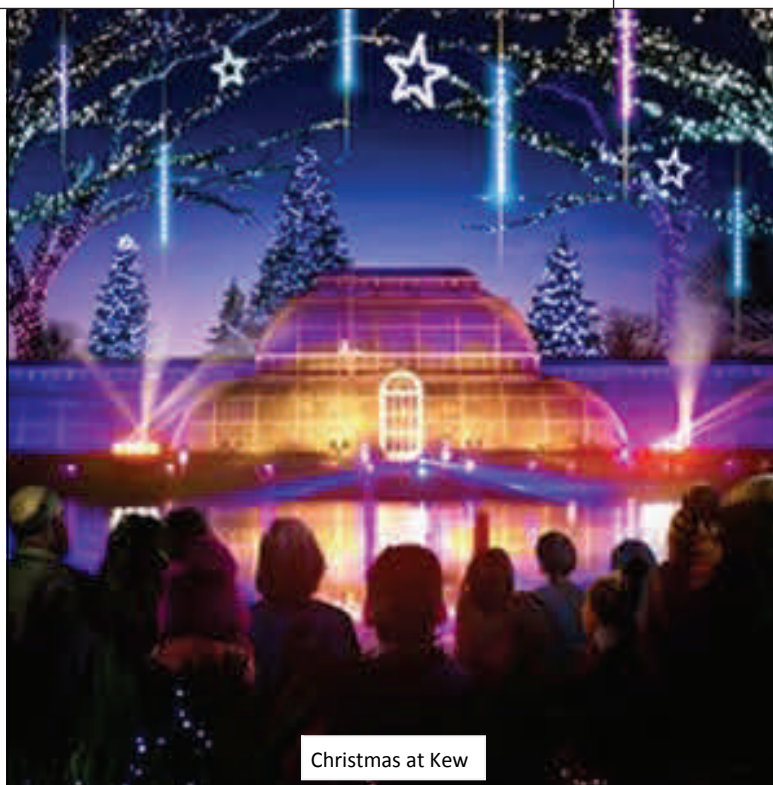
Kew Youth Programmes: (14 to 17 years): a bespoke training programme to equip selected young people to volunteer as expert explainers in the Temperate House. Youth Forum: (16 to 18 years) a group of young people who help to design and run specialist learning events in Kew, using science and arts to engage audiences.

Youth Outreach Projects: they work in partnership to engage young people who might not otherwise be able to access exciting learning opportunities. To find out more about partnership work, email youth@kew.org.

Marianne North Gallery: I have always been interested in learning about Marianne North. She played an important role in Victorian Society as a female explorer, plant hunter and artist. Her gallery was opened in Kew in 1886 and the contribution of women in scientific research continues to grow, I am pleased to say.

Coming Events: I am delighted to say that you can now stop and admire the Shirley Sherwood Collection, which re-opened on 16th November (until 15th March 2020), with amazing paintings from across the world.

Christmas at Kew: This the most stunning time of the year with the sparkling after-dark trail to light up Kew Gardens. Make sure you enjoy the magical new route, with all the new installations. Advanced booking only - Google: Christmas at Kew.



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

December

Sunday 1 st	midday	St Luke's Vineyard Lunch
Sunday 1 st	6pm	St Luke's Advent Music & Readings
Sunday 1 st	<i>The Link</i> in church for swift delivery, please, well before Kew Sparkle!	
Sunday 8 th	midday	Barn Vineyard Lunch
Sunday 15 th	5pm	St Luke's Brownie & Junior Church Play in the Main Hall
Sunday 22 nd	6pm	Barn Nine Lessons & Carols
Tuesday 24 th	3pm	Barn Crib Service
	4pm	St Luke's Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass at St Luke's
Christmas Day	9.30	Christmas Eucharist at The Barn
	11.00	Christmas Eucharist at St Luke's

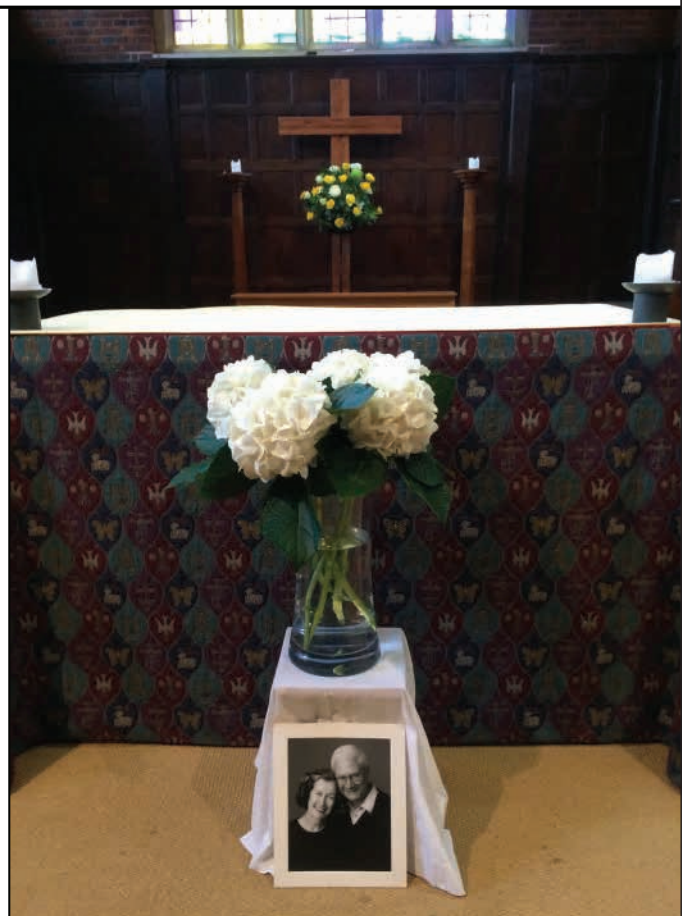
Rev. Dr. Irene Ahrens



Philip and Lisa, wearing her mother's favourite coat,
in the Darby Room after the service

On Saturday 5th October a memorial service, taken by Rev. Peter Hart, was held at the Barn for Irene Ahrens, our much-loved curate from some years ago. Amongst

the large congregation was her daughter Lisa accompanied by Philip, the son of her late and equally loved husband Gustav. Touching and amusing tributes were given by many, including the previous Vicar, Rev. Nick Darby; the choir, consisting of members of both the St. Luke's and Barn choirs, sang anthems. Everyone gathered in the Darby room afterwards for coffee and happy reminiscences of a lovely person.





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Simone Webster writes:

Last year you kindly ran a piece in the Link about our search for homes for Syrian refugee families in Richmond. I am delighted to report that as a result of our publicity campaign, three further private-let properties in different areas of the borough were offered, bringing the total number of families resettled in Richmond to six. Altogether 12 adults and 15 children have now been able to escape the trauma of the refugee camps on the borders of Syria to find sanctuary in our borough under the VPRS scheme.

It has been wonderful to see how our original three families have rallied round to welcome the three new families, offering practical support and friendship as well as comforting home-cooked Syrian food and hospitality. When one of the new families couldn't get their boiler to work over the Easter bank holiday, our first family went straight round and helped them to get it started. The latest house offered was in dire need of renovation, and the father of one of the original families, a painter-decorator by trade, insisted on offering his services free. A team of local volunteers, including a group of six-formers from a local School, worked tirelessly alongside the landlord to renovate the house and garden. Two of the latest properties were offered unfurnished, and following a request on Facebook, Refugees Welcome in Richmond were inundated with generous offers of furniture and household equipment from local people. One couple who were downsizing offered a whole houseful of beautiful, good quality furniture. Through the donations and efforts of local people, the properties have been transformed into comfortable, well-equipped family homes.



When they first arrive, the families are met at the airport by a Council liaison officer, who is responsible for introducing them to their new home and neighbourhood and providing the intensive practical support they need initially as new arrivals. As well as helping source and prepare homes, Refugees Welcome in Richmond

volunteers also offer practical support to the families when they arrive, providing practice in spoken English and sourcing additional items the family might need, for example we have recently supplied a food processor for preparing baby food, warm children's clothes and toys. RWinR also organises events like picnics, tea-parties and drop-in coffee mornings to promote integration within the community.

While our three latest families were being resettled, the Council called a halt to the search for new properties so we could focus on meeting the immediate needs of the new arrivals. However, the search is now resuming and the Council has asked for RWinR's help to look for more properties. An excellent package of benefits is available for landlords participating in the scheme (a refugee family can only be accepted for this scheme by the Home Office if a home is available for them):

- Rent and council tax is paid starting immediately the property is available, and is paid direct to the landlord rather than through benefits;
- An upfront incentive payment (£2500-£3500 depending on size, plus equivalent of 6 weeks rent)
- No letting fees if dealing direct with the Council
- Standard Assured Shorthand Tenancy Agreements of 2-5 years, with the Council as guarantor;
- No obligations beyond those of normal property maintenance, as the family receives full support from the Council Resettlement Team

It would be absolutely fantastic if you could run another piece mentioning our search for properties, and giving our contact details refugeeswelcomeinrichmond@gmail.com.



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Kew Community Trust

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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

Richmond Local History Society

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www.richmondhistory.org.uk

Kew Village Market

First Sunday of every month (except Jan) 10am to 2pm. Community food/crafts market, live music. All operating profits to local charities.

www.kewvillagemarket.org

Q2 Players

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

8940 2053

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8332 2122

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Richmond Chamber of Commerce

1/3 Richmond Road Twickenham TW1 3AB

email@richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk

Kew Community Choir Thurs. 7.30

— 8.30, St Luke's in the Avenue

noyesmary@hotmail.com

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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

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Bridge and Tennis

Forest Road, Kew

www.prioryparkclub.org.uk

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8948 8852

For events coverage: operations@richmond.sja.org.uk

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www.midsurreybowls.co.uk

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guides1strichmond@outlook.com

Kew Scout Group HQ

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

Beavers (6-7 yrs) Thurs 6 pm

Cubs (8-10yrs) Thurs 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

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07770 755 538

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kewyoungmusicians@googlemail.com

8401 6950

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9.15—11.00

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All are very welcome to our **Christmas Open Coffee Morning** on Saturday December 14th 10.30am to midday at 2/4 Ennerdale Road.

Please join us for a coffee & mince pie, buy some raffle tickets, browse the cakes stall, residents' crafts and bric-a-brac!

All proceeds are used to pay for entertainment and outings for the residents.

Please contact Sue Sheffer on 020 8876 5917 or email: sheffer@onetel.com

*Invitation to a Wassail
Party at Pensford Field
Sunday 5th Jan 2020
at 2.00pm*



A Wassail is an old English custom from Pre-Norman times. The Wassail gives fruit growers the opportunity to drink to the good health of their fruit trees and scare away any evil spirits. Everyone is invited, young and old and all in between.

Funny hats, costumes, and noise making instruments are encouraged.

Remember to wrap up warm. To fight the cold, traditional mulled cider and refreshments will be served, plus Music - Singing and Dancing - Bonfire marshmallow toasting.

Contributions to the upkeep of your local nature reserve will be gratefully received. If you would like to come please contact John O'Brien info@pensfordfield.co.uk

(Charity No 111880)



St Luke's Bingo night

A great time was had on 5th October by 57 people, who enjoyed a delicious supper, raising £668 which was split equally between St Luke's

and [REACT](#), the local charity which helps children with life-limiting illnesses.

This is an annual event so please come along next year to join in the fun. If you'd like to help with St Luke's social events, please contact Judi at jabraddock@sky.com



Barn Dance



A highly successful Barn Dance was held on 12th October, raising a much-needed £1,300 in donations for church funds.

All ages joined in the fun and a delicious dinner was provided by a number of volunteers. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way, particularly the indefatigable Barn Events team.

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