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... AND THEN JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS!



Christmas cards often talk about Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All Men, yet often peace and goodwill escape us as we frantically try to schedule numerous social/school/work/family events, find the perfect Christmas gift for the entire family, and worry about how to make everyone happy.

Sometimes, being in a church building can have a magical effect. Regardless of your spiritual beliefs, peace seems to seep from the walls, allowing you to take time out for a moment before re-entering the fray.

In the run up to Christmas your local churches have some beautiful services, and we really hope you will consider joining us to reconnect with that feeling of peace and goodwill, and feel the calmness and joy of Advent and Christmas.

Sunday 3rd December 6 pm, St Luke's (The Avenue) Annual Advent Carols by Candlelight service. The service is about light and expectation and the talented choir will be joined by the junior choir for this gentle, atmospheric event. If you have one, bring a torch, but there will be plenty to borrow should you need one.

Saturday 9th December 3pm, St Luke's Carol Service. Members of the congregation are joined by residents from the two Abbeyfield houses in Ennerdale Road for a retelling of the Christmas story in Scripture and song, followed by tea.

Sunday 10th December 5pm, St Luke's, the Junior Church and St Luke's House Brownies enact their **Christmas play**. Mince pies and mulled wine are served before and afterwards.

Sunday 17th December 6pm, The Barn Church, Atwood Avenue, Nine Lessons and Carols: telling the story of the birth of Jesus and singing traditional carols.

Christmas Eve 3 pm, the Barn Church and then 4 pm, St Luke's, Crib Service: The children are encouraged to dress up and act out the Christmas tale.

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm, Midnight mass. St Luke's

The Christmas story reminds us of hope, forgiveness and, so importantly, of love and compassion — a comforting reminder of community and friendship.

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11am Parish Communion with Junior Church participation (First Sunday in the month — All-age Worship)

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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

What is the real meaning of Christmas? Every year, from about this time onwards, various public figures will agonise over what Christmas is about, how it has changed, how the commercial side of Christmas has ruined the season and robbed it of its true meaning, and each time they come up with trite sentiments about sharing and giving and warmth round the fire – none of which are in any way close to the truth.

Christmas, for C.S. Lewis, was the greatest miracle of them all. Christmas is about God, God becoming human, one of his own creation, to live amongst us as one of us. C.S. Lewis likens the miracle of Christmas to a diver, leaving the light and plunging ever deeper into gloomy water. At Christmas, God ceases to be “out there” and becomes here, amongst us, now. That is Christmas. That is what we are celebrating. The rest is story-telling.

So why celebrate? Well why not? If this is the season that we remember God coming amongst us, then there is no better reason to celebrate. Light has come to our darkness, understanding has come to our ignorance, hope has transformed our despair. Love hovers over all this, like a kestrel: love for his creation as God’s motivation, love for humanity as his spur to action, love made visible in the person of Jesus Christ as the result of the Christmas intervention.

So we celebrate, we eat too much, we spend vast amounts of time and money on people we love and think we ought to love and we don’t go in to work for a week. All that celebration and more is fine and right and admirable, for God has come to us, God has made himself known, and we can talk to him, knowing that he understands everything that we are going through.

Don’t celebrate on your own, or in tiny numbers. Celebration should be big, community-wide. Join with strangers, sing your heart out, open wide your front door. Tell the stories, laugh and cry in equal measure, for God is delighted to be with us, and we should be delighted that he is here with us too.

Peter



Baptisms:

The Barn:

10th September Ren Rohan Adler Carlton-Jones

29th October Alexandra Hannah Peter

St Luke’s:

20th August Finn Joseph Andrew Galloway

3rd September Arthur Ronald Mortimer Heath

8th October Daniel George Morgan

Weddings:

St Luke’s

23rd September Philip Guthrie and Sarah Hutt

Funerals:

22nd August Lily Lewis

11th September Christopher Winn
May Chu

14th September Winifred Stanley

25th September Nick Upton

9th October Margaret Hymers



The Barn Dance

Many thanks to all those who gave of their time to organise this great evening on 14th October, to Halletts who sponsored it, and to all those who supported it. The event raised a much-needed £1,000 for church funds. Congratulations!



A British tank, damaged and captured in Fontaine Notre Dame, in a photograph taken once the Germans had defeated the Guards Division attack through the village.

St Luke's WW1 Roll of Honour Board: those who died Oct. — Dec. 1917

1 Charles Alfred Henry Warland, Pte TF/202335, 3/4th Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment, 21st Division. Killed in action near Ypres, 4th October 1917. Aged 20. Son of Alfred Henry & Louisa Clara Warland of "Charterhouse" Liongate Gardens, Richmond. Born and enlisted in Richmond, Resident of Lee on Solent, Hampshire. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium MR. 30.

2 Arthur Charles Duncombe Pte 2019, 8th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. 18th Division. Killed in action near Poelcapelle 12th October 1917. Aged 22. Son of Arthur James & Elizabeth Jane Duncombe of 162, Beechcroft Road, Upper Tooting. Born in Wandsworth and enlisted in Kingston on Thames. Buried in Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Belgium B. 126 (see also Link 53)

Arthur George Ireland 2nd Lt., 5th Regiment of Reserve Cavalry attached to the Northumberland Hussars. Died of wounds 19th October 1917. Aged 32. Served with the Cape Mounted Police in 1903 and in German South West Africa 1914-15. Connection with Richmond not established. Buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery Belgium B. 16

4 Abel John Watford 2nd Lt., 5th Regiment of Reserve Cavalry attached to the Northumberland Hussars. Died of wounds 19th October 1917. Aged 32. Served with the Cape Mounted Police in 1903 and in German South West Africa 1914-15. Connection with Richmond not established. Buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery Belgium B. 16

5 Iain Morehouse Metcalfe Lt., 3rd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment, 25th Division. Aged 20. Died of wounds in captivity. Grave Lost 1st November 1917 Son of Henry Longden & Catherine Metcalfe of "Simla" Hatherley Road, Kew Gardens, Richmond. Commemorated on Loos Memorial MR. 19

6 Ernest W Dunn Pte G/18351 1st Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment, 33rd Division. Died in military hospital at Abbeville 2nd November 1917. Born in Norwich and enlisted in Kingston on Thames. Next of kin residents of Richmond. Buried in Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension F. 52

7 Henry Head (Note: initial E. on War Memorial) Sapper 251839, 1st Army Worksop Company, Royal Engineers. Died 5th November 1917. Aged 44. Son of Mr & Mrs Henry Head of Richmond. Born in Cambridge and enlisted in Croydon. Formerly with the Royal Garrison Artillery. Buried in Bethune Town Cemetery F. 80

8 Gilbert Ernest (Charles) Hawkins Pte 235040, 1st Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment, 7th Division. Died of wounds in military hospital at Abbeville. 10th November 1917. Aged 21. Son of Ernest & Alice Hawkins of 86, Kingsway, Mortlake. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Kingston on Thames. Formerly with the Essex Regiment. Buried in Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension F. 52

9 Frederick George Snazle L/Cpl 19908, 2nd Battalion, Hampshire Regiment, 29th Division. Killed in action at Cambrai 20th November 1917. Aged 25. Son of George & Emily Snazle of 64, Windsor Road, Richmond, brother of Ernest Snazle. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Hounslow. (see also Link 52)

10 James William Dunkin Fenning L/Cpl 62305, 9th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, 12th Division. Killed in action at Cambrai 30th November 1917. Aged 32. Son of Daniel Dunkin & Adelaide Fenning of 284, Sandycombe Road, Kew Gardens. Native of Redhill. Enlisted in Putney. Buried in Fifteen Ravine Cemetery F. 379

11 Arthur George Warren Sapper 167852, 79th Field Company, Royal Engineers. Died of wounds in Belgium 18th December 1917. Aged 20. Only son of Henry & Alice Warren of 139, Sandycombe Road, Richmond. Born in Willesden and enlisted in Richmond. Educated at Darrell Road School, Richmond. Buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium B. 16.

12 Alan Iain Henry Cleland Pte 760963, 1/28th Battalion, London Regiment (The Artists Rifles), 63rd Royal Naval Division. Killed in action on the Ancre, 30th December 1917. Aged 20. Son of John Henry & Florence Elizabeth Cleland of Eversfield House, Eversfield Road, Richmond. Enlisted in London. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial MR. 21 see Link 45

Michael Tonkin

Michael and Carolyn Tonkin have lived in some stunningly beautiful places including Ullswater in the Lake District and for over forty years rural Dorset. Brought up in an RAF family Michael moved many times in his childhood and we warmly welcome his latest move to Kew where he joins Richard Austen to become the second Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) supporting Father Peter at the Barn and St Luke's churches.

How do you find Kew, I wonder, as we sit in his flat overlooking the towpath and the river, the roar of planes overhead and urban paraphernalia all around. He tells me he and Carolyn love it. Their son and daughter-in-law live a few streets away and his daughter and son-in-law living in Crouch End are expecting their first child in the New Year. Michael and Carolyn can walk everywhere, have already completed the Capital Ring, feel blessed that Kew Gardens is on their doorstep, and can reach both The Barn and St Luke's churches on foot if they feel like it. Very different from life in Dorset where they had wonderful views but needed a car to go almost everywhere.

In Dorset Michael worked with the vicar and two fellow LLMs in a benefice of eight, now seven, rural churches which were all miles apart and had very small congregations usually wedded to the Book of Common Prayer and the old way of doing things. How to grow and fill these beautiful churches? How to make Christianity today interesting and relevant to younger people? – these were the questions constantly lurking. For the last year of his ministry there was no vicar, and Michael and his fellow LLMs were running the benefice.

Michael started life working for the NatWest Bank in the City of London but left the Bank to work for a hotel on Ullswater in the Lake District. There he met Carolyn, also taking a break from work in London. They married and a year later moved down to Dorset where they bought and ran The Ship Inn at West Stour for ten years. After their second child was born, they sold up and set up a china shop in Gillingham, Dorset. Their home was still in West Stour and they continued to be very involved with village life. Michael was on the PCC for 30 years and was church warden for 20 years.

It was when they closed the China shop in 2011 that Michael had time to begin a Foundation Degree in Ministry at Sarum College, Salisbury. It seemed the logical next step in his involvement with the church and the community: he had become the point of contact. Raised in a Christian, church-going family, if he could help where it was needed, that was where he wanted to serve. He qualified as an LLM in September 2014.

Here in Kew they both love the lively, vibrant services at the Barn and St Luke's, so full of young families with their children; and the feeling that the churches are growing and developing with the twenty-first century. Michael brings with him a rich experience of working for a spread-out rural benefice where he regularly took services (Matins and Evensong), funerals, and offered home communions. He and Richard Austen have worked out a timetable to support Father Peter's work and we are delighted that he is now part of our ministry in Kew.



Harriet Grace

Pensford Field Wassail on January 6th from 2pm

A Wassail is an old English custom, probably dating back to pre-Norman times, traditionally celebrated on Twelfth Night. The Wassail is an opportunity to drink to the good health of the fruit trees and to scare away any evil spirits that may be lurking in the trees ready to bring harm to the crop!



Old and young enjoying the 2017 Wassail

Our nature reserve in the heart of Kew has apple, pear, plum, cherry, quince, mirabelle, bulace, damson, sloe and medlar in its orchard. Let's encourage them to deliver a great harvest in 2018.

There will be music, dancing, marshmallow toasting and good fun for all the family. **Funny hats, costumes, and noise making instruments are encouraged.** The highlight of the event will be the crowning of the Wassail Queen. Remember to wrap up warm. To fight the cold, traditional mulled cider and refreshments will be served.

Check out other pictures of the last Wassail here:

<http://www.pensfordfield.co.uk/p/wassail-2017.html>



At the awards ceremony for the Richmond in Bloom competition, held on 26th September, the Society was delighted that we won the Villages in Bloom award and received a Silver Gilt certificate. All the hard work has been worth it! We are giving some thought to how we might go for Gold next year by widening the entry with more local groups involved, more individual gardeners and local businesses.



Celebrating the planting at Kew Gardens Station

Richmond's Mayor, Councillor Lisa Blakemore presented the award to Caroline Brock, Kew Society Chair, and two Kew Society members – John Oxley and Iain Mulligan who are part of a growing band of our volunteer gardeners.





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AVENUE CLUB NEWS

Tango Tea Dance – Thursday, 7th December 2017 – 3.00 pm. Come and learn and have a dance – it's good for you - **£7.00**

Ukulele Lessons – Due to high demand there will now be 2 classes on **Fridays – 12.00 – 1.00 pm and 1.30 – 2.30 pm.** Room for a few more in each class - **£7.00**

New for 2018 – a second Friday Pilates Class – 10.45-11.45 am - £7.00 per session – starts Friday, 12th January 2018

There has been a lot in the press about the different ways we can try to prevent Dementia and Alzheimers: learning a new language, learning to play an instrument, learning to dance – pick up an Activities Sheet in the office.

We also have a course **Intelligent Ageing** which will give you all sorts of pointers and help to deal with the ageing process. Next monthly session : **Thursday 7th December – 10.00-11.30 - £7.00.** We are hoping to continue this activity in the New Year. Call for details of the next dates.

If you already speak a bit of Spanish, come and practise at our **Spanish Conversation Sessions: Mondays 11.00 - 12.00 - £5.00**

Tai Chi – Tuesdays 09.30 -11.00 - £5. Amongst other things it's very good for your balance – give it a try.

Creative Writing – Mondays 11.00 - 13.00 - £6.00. Give your vocabulary an airing! These sessions are fun and inspirational.

One of our writers, Michael Lowe, has written a concise history : **“Kew Community Trust and The Avenue Club – How we made it to here..... and where next”.** For sale in the office for just **£5.00.**

Do call the office on **020 8948 8807** for more information about classes and to check they are running.

The Avenue Club will be closed for the Christmas break from **Friday, 22nd December, re-opening on Tuesday, 2nd January.**

Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and all good things in 2018.

THE MARWOOD ROOM OFFICIALLY OPENED

Kew Community Trust celebrated the opening of the Marwood Room on 1st September, a 55 square metre purpose-built room with additional facilities. The primary use will be for the Avenue Club, a 400 member social and activity club for the recently retired, elderly and disabled in the wider Richmond area. The local community will benefit too as community groups and others will be able to hire the room.

The evening was well attended by the Trust's Community Supporters. During her speech, Sally Durant, Chair of Kew Community Trust, extended her grateful thanks to the late Sheila Marwood who left a substantial legacy to the Trust which enabled the new room to be built. Sheila didn't have any family

and the Avenue Club became her family. The rest of the funding came from an earlier legacy by another member, Elizabeth Ashton Edwards, a substantial grant from Richmond Parish Lands Charity and the proceeds of a major fundraising event, Casino Royale.

Zac Goldsmith MP officially opened the Marwood Room and is pictured cutting the ribbon with Sally Durant. Zac said, “The Trust has done an amazing job. This beautiful new venue will hugely benefit the Avenue Club and it was a pleasure to be there to officially open it”.





Kew's annual community Christmas event, Kew Sparkle, will get the festive season well and truly underway on **Friday 1 December 2017 in Kew Village from 5-8pm**. This year Kew Sparkle is celebrating **TEN** years of festive fun and supporting local charities.

Choirs from Kew primary schools and local singer, Shelle Luscombe, will be setting the musical scene with some festive Christmas carols. The arrival of Father Christmas and Santa's Grotto along with vintage carousels and old-fashioned game stalls will provide entertainment for the younger visitors, whilst over 30 stalls will provide a Christmas shopping opportunity for adults. Food and mulled wine will be aplenty.

Profits raised are being donated to another local Kew Charity this year - the **Kew Youth Club**. Kew Youth Club (a charity registered not-for-profit organization, affiliated to London Youth) runs every Friday night in term time from 7pm to 9pm, at the Barn Church, Atwood Avenue. It's a great club for young people in years, 7, 8 and 9 that offers a chance to chat, play, listen to music, meet up with old friends and make new ones. Kew Sparkle is pleased to be supporting such a worthwhile cause.

In 2016, Kew Sparkle raised just over £3000 for the Kew Neighbourhood Association (KNA).



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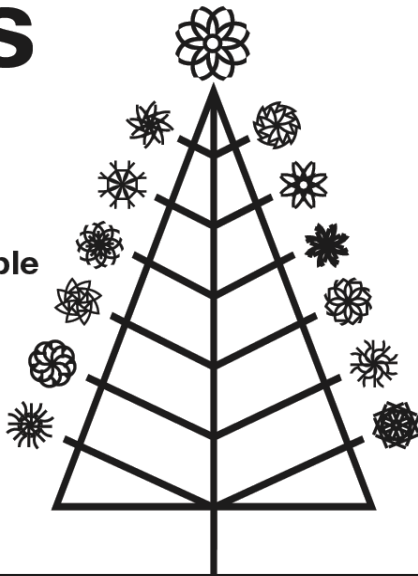


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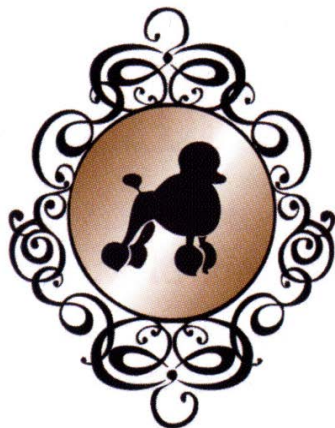
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Richard Austen appointed Chairman of the Nikaeen Club

Richard writes:

I was invited to become Chairman of the Nikaeen Club by the Archbishop of Canterbury personally in April this year.

As well as being a Lay Reader in Kew, I also attend St. Magnus the Martyr at London Bridge. About 18 months ago a member of the Committee of the Nikaeen Club, who is also a worshipper there, asked me if I would be interested in taking on the role of Secretary. I agreed to do this on a temporary basis while a new permanent Secretary was identified. Towards the end of 2016 the Chairman announced his intention to stand down and nominations were invited. I was nominated and the Archbishop chose me, perhaps in view of my knowledge of the Club's workings.

The Club was founded in London in 1925 under the auspices of Archbishop Randall Davidson to mark the sixteenth centenary of the First Ecumenical Council of the Christian Church held in Nicaea in 325. It exists 'to further relations with non-Anglican Christian Churches, to assist students from such Churches and to offer hospitality on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury to representatives of such Churches'. The Club has almost four hundred members. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the

President, and the management of the Club's affairs is in the hands of a Committee composed of the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Secretary and six elected members plus the Guestmaster, who is the Archbishop's Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs and whose function it is to offer advice with regard to hospitality.

In my time with the Club so far we have arranged events at Lambeth Palace in honour of the Patriarch of Serbia; a senior delegation representing the Orthodox Archbishop of Athens; and an event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Anglican Centre in Rome. We also held a pre-Synod dinner at the residence of the Archbishop of York in July. On 31 October we marked the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Reformation, with a dinner at Lambeth Palace for 130 guests. The keynote speaker was Dr. Martin Junge, the General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, and our guests included a number of representatives from the Lutheran and other Protestant churches in Europe and Britain as well as senior figures from the Roman Catholic, Coptic and Orthodox churches.

I also plan to develop a programme of other events, the first of which will be a visit to the Coptic Orthodox Church centre in Stevenage, so that members of the Club can learn more about the Coptic Church in Britain and abroad.

Membership of the Club is open to both Clergy and Lay people who are involved in ecumenical matters. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Club the website is www.nikaeenclub.org.uk



Richard with the Archbishop at Lambeth Palace



St. Luke's.

Remembrance Sunday.

A bare tree covered with new leaves carrying the names of all those on the War Memorial.

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

December

Sunday 3 rd	6pm	Advent Music & Readings by Candlelight Service at St Luke's
Monday 4 th	8pm	Compline at the Barn
Wednesday 6 th	8pm	Barn PCC
Saturday 9 th	3pm	St Luke's and Abbeyfield Carol Service & Tea in the hall
Sunday 10 th	5pm	Brownie & Junior Church play "The Pedlar's Dream" in the Hall at St Luke's
Monday 11 th	8pm	Compline at the Barn
Sunday 17 th	6pm	Nine Lessons and Carols at The Barn
Monday 18 th	8pm	Compline at the Barn
Sunday 24 th	3pm	Crib Service at The Barn
	4pm	Crib Service at St Luke's
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass at St Luke's
Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Eucharist at the Barn
	11.00am	Christmas Eucharist at St. Luke's

January

Sunday 7 th	9.30 & 11am	The Epiphany
Thursday 18 th	Beginning of week of Prayer for Christian Unity: service at Queen's School 10am, 24th January	

February

Friday 2 nd	7pm	Quiz Night at St Luke's
Sunday 4 th	9.30 & 11am	Christingle
Tuesday 13 th	8pm	Prayers and Pancakes – St. Winifrede's
Wednesday 14 th	8pm	Ash Wednesday at The Barn

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KEW FOR YOU NOVEMBER 2017

1 **REBECCA LOUISE-LAW AT THE SHIRLEY SHERWOOD GALLERY**

is a great attraction to people of all ages, including our own teenage grandchildren! It is a superb and completely new sculptural installation which is totally unlike anything Kew Gardens have done before. It is called "Life in Death" and consists of many tens of thousands of dried flowers suspended on threads hanging from the ceiling. It is totally captivating and definitely not to be missed. There are three other exhibitions in the same building: *Plantae Amazonicae*, *Agent Egypt* at Kew and *Abundance*, all of which are thoroughly worth spending time on.

2 **CHRISTMAS AT KEW 2017** has become a really popular event which will run from Wednesday 22nd November until Monday 1st January and tickets are now on sale. This year, Kew has an after-dark trail with new light displays, including more than a million lights. You will need to book soon to ensure the dates and times which you would like.

3 **THE TEMPERATE HOUSE** will reopen in May 2018. By restoring the Temperate House, visitors, horticulturists and scientists will have an opportunity to discover more about the world's rare and threatened plants.

4 **THE PAVILION RESTAURANT** is my favourite eating place in Kew Gardens and it is due to be rebuilt soon, but it has had to be delayed for a year because of the bats in the roof!

5 **KEW MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY:** Mondays 6-7 Pm. These are talks which have occurred annually since the KMIS was established in 1871. Each season begins in the Autumn and runs until Easter the following year. The lectures are preceded by short talks of interest, given by Kew staff and students or members of the public. The main lecture lasts about 45 minutes. Tickets are sold on the evening only.

6 **THE RESEARCH ON COFFEE AND CLIMATE CHANGE:** I was startled to read in the Kew Magazine, that coffee will taste worse and cost more. We actually spent some time many years ago in Ethiopia, so I was particularly troubled to learn that it is now thought that climate change will have a negative effect on coffee generally and Ethiopia's ability to produce it in particular. In 2014, Kew and Ethiopian collaborators began work on a three year study called "Building a Climate Resilient Coffee Economy for Ethiopia". However, the scientists have now realised that there could be the possibility of increasing the production of coffee by 400 percent, if it is grown in higher areas where it is cooler, to offset the effect of climate change in traditional areas.

7 **THE CALM AFTER THE STORM:** We used to live in Gloucester and on the morning of the 16th October 1987, we were on our way past London to visit my Uncle in Eastbourne. On hearing about the destruction of many trees in London, especially in Kew Gardens, I'm afraid to say we were rather sceptical. As we drove through parts of London and Sussex though, we were shocked by the sight of so many trees which had been blown down. At the time, the Staff in Wakehurst discovered that 5,000 trees had been lost in the garden areas and around 20,000 trees across the whole estate. However, horticulturists have now realised that trees benefit from having more air round their roots – hence the bare earth round many of Kew's trees.





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What is not widely known is that The Barn Nursery is actually a small non profit making charity and it has been part of the Kew community for 50 years this November. It can proudly boast to have retained its OFSTED outstanding rating (2012 and 2016), all thanks to its small group of hugely talented and dedicated staff. The Nursery plans to celebrate its **50th birthday** with events over the coming school year. For more information about the Barn Nursery please visit www.barnnursery.co.uk.

Laura Hughes

Chair of the Barn Nursery Parent Committee

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KNA COMPANIONSHIP PROJECT

Following the article in the last Link, Christine Evans Appleyard writes:

We had a very good response and as a result we have a number of people who are going through the process of becoming volunteer companions. They include both men and women and range in age from someone in their twenties through to those who are retired. It is wonderful to have had such a diverse response because of course the people we provide companionship to are all very different themselves.

Although we would still very much welcome more prospective volunteers to step forward, the message we need to get out now is to those lonely people living alone in Kew who we don't get to hear about. We know there are lots of people who spend days alone and never get out of the house, and this can be particularly bleak during the winter months. So we would ask for Kew residents to look out for their neighbours, and if they know of someone who you think might be lonely then to mention our service to them or to let us know so that we can pop one of our leaflets through their door. Many people don't like to ask for help because they feel embarrassed about appearing needy or a burden. Others worry that they might be stuck with a visitor they don't get on with. Let me assure everyone reading this that there is no shame in being alone and wanting some company. There is also no obligation under our scheme to have someone to visit who they don't get on with! If people don't gel with one of our volunteers, then we find somebody else. Most people find having a regular companion opens up their life and gives them something to look forward to. For people living alone that can make all the difference.

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