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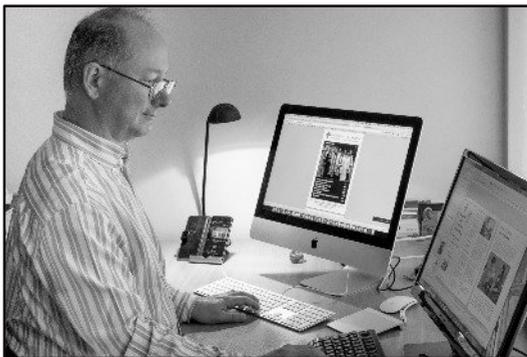
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'You can't keep the butter if you sell it for cash'. So runs the French equivalent of our English proverb, 'You can't have your cake and eat it.' Is it an English characteristic to want something for nothing, or is it simply human? Freedom to travel and trade without committing to the shared vision of European interdependence? Meaningful responses to the climate emergency without fundamental and inconvenient lifestyle changes? Spiritual growth without spiritual discipline? The preservation of much-loved community assets without radical approaches to sustainable funding? Nurturing gifts and strength of character in the next generation without investing significant adult time and effort now? We mourn the loss of a Golden Age before the fabric of community life wore thin while doing little to combat the growth of a culture in which every pocket contains a screen designed to suck us into private worlds. Why are we surprised when we are disappointed?

These challenges and more are touched upon in this issue. Lent is a time for hard questions and self-examination; a season in which we traditionally take stock, pausing to check our direction of travel and to make course adjustments. To dodge the questions is to sidestep opportunities.

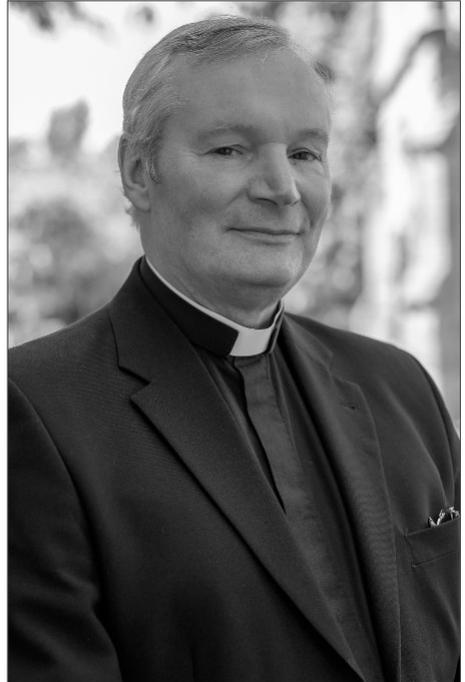
So how about it? In this month's pages, you'll find all kinds of invitations to join with others in Kings Norton in (re)building community. Rather than giving something up for Lent, why not try something new?

*The Editor*

# From The Rector The Art of Giving Up

Giving up has two distinct meanings. Each includes a sense of loss but from different motivations and with different outcomes. To hear someone exclaim, 'I give up!' is usually a cry of frustration, exasperation or despair in the face of a task or situation where one feels utterly defeated. How many of us have tried to complete a challenging puzzle or a technical repair of a piece of equipment only to admit defeat and 'give up'?

To suffer a serious sense of defeat in one's life is an intense personal and painful experience. In life's struggles we are bound to encounter times of challenge, conflict and hazard or anguish affecting us so deeply we bear the consequences long after the event. We associate feeling defeated with a sense of losing our self-esteem and dignity, of being demeaned. These are uncomfortable times, times when we may feel indignant, outraged and victimised and seek redress or even revenge. If we can't find a way of resolving our sense of being a victim the hurt becomes part of us and leads to bitterness and chronic resentment.



The other definition of 'giving up' is when a voluntary act of self-denial is undertaken with the full knowledge of the consequences for reasons of self-improvement and a greater good. The motivation for such voluntary acts of giving up include the personal such as a change of lifestyle: giving up alcohol, meat, using a car for short journeys and so on. Or it may be a more public act of self-denial, such as Harry and Meghan's recent

decision to 'give up' their royal status.

Across the world, this is the season of Lent for Christians. In these 40 days, Christians enter into a period of spiritual practices which echo the Biblical story of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. This was a period of intense self-examination of his purpose and motivations and of the likely outcome of his destiny under God. Through his experience in the desert he clarified how he would proclaim his unique teachings and accepted the cost to himself of doing so.

Christians hold that through the three historic spiritual practices of fasting, additional prayer and further acts of charity they are emulating the wilderness experience of Jesus and following his injunctions about being in the right relationship with God and caring for others. By voluntarily giving up something usually regarded as a necessity and taking on acts of charity and additional devotions, Christians are taking stock of their lives, their lifestyles and their spiritual inner life. Human appetites and desires are subject to the temptations of excess or misuse and giving certain things up for a while is a salutary reminder of how dependent we can become on physical pleasures. Living as we do in an affluent country, self-denial is also a reminder that what we take

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for granted is, for many in our world, unattainable luxury.

We live in society where abundance and excess are everywhere. Luxury is now commonplace, incomes have soared since 1945. Disposable income and the number of goods to buy with it have increased dramatically. Does all this abundance make us a happier, more fulfilled society?

While the eradication of poverty and deprivation is to be applauded and adequate reward for our labour and hard work praised, there is a lingering doubt that, despite our better living standards and material

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well-being, we are not as happy as our high standards of living promise. Taking stock of our lives, as we do in Lent, is an opportunity for questioning our priorities against standards other than our own desires, pleasures and comforts.

Lent is not only about voluntary self-denial it can also encompass the first definition of giving up, when we feel defeated, hurt or demeaned by others. 'Love your enemies and bless those who curse you' is one of the hardest of Jesus' teachings. However, there are numerous stories of victims who find the moral courage and fortitude to forgive even in

circumstances of extreme persecution and violence. Never easy and often misunderstood these countless acts of mercy provide another way of being in relation to those who have hurt and abused them.

Giving up things we have become dependent upon and letting go of past hurts will never be easy but the wisdom of the ages attests that, without regular self-examination (taking stock) of one's life and conscience, we will struggle to find the balance, fulfilment and peace of mind we long for.

*The Reverend Larry Wright*

**Lent 2020** starts on Ash Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup> February) and continues until Holy Week begins on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday). Details of our Holy Week services this year will appear in the April edition of the Parish Magazine.

During Lent there will be a service of Holy Communion at St Nicolas' Church on Tuesdays at 10.00 am. On Wednesdays, there will be Midday Prayer for Lent at Hawkesley Pastoral Centre, Shannon Rd and, at 7.30 pm, a prayer meeting organised by Immanuel Church (contact parish office for venue).

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# *The Kings Norton Youth Fellowship*

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP BRINGS A VIBRANT NEW ERA

*In our previous two issues we described the formation and early years of the Kings Norton Youth Fellowship (KNYF), which was formed in late 1949. This final part of the story describes the zenith of the Fellowship into the mid-1950s and beyond.*

Within only a few weeks of its establishment, the KNYF had helped to make made something very clear. It was that the tradition of parental control, and the role of the Church in organising and superintending local 'youth' organisations, had been holding back the pent up energy, enthusiasm and ingenuity of local young people. With astonishing speed, the Fellowship became the foundation for a truly impressive range of activities, not just for the benefit of members themselves, but for the local community in general.

Performance and entertainment came to the fore immediately. The Fellowship was formed during an era without television, in which people had to make their own entertainment. So there soon developed an enthusiastic commitment to shows, concerts and drama productions, which the

whole parish, and even people beyond Kings Norton, came to attend and enjoy.

Its first variety show was in August 1950. In September 1951 came a performance of *Hay Fever* by Noel Coward in the main hall of Turves Green School...but only just. Minutes before 'curtains up' it was realised that no entertainment licence had been granted, or even applied for, so the performance would be illegal. But the headmaster turned a blind eye and, as everyone hoped, the local constabulary didn't turn up.

The Fellowship's variety performances were wholly devised and scripted by members of the group, who displayed a high level of talent. Their enthusiasm and ambition only suffered one setback. At one stage, the group decided to present the musical comedy *1066 and All That*, based

on the humorous book of the same name, which covered the whole of British history

The trouble was that the play demanded Roman soldiers, saints, fairies, medieval barons, policemen, crusaders, monks, cavaliers and roundheads, Julius Caesar, Henry VIII and all his wives, Sir Francis Drake and his crew, Queen Elizabeth I, four King Georges, Nelson, Napoleon and Wellington and many more characters. At quite a late stage, wisdom prevailed: it was decided that the vast complexity of so many changes of costume made the play impractical.

Dancing was a vital platform for events. From its earliest days, the Fellowship organised regular dances at the local school hall on Pershore Road South. Dances

covered almost the full range of styles, from the Gay Gordons and the Palais Glide to more classical ballroom. There were not only dances but frequent classes, for example in square dancing.

There soon developed an astonishing spectrum of sports activities and events, helped by the fact that Kings Norton Park was at hand, well-tended by the city council, with its own tennis courts and, in summer, a putting green. Tennis, cricket, badminton, and hockey were all sports in which teams were formed and had regular fixtures.

Even though there was no running track or equipment available, some members were very keen on athletics, so much so that in late 1952 it was decided to organise a KNYF Decathlon. Given the fact



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*'Happiness oozes from these snaps'. The KNYF holiday to Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, in the 1950s.*

that necessary items such as javelins and hurdles weren't around, the traditional event list was adapted to include throwing the cricket ball, a 25 mile cycle run and backstroke swimming in Northfield Baths. The absence of a running track was easily overcome: there was a 220 yard sprint between two telegraph poles on Redhill Road!

Perhaps most startling of all in the immense spectrum of KNYF activities, there were group holidays. In the immediate post-war years, holidays away were rare, and where they did happen, they were family holidays to traditional Midlands resorts. The concept of young people organising their own holidays, of

young men and women going away together without parental supervision, was never even considered.

But within less than a year of its foundation, the holiday concept took root and began to flower. The first was in Mablethorpe (photo top) on the Lincolnshire coast. It doesn't sound too exciting today, but for youngsters in those days it was a tremendously exhilarating prospect; for many, the first unparented, unsupervised holiday they had taken. 'The event passed into Club folklore, so much so that even those who were prevented from going because of parental objections or other commitments, would talk about it with awe and

envy,' says KNYF archivist and historian Phil Haycock.

Mablethorpe was chosen because it was a little further away than the traditional Midlands holiday destinations such as North Wales or Weston-super-Mare. As it turned out, it wasn't any more special, but the energy of the participants more than made up for its lack of appeal. Dozens of pictures were taken, many still carefully treasured. As Phil Haycock says 'Happiness oozes from these snaps.'

It might be thought that letting a boisterous band of teens-and-twenties out on their own might spell trouble for the resort. But although members had a freedom that they had never experienced, and they could basically do what they wanted, behaviour and respect for other holidaymakers were always maintained.

Mablethorpe was such a success that it was decided to have an annual holiday. July 1951 brought a week in the Dolphin Holiday Camp in Brixham. In 1952 the KNYF 'invasion' turned to Ilfracombe, taking over the exotically-named Runnacleave Boarding House.

Almost inevitably, the appetite for a continental holiday soon

developed, a really ambitious challenge for almost anyone in those days. Originally, the target was San Sebastian in northern Spain, but a rail strike in France, through which the group was planning to travel, demanded a last-minute change. Fortunately, the family of a group member owned a small hotel in Chiavari on the Ligurian Riviera in Italy. Alternative rail travel avoiding France was booked, and the holiday took place in the first week of September 1953. As well as the delights of Mediterranean sunbathing, swimming and sea food, the energetic party of some 20 members took time to visit such exotic locations as Portofino and Pisa.

The events list at home continued unabated for much of the 1950s. Weekly 'socials' included guest speakers and debates on a vast range of subjects, from an unforgotten but incomprehensible presentation on 'Communism and Dialectical Materialism' to an equally memorable visit by George Weldon, the conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, an illustrious catch for the KNYF.

Communicating such a complex programme of events was a challenge. From early on there was a regular report in the monthly

parish magazine, but from mid-1953 the group published its own magazine, 'The Spire'. It ran for more than two years.

Society was changing radically during the later 1950s and young people became even more independent in pursuing an ever wider spectrum of opportunities. So perhaps it was inevitable that after its zenith in the mid-1950s the KNYF would progressively lose momentum. But it retained a vital place in the local community through to the next decade.

It still lives on, not only in the form of a comprehensive archive of

reports, documents and pictures currently curated by Phil Haycock, but in the surviving members themselves. Seventy years on from the time that three teenagers struck a bet with the Vicar that Kings Norton's young people could create and manage their own youth club, some 40 of those original members attended the reunion lunch at Kings Norton Golf Club in autumn last year, the most recent of many frequent gatherings. The spirit is just as strong as it was in those pioneering years!

*Michael Kennedy*

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# The Friends of Kings Norton Park



The Friends of Kings Norton Park have announced a range of events over the next few months. The group is inviting volunteers to help with several of them.

On the first Friday of each month, from March onwards, there will

be a conservation activity, which will include tending flower beds, planting, cutting back, meadow enhancing and waterside care. Volunteers should meet in the Westhill Road car park at 10.15.

There will be a Spring Clean and Litter Pick in the park on Saturday

28 March from 11 am to 1 pm. Equipment will be provided, but volunteers should wear long sleeves and sturdy shoes. Data from the collection will be included in the *Keep Britain Tidy* national survey. The event will cover both sides of the park, the playing fields and along water courses, with graffiti being washed away and/or painted over. Another pick is being considered for Friday 17 July.

A 'Play in the Park' event is being planned for Saturday 1 August between 11 am and 2 pm. The Friends will be providing toys and are inviting local families and groups to join in, bringing with them games, a picnic and a blanket. The Friends are also inviting local groups to bring a fun activity and to set up stalls, including sports, games, music, fair type stalls, circus tricks, dressing up, dancing, quizzes, cakes, environmental or any other appropriate activity.

Lynn Horsnett says 'Groups should contact us as early as possible to enable risk assessment or to have a detailed discussion. We are also looking

for volunteers to help set up and/or tidy away.'

National Bat Day (Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August) will be marked in the park, where attendees will be able to learn about our local bats and explore their habitat with Lisa from *BrumBats*. The event will start in the Playing Fields car park at 8 pm. It is advisable to wear warm clothes and sturdy footwear and to bring a torch. Detectors will be provided.

The Friends are also inviting local Scout, Beaver, Guide or Brownie organisers to make contact if they would like environmental and conservation activities to be set up for their individual groups. Contact should be made as soon as possible to enable forward planning.

The Friends will have a stall at the Farmers' Market on The Green on Saturday 14 March for further enquiries about these events. Otherwise, please email **info.foknp@gmail.com**.

*Michael Kennedy*

A Parish Pilgrimage To

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Pilgrimage might be described as a journey together to a special, sacred place, and the sharing of faith on the way. We are pilgrims whenever we worship together, pray together, break bread together. Then there are times of physical pilgrimage, stepping out of the every day. Some are long, like the Camino de Santiago in Spain, a 1000 km over taxing terrain if you walk the whole way, or the Via Francigena, from Canterbury to Rome and on to the shrine of St. Nicolas in the toe of Italy.



Лазарица : The Lazarica

Here, ours are shorter and we travel together in a comfortable coach and sometimes a plane. The principles are the same though, as we travel from a place of Christian worship to other places of Christian worship, exploring our faith along the way in what we encounter, praying and eating together. Recently the parish has been on pilgrimage to Rome, and also to Lincoln, and plans to return to Rome and Assisi with our parish neighbours, St. Francis of Assisi, Bournville, in November.

In the meantime there will be a local summer pilgrimage to the church of the Holy Prince Lazar, known as the Lazarica, the Serbian Orthodox church in Bournville. This little church is a hidden gem. If you have visited before you will want to return and if you haven't there is a treat in store!



The church of the Holy Prince Lazar, known as the Lazarica, is one of many Serbian Orthodox churches dedicated to the Holy Prince Lazar. It is the first Serbian church in the UK. Father Nenad, the priest, will tell us much more about its history and artwork when we visit on **Saturday 20th June 2020**

We depart by coach from Saint Nicolas' Gardens at **1.30 pm**, returning to Kings Norton at about 5.00pm. The price will include coach travel, a guided tour led by Father Nenad, followed by a light afternoon tea in the Lazarica's church hall.

For more information, prices and booking forms please speak to the Rector or me, or contact the Parish Office.

*Thelma Mitchell*

# Get Ready for Spring



Seasonal tips from a green-fingered reader

Welcome to the garden in March!

Firstly, however, in my February article, I promised to introduce you to an indestructible house plant: and here it is as our plant of the month.



The Zee Zee plant can be found flourishing in places like airport concourses and modern hotel

lounges, not the most promising of locations for any living thing. *Zamioculcas zamiifolia*, to give it its completely forgettable botanical name, will also do very well almost anywhere in your own home, not needing a lot of light and, as one writer has said ‘completely nonchalant about being watered’.

The handsome fern-like leaves will remain dark green and shiny. Indeed I have been unable to find any pest or disease. The only drawback I can find is that ZZ is mildly poisonous to any leaf-chewing pet dog. Try your garden centre for your specimen; or ebay will be cheaper. Any old compost will do and growth is fairly slow: the ideal no care plant!

March is an important time of year for greenhouse owners to start off seedlings for plants to go outside. It’s time to decide on the seeds of greenhouse crops to be

planted in grow bags to keep your green house productive and a real asset.

A couple of tips here. Shade your seedlings from direct sunlight or they will grow too rapidly and too tall or even perish completely. I have found that an opened-out compost bag strung from garden wire and hung to the south of your seedlings works fine.

Heat is the biggest enemy of greenhouse plants and, if you can attach an automatic opener to your roof light, then it can be worth its weight in gold.

As for what to grow, try climbing French Beans in grow bags but don't forget to loosen the compost before planting any crop. The yield will be heavy and delicious and is best picked young.

Try to fill your polytunnel or greenhouse with as many plants as you can and you can look forward to flavoursome vegetables that have not been sprayed with pesticides.

Finally, you can do very well without a greenhouse by growing selected vegetables outside in containers or grow bags set on gravel or concrete in a sheltered



*Dahlia Coltness Hybrid*

corner facing south. Stick to shorter growing varieties and, with tomatoes, use bush varieties recommended for outdoor cultivation.

The compost used by the gardeners at Kings Heath Park may be bought at a very reasonable price from the garden shop there and will work very well in your vegetable containers.

Old favourite bedding plant seeds are being given a makeover by the plant scientists and the results promise to be very good. An example is the *Coltness Hybrid* dwarf bedding Dahlia. This 30 cm high variety was first introduced in 1922. With its single, gold centred flowers in assorted clear colours it has long been a favourite with gardeners and the

bees alike. I suspect there was some deterioration in bloom quality because it is now being offered as an 'improved strain' by Chiltern Seeds and probably other seed companies. Mild winters are allowing for Dahlia tubers to be left in the ground over winter: less work for the gardener!



*Malus in blossom*

Finally, this month's garden tree recommendation is the decorative apple or *Malus*. Spring blossom is abundant and can be followed by brightly coloured small apples in the autumn. Leave them for the birds as they taste awful! The way things are going

we could have a magnificent summer, so best wishes from...

*Adam the Gardener*

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# The World Day Of Prayer



A reminder that the annual service organised by this global, women-led, ecumenical organisation is on Friday 6th March this year at The Church of the Ascension, Stirchley at 1.30 pm or St Nicolas' Church, Kings Norton, at 8.00 pm. The service has been created by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and explores the Bible story about healing found in John 5: 2-9a.

There will also be a shorter and much more informal time at 11.00 am, at St Nicolas' Church, where we will look at the Bible passage and the lives and prayers of the women of Zimbabwe.

All three services welcome all ages, but the morning one is specifically aimed for those with young children.



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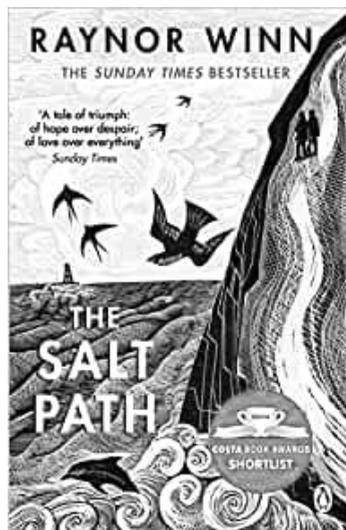
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...a group who meet weekly and always welcome new knitters, spent Saturday morning 8th February making banners. St Nicolas' Church was a hive of industry and the banner makers trust that congregations will be inspired over the coming year by these additions to our beautiful building.

# Book Recommendation

If you want something uplifting to read as we look towards the Spring, I can highly recommend the *Salt Path* by Raynor Winn. This is a true story of two people who lose their home and livelihood, the husband has a diagnosis of a terminal illness and yet they decide to walk the 630 mile South West Coast Path. It is truly inspirational, thoughtful and examines new views of homelessness, human strength and endurance. Let me know what you think of it.

*Christine Adams*



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# WHAT'S ON IN KINGS NORTON?

Our guide to the best of Kings Norton's lively community life starts here. In this section of the magazine, you will find:

- A list of **Societies, Clubs and Venues** active in and around Kings Norton
- A summary of the **regular services and activities** organised by the church in this parish
- A detailed **Diary of Events** organised over the coming month by the organisations listed and others.

We divide the publicity which we offer to the local community into **advertising and listings**. We charge for **advertisements** placed by local businesses who are seeking to attract paying customers. Meanwhile, in *Societies, Clubs and Venues* and the *Events Diary* we print, free of charge, **listings** of events organised by local social or charitable groups, together with their contact details and a brief description of their aims.

To add your organisation's events to our *What's On* guide for next month, contact Michael Kennedy ([michaelkennedy@talk21.com](mailto:michaelkennedy@talk21.com)) by the submission deadline shown on page 3. To advertise in the pages of this magazine, contact The Editor, David Ash ([editor@kingsnorton.org.uk](mailto:editor@kingsnorton.org.uk)). Details of advertising charges are available on request or can be viewed on the magazine page of the parish website at [www.kingsnorton.org.uk](http://www.kingsnorton.org.uk).

## Societies, Clubs & Venues

Contact information for Kings Norton organisations and locations that offer opportunities to get together for events and/or to meet people who have similar interests.

### LOCAL INTEREST GROUPS

**Kings Norton History Society** [www.kingsnorton.org.uk](http://www.kingsnorton.org.uk), [clivehartwell48@sky.com](mailto:clivehartwell48@sky.com)

The Society's meetings take the form of talks covering a wide variety of subjects of historic interest, concentrating on the West Midlands region. We also run day visits to places of historical interest. Meetings are normally held in St Nicolas' Place on the last Monday of the month, unless otherwise specified, from September to May. Membership is £12.50 per annum. Talks are free of charge to members. Visitors are always welcome but a charge of £3 per talk is made.

**Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve** [www.fknnr.org.uk](http://www.fknnr.org.uk), Amanda Cadman on 0121 624 3865 or 07 887 512 382

An informal pressure group to lobby for environmental improvements in and about the reserve. We organise a weekly working party on site (the Tuesday Workout from 10.30 to 1.00 pm, open to all) to manage the Reserve, to increase biodiversity and habitats and to enhance its value for both people and wildlife. We also organise guided walks. Dates and meeting locations are on our website.

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**Friends of Kings Norton Park** [friendsofkingsnortonpark.blogspot.com](http://friendsofkingsnortonpark.blogspot.com), [info.foknp@gmail.com](mailto:info.foknp@gmail.com)

The Friends of Kings Norton Park and Playing Fields are a group of local volunteers who come together regularly to improve and protect the Kings Norton Park and its neighbouring playing fields. We plan activities and events which aim to make a positive difference to the recreational experiences of the people who use these spaces and we liaise with organisations, including the City Council, which organise events in the parks.

**The Fields Millennium Green Trust** [www.fieldsmillenniumgreen.btck.co.uk](http://www.fieldsmillenniumgreen.btck.co.uk), Maggie Sweet 0121 628 1247, [sweetc5@sky.com](mailto:sweetc5@sky.com)

The Trust and its volunteers meet regularly to maintain and improve the Millennium Green. We work closely with the National Trust who, with their young Urban Rangers and others, organise a programme of training and conservation activities. We usually work on Saturdays fortnightly from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm, and sometimes during school holidays.

## **SOCIAL CLUBS & SOCIETIES**

**Kings Norton Seniors' Club** St Nicolas' Parish Office, 0121 458 3289

The Seniors' Club is for men and women aged 65 and over. We meet at Saint Nicolas' Place every Wednesday from 1 – 3 pm and have a varied programme of events.

**Kings Norton Women's Fellowship** Carol Devic 0121 458 7667, St Nicolas' Parish Office 0121 458 3289

A group for women of all ages. We meet on the first Thursday of every month from 2-3 pm at Saint Nicolas' Place and offer a variety of activities.

**Kings Norton Women's Institute** *Sally Saunders 0121 458 6019.*

The WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. It plays a unique role in enabling women to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities. The Kings Norton group meets every third Tuesday of the month from 2 pm to 4pm at the Friends' Meeting House, Watford Road, Cotteridge.

**Kings Norton Rotary Club** *Colin Guy 0121 444 2020, colinguy1930@yahoo.co.uk*

Rotary is an international network of clubs for business and professional men and women, both active and retired. Clubs are committed to helping local and overseas communities. The local branch meets most Tuesdays for lunch and fellowship at the Kings Heath Cricket Club, 247 Alcester Road South, Birmingham B14 6DT. Visitors are welcome at most meetings, but should contact Colin Guy in advance.

**Bournville Townswomen's Guild** *Sue Davis 0121 608 0646*

South Birmingham only has two local Townswomen's Guilds and the appropriate one for ladies in Kings Norton is the one based in Bournville, established 65 years ago. A flourishing Guild, it covers parishes within a five mile radius and several current members come from Kings Norton. The group meets every fourth Monday of the month at the Friends' Meeting House in Bournville from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

**Kings Norton 41 Club** *Michael Bunn 07 831 775 473*

We are a group of former Round Tablers which meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the KN Tennis Club for dinner and a themed talk. Any former members, or former Round Tablers, interested in joining us please make contact beforehand.

**Kings Norton Supper Club** *Annette Dickers 0121 459 2700 ardickers@outlook.com*

We meet every month at Kings Norton Golf Club for a two-course evening meal with coffee followed by a speaker. Membership is £12 per annum plus payment for the supper.

**Kings Norton Society** *Annette Dickers 0121 459 2700 ardickers@outlook.com*

We are a group of very sociable people of all ages (not a youth club), now in our 59th year. We meet once a month at Kings Norton Tennis Club, usually on the last Friday of the month. Attendance normally averages 40 people or more. We have supper and a varied programme of events.

## SPECIALIST INTEREST GROUPS

**U3A (University of the Third Age)** [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk), [knu3a.membership@gmail.com](mailto:knu3a.membership@gmail.com)  
Kings Norton's local U3A was successfully established in the first few months of 2017. The U3A is a nationwide organisation based on local groups providing opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come together and develop their interests. Run on a voluntary basis, it sees members sharing their knowledge and experience with others in interest groups through informal activity sessions covering a wide range of subjects and activities.

**Kings Norton Photography Society** [www.kingsnortonphotographicsociety.com](http://www.kingsnortonphotographicsociety.com)

Membership is open to men and women of all ages, from beginners to advanced. We meet at Kings Norton Tennis Club most Wednesday evenings from 8.00 pm-10.00 pm throughout the season (October – April inclusive) with a varied programme of events and outings.

**Kings Norton Patchwork and Quilting Group** Sally Barney 07778 025725 or Deirdre Barker 07980 284416.

We welcome people of all levels of ability. The group meets every Tuesday in term time, normally at a member's home: please check for the location on 07891 214907.

**Birmingham Philatelic Society** [www.birminghamphilatelic.co.uk](http://www.birminghamphilatelic.co.uk), Robert Shaw, 0121 415 5226

We are a group of stamp and postcard collectors, sharing our hobby through displays, buying and selling material, auctions and visits. Everyone with an interest is welcome including beginners. Our daytime meetings start at 2.00 pm at the Friends' Meeting House in Cotteridge.

**Greenlands Chess Club** [www.chess.com/club/greenlands](http://www.chess.com/club/greenlands), Richard Collett 0121 458 7617 or 07874 216935

We are a small, friendly chess club, meeting most Tuesdays from 7.00 pm at the Greenlands Social Club in Longbridge Lane. We have members of all standards playing friendly or competitive league chess. New members are always welcome. There is a fee of £2 per night (the first two visits are free) or annual membership is £40.

**Kings Norton Fundraising Group for St Mary's Hospice**  
[www.birminghamhospice.org.uk](http://www.birminghamhospice.org.uk) [suebarkerdavies@gmail.com](mailto:suebarkerdavies@gmail.com), Sue Davies 0121 608 0646

We are a local group of volunteers who raise money to care for people living with life-limiting illnesses, their families and carers in Birmingham and Sandwell. We organize fundraising activities such as regular charity quizzes and stalls at local festivals. We also aim to raise awareness of the wide range of services offered by the hospice. We meet locally at 7.00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month so, if you might like to join us or can spare a couple of hours occasionally to help, please contact Sue (as above).

**Kings Heath Horticultural Society** [bron.salway@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:bron.salway@blueyonder.co.uk)

Kings Heath Horticultural Society is the local horticultural society for Kings Norton residents. It usually meets at Manningford Hall on Bells Lane, B14 5TJ. We have a wide range of speakers on gardening-related topics. We also hold two informal shows, spring and summer, where members display and then vote for their favourites. We meet from March to December, usually on the first Monday of the month at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Membership costs £6 annually plus £2 members' entrance fee per meeting or £3 for visitors. For more information, please email Bron Salway.

**Mentor Link** [www.mentorlink.org.uk](http://www.mentorlink.org.uk), Elaine Southall 0805 937347, [elaine.southall@mentorlink.org.uk](mailto:elaine.southall@mentorlink.org.uk)

Mentor Link is a children's charity supporting vulnerable and distressed children and young people. It works with schools across much of the West Midlands, including Kings Norton. It is seeking locally-based volunteers to help its work for one or two hours a week. Full training is provided.

## **SPORTS & EXERCISE CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS**

**Health Exchange** [www.healthexchange.org.uk](http://www.healthexchange.org.uk), 0800 1583535

Health Exchange creates an ongoing dialogue with the Birmingham community about health and wellbeing. It advises local volunteers who wish to offer relevant activities. A Health Exchange-supported walk, lasting for up to two hours with a break, takes place every Friday from 10.30 am, beginning in the car park of Kings Norton Park. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact walk leader Sally Saunders on 0121 458 6019.

**South Birmingham Ramblers** [www.sbramblers.co.uk](http://www.sbramblers.co.uk)

Every week we meet up in Kings Norton Playing Fields Car Park to car share to the start of our walks. These are between 5 and 11 miles on various days of the week. For our current programme, please see our website and contact the walk leader for further details. For those interested in gentler exercise, we also have fortnightly mini walks on Tuesdays of approximately 2 miles, starting at 10 am: please contact Jenny (0121 444 4094) for further information.

**Active Parks**, [www.beactivebirmingham.co.uk](http://www.beactivebirmingham.co.uk), 0121 464 2012

Active Parks, part of the City Council's Birmingham Wellbeing initiative, works in partnership with various organisations in order to offer a wide variety of free physical activities across Birmingham parks. With the Friends of Kings Norton Park group, depending on the season, it offers a range of local events, from jogging to Tai Chi, normally meeting in the Westhill Road car park at Kings Norton Park.

**Kings Norton Tennis Club**, Grange Hill Road B38 8RE [www.kingsnortontennis.co.uk](http://www.kingsnortontennis.co.uk), 0121 458 2351

Our members benefit from all-year round use of tennis courts (except on rare occasions when club matches or coaching take priority) and access to members' club nights. Membership fees are lower than many clubs in the area, with discounts for couples as well as families.

**Kings Norton Motorcycle Club** [www.evoice.org.uk/knmcc](http://www.evoice.org.uk/knmcc), Gordon Green 07504 676766

Formed in Kings Norton in 1944, we are a family-friendly motorcycle club with interests ranging across all types of motorcycles, from classic to modern. Some members take part in trials, scrambles, and hill climbs. We meet weekly on Thursdays at the Woodbourne Sports and Social Club in Rumbush Lane, Earlswood from 8.00 pm onwards. There is a thriving programme of social activities.

**Kings Norton Golf Club** Brockhill Lane B48 7ED, [www.kingsnortongolfclub.co.uk](http://www.kingsnortongolfclub.co.uk), 01564 826789

We offer one of the premier golf courses in the West Midlands, set in 220 acres of beautiful parkland and featuring 27 holes of championship standard, a par 3 short course, a putting green and practice facilities. Applications for membership are welcome. Our impressive Grade 2 listed Weatheroak Hall clubhouse is also a popular venue for weddings, private parties and marketing events. Throughout spring and summer 2018 the club is running a series of lessons for ladies who want to get in to golf. Participants do not need any special golf gear, clubs and balls are provided. The cost is £25 for 5 lessons. More details on the Home and Ladies' pages of our website.

**Push Bikes** [www.pushbikes.org.uk/event/bournville-gentle-cycling](http://www.pushbikes.org.uk/event/bournville-gentle-cycling), John & Hilary Porter 0121 477 2156

Push Bikes is a Birmingham campaign group for better cycling, encouraging people who are not regular cyclists to get on their bikes for easy and sociable outings. Routes, normally of 10 to 12 miles, are mostly traffic-free, exploring local paths and parks and going at the pace of the slowest participant. New riders are always welcome. The nearest local group to Kings Norton meets at 10.00 on Saturdays at Rowheath Pavilion, Heath Road, B30 1HH.

**Black Adder Clog Morris**, [blackaddersecretary@gmail.com](mailto:blackaddersecretary@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook

Morris Dancing is an ideal way of having fun and keeping fit. Dancers and musicians, beginners or advanced, men and women are welcomed by Black Adder. We meet most Thursdays (except August) from 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in Selly Oak Friends' Meeting House at 930 Bristol Rd South, Birmingham B29 6NB. If you want to come along, please email us to check we're meeting that week.

## COMMUNITY CENTRES & VENUES

**Saint Nicolas' Place**, 81 The Green B38 8RU, [www.saintnicolasplace.co.uk](http://www.saintnicolasplace.co.uk), [info@saintnicolasplace.co.uk](mailto:info@saintnicolasplace.co.uk), 0121 458 1223.

**Kings Norton Library**, Pershore Road South, Birmingham. B30 3EU  
[kings.norton.Library@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:kings.norton.Library@birmingham.gov.uk), 0121 464 1532

**Druids Heath Library**, 1 Idmiston Croft, Birmingham B14 5NU, [druids.heath.Library@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:druids.heath.Library@birmingham.gov.uk), 0121 303 7171

The libraries provide a wide range of books, CDs and material for all ages including community information and local history. There are also meeting rooms for hire and internet access. The Libraries organise a range of regular events including activities for children and other specific interest groups.

**Bells Farm Community Centre**, Bells Farm Close B14 5QP, [www.bellsfarm.org.uk](http://www.bellsfarm.org.uk), 0121 433 3532

**Greaves Hall**, Greaves Square B38 9LX [www.opkn.co.uk/greaveshall](http://www.opkn.co.uk/greaveshall), 0121 448 8760

**Hawkesley Community Centre**, 51 Edgwood Road B38 9RN,  
[www.facebook.com/HawkesleyCommunityCentre](http://www.facebook.com/HawkesleyCommunityCentre), 0121 399 0122

The centre organises a number of regular activities. Each Monday, between 5.30 and 7.30 pm, we offer exciting free activities for young people aged 11-17: just turn up. We also have a weekly Wellbeing Wednesday lunch for those aged 50 and over, with a free activity, costing £5.50. Please book in advance. We also run a drop-in centre for young adults aged 18-25 for help with job applications, or just a cup of tea and a chat. You can bring children, but please ensure they are supervised.

**Manningford Hall**, Bells Lane B14 5RY, [www.manningfordhall.com](http://www.manningfordhall.com), 0121 430 6005.

## MUSIC VENUES

**Tower of Song**, 107 Pershore Road South, B30 3JC, [www.towerofsong.co.uk](http://www.towerofsong.co.uk), 0121 486 1300

We are a thriving music venue, created by a team of local volunteers and featuring music to suit all tastes. Most shows start from 8:30-9pm. Every Wednesday we have Rea River Roots and every Thursday is our Crossroads Blues Club. Please check our website for information on all events.

# The Church in the Parish

We are a Church of England Team Parish in partnership with the Methodist Church, serving all in Kings Norton through St Nicolas Parish Church and Hawkesley and Immanuel District Churches.

**We believe that the church in Kings Norton exists  
To be a worshipping transforming partnership in Christ  
To live out God's radical hospitality for all  
To be equipped for work in God's world**

## St Nicolas' Parish Church

*on The Green, Kings Norton, B38 8RU*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	<b>10.30 am</b>	Holy Communion (with "Oasis" for 7's-11's)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Parade Service or Morning Worship for all ages
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	Holy Baptism (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month)
	<b>6 pm</b>	Evening Worship (see below)

Every Sunday evening we offer prayer, music and quiet. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Taizé Prayer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Night Prayer (Compline) and Reflection, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: Evening Prayer or Creative Worship.

<b>Mon &amp; Weds</b>	<b>9 am</b>	Morning Prayer
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## Hawkesley Church (Anglican & Methodist)

*at Hawkesley Academy on the corner of Shannon Road and Old Partway, Kings Norton, B38 9TR*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Worship and Children's Activities (5-11's)
		1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays      Morning Worship
		2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays      Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	Hawkesley Coffee Morning (every two weeks)

## Immanuel Church

*at Saint Nicolas' Place, 81 The Green, Kings Norton, B38 8RU*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Worship (with "Oasis" for those at Primary School)
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays		Holy Communion;
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday		Joint service with either St Nicolas' or Hawkesley
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		All-Age Worship

## During the Week

We open Saint Nicolas' Church as much as we can so that all may share God's peace and promise in a space where they have been found and trusted for centuries. There is a place for you within its story. Please pray that more will know it as a safe place for prayer and healing, where sorrow and joy are held in God's love. **All are welcome.**

<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am - 12.00 noon : <b>Open Church</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm : <b>Marriage and Christening (Baptism) enquiries</b> in Saint Nicolas' Church
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am - 12.00 noon : Coffee and "Knit & Natter" in St Nicolas' Church .

## Children's Activities

**Bumps & Babies:** for new and expectant parents, in St Nicolas' Church every Monday from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm. **Tiny Tots:** for 0-5's and their parents or carers every Thursday at 9.00 am in St Nicolas' Church.

**Children are welcome** at all services in all our churches. We offer All-Age worship and special activities for children on certain Sundays.  
Please see our weekly newsletter for details.

## Growing in Faith

We are exploring fresh ways for all to grow in faith, those making their very first step, those who have made many and those who are rediscovering God's love after times of change. Please ask in each church or see our website for details.

## Help us to keep our Parish Church open

It costs almost £1,000 a week to keep St Nicolas' Church open. We welcome all financial support through donations and especially through regular Planned Giving. Do ask for details and, if a taxpayer, ask how you can Gift Aid your offering.

## Christening (Baptism) and Weddings

Saint Nicolas' Church is open on Thursday evenings between 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm for enquiries about Christenings & weddings. This is an opportunity to make a booking to talk about these services in more detail.

**More details at [www.kingsnorton.org.uk](http://www.kingsnorton.org.uk)  
[parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk) 0121 458 3289**

# Events Diary March 2020

## Monday 2 March

- Bournville Townswomen's Guild, Friends' Meeting House, Bournville, 2.00-4.00 pm
- Kings Heath Horticultural Society, Manningford Hall, Bells Lane, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm: Simon Gulliver 'Around the World in Eighty Plants'

## Tuesday 3 March

- Kings Norton Patchwork & Quilting Group, 10 am- 3 pm. For location, please call 07891 214907
- Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve conservation workout, 10.30 am -1.00 pm (for venue see website)
- Funday Tuesday for babies & under 5s, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 -11.30 am
- Creative Writing Group, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 am -12.30 pm
- U3A (University of the Third Age) Monthly Meeting, St Joseph's & St Helen's Church Hall, Station Road, Cotteridge, 2.00 pm
- Greenlands Chess Club, 7.00 pm
- Kings Norton Supper Club, Kings Norton Golf Club, 7.00 for 7.30 pm: AGM

## Wednesday 4 March

- Coffee morning, Kings Norton Library, 10.30-11.30 am
- Local History Group, Kings Norton Library, 2.00 pm-4.00 pm
- Kings Norton Seniors' Club, Saint Nicolas' Place, 1.00-3.00 pm: Gillin Ellis 'Selly Manor & Bournville' talk
- Rea River Roots, Tower of Song, 8.30 pm

## Thursday 5 March

- World Book Day, Kings Norton Library,
- Birmingham Philatelic Society, Friends Meeting House, Cotteridge, 2.00 pm: Members' Displays 'New Acquisitions'
- Kings Norton Women's Fellowship, St Nicolas' Place, 2.00-3.00 pm
- Black Adder Clog Morris, Friends Meeting House, Selly Oak, 8.00 - 10.00 pm
- Kings Norton Motorcycle Club, Woodbourne Social Club, Earlswood, 8.00 pm
- Crossroads Blues Club, Tower of Song, 8.30 pm

## Friday 6 March

- Friends of Kings Norton Park conservation activities: meet in Westhill Road car park 10.15 am
- Health Exchange local walk, Kings Norton Park car park, 10.30 am (all walkers, especially new participants, please check with Sally on 0121 458 6019)
- Kings Norton Library, 10.15-10.45 am: Crafty Tales for the Under 5's

## Saturday 7 March

- Push Bikes, Rowheath Pavilion, 9.45 am for 10.00 am start
- Code Club for 8-11 year olds, Kings Norton Library, 10.30-11.30 am

- Book Group, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 -11.30 am
- Fields Millennium Green Trust volunteer working party, Fields Millennium Green, 10.30 am

### **Monday 9 March**

- Bournville Townswomen's Guild, Friends' Meeting House, Bournville, 2.00-4.00 pm
- Kings Norton Fundraising Group for St Mary's Hospice Quiz , Stirchley United Social Club, 41 Hazelwell Lane, B30 2PR, 8.00 pm

### **Tuesday 10 March**

- South Birmingham Ramblers: two-mile gentle walk, Kings Norton Playing Fields car park, 10.00 am
- Kings Norton Patchwork & Quilting Group, 10 am- 3 pm. For location, please call 07891 214907
- Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve conservation workout, 10.30 am -1.00 pm (for venue see website)
- Funday Tuesday for babies & under 5s, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 -11.30 am
- Creative Writing Group, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 am -12.30 pm
- Spring 22 Computer Class. Kings Norton Library, 2.30 – 4.00 pm
- Greenlands Chess Club, 7.00 pm

### **Wednesday 11 March**

- Coffee morning, Kings Norton Library, 10.30-11.30 am
- Kings Norton Seniors' Club: Outing to Evesham Country Park
- Rea River Roots, Tower of Song. 8.30 pm

### **Thursday 12 March**

- Black Adder Clog Morris, Friends Meeting House, Selly Oak. 8.00 -10.00 pm
- Kings Norton Motorcycle Club, Woodbourne Social Club, Earlswood, 8.00 pm
- Crossroads Blues Club, Tower of Song, 8.30 pm

### **Friday 13 March**

- Health Exchange local walk, Kings Norton Park car park 10.30 am (all walkers, especially new participants, please check with Sally on 0121 458 6019)
- Kings Norton Library, 10.15-10.45 am: Crafty Tales for the Under 5's

### **Saturday 14 March**

- Farmers' Market, The Green, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm
- Push Bikes, Rowheath Pavilion, 9.45 am for 10.00 am start
- Friends of Historic Kings Norton charity book sale, St Nicolas' Place, 10.00 am- 1.00 pm
- Code Club for 8-11 year olds, Kings Norton Library, 10.30-11.30 am
- Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve Litter Pick: Meet at Burmans Drive 10.30 am

### **Monday 16 March**

- Bournville Townswomen's Guild, Friends' Meeting House, Bournville, 2.00-4.00 pm

### **Tuesday 17 March**

- Kings Norton Patchwork & Quilting Group, 10 am- 3 pm. For location, please call 07891 214907
- Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve conservation workout, 10.30 am -1.00 pm (for venue see website)
- Funday Tuesday for babies & under 5s, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 -11.30 am
- Creative Writing Group, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 am -12.30 pm
- Kings Norton Women's Institute, Friends' Meeting House, Cotteridge, 2.00-4.00 pm: Geraldine Wall 'I wrote Five Books'
- Spring 22 Computer Class. Kings Norton Library, 2.30 – 4 pm
- Greenlands Chess Club, 7.00 pm

### **Wednesday 18 March**

- Coffee morning, Kings Norton Library, 10.30-11.30 am
- Kings Norton Seniors' Club, Saint Nicolas' Place 1.00-3.00 pm: Armchair Exercise & Bingo
- Rea River Roots, Tower of Song, 8.30 pm

### **Thursday 19 March**

- Birmingham Philatelic Society, Friends Meeting House, Cotteridge 2 pm: John Harden 'Austria and Hungary - End of Empire'
- Black Adder Clog Morris, Friends Meeting House, Selly Oak, 8.00 - 10.00 pm
- Kings Norton Motorcycle Club, Woodbourne Social Club, Earlswood, 8.00 pm
- Crossroads Blues Club, Tower of Song, 8.30 pm

### **Friday 20 March**

- Health Exchange local walk, Kings Norton Park car park 10.30 am (all walkers, especially new participants, please check with Sally on 0121 458 6019)
- Kings Norton Library, 10.15-10.45 am: Crafty Tales for the Under 5's
- Kings Norton Tennis Club, Grange Hill Road: Curry Evening 7 pm. £8 for members, £10 for non-members.

### **Saturday 21 March**

- Push Bikes, Rowheath Pavilion, 9.45 am for 10.00 am start
- Children's Book Group, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 -11.30 am

### **Monday 23 March**

- Bournville Townswomen's Guild, Friends' Meeting House, Bournville, 2.00-4.00 pm

### **Tuesday 24 March**

- South Birmingham Ramblers: 2-mile gentle walk, Kings Norton Playing Fields car park, 10.00 am
- Kings Norton Patchwork & Quilting Group, 10 am- 3 pm. For location, please call 07891 214907
- Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve conservation workout, 10.30 am -1.00 pm (for venue see website)
- Funday Tuesday for babies & under 5s, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 -11.30 am
- Creative Writing Group, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 am -12.30 pm
- Spring 22 Computer Class, Kings Norton Library, 2.30 – 4 pm

- Greenlands Chess Club, 7.00 pm

### • **Wednesday 25 March**

- Coffee morning, Kings Norton Library, 10.30-11.30 am
- Kings Norton Seniors' Club, Saint Nicolas' Place, 1.00-3.00 pm: Easter celebrations with the Fairway children
- Rea River Roots, Tower of Song, 8.30 pm

### **Thursday 26 March**

- Councillors' Advice Surgery, Kings Norton Library, 4.30 pm
- Black Adder Clog Morris, Friends Meeting House, Selly Oak, 8.00 - 10.00 pm
- Kings Norton Motorcycle Club, Woodbourne Social Club, Earlswood, 8.00 pm
- Crossroads Blues Club, Tower of Song, 8.30 pm

### **Friday 27 March**

- Health Exchange local walk, Kings Norton Park car park 10.30 am (all walkers, especially new participants, please check with Sally on 0121 458 6019)
- Kings Norton Library, 10.15-10.45 am: Crafty Tales for the Under 5's

### **Saturday 28 March**

- Push Bikes, Rowheath Pavilion, 9.45 am for 10.00 am start
- Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve Seasonal Guided Walk, 1030 am. Meet at the junction of Meadow Hill Road and Wychall Lane
- Fields Millennium Green Trust volunteer working party, Fields Millennium Green, 10.30 am
- Friends of Kings Norton Park Spring Clean/Park Litter Pick 11 am -1 pm: meet in Westhill Road car park
- Kings Norton Tennis Club, Grange Hill Road 2 pm- 4 pm: Open Day, all welcome

### **Sunday 29 March**

- Kings Norton Tennis Club, Grange Hill Road 11 am - 1 pm and 2 pm - 4 pm: Open Day, all welcome

### **Monday 30 March**

- Bournville Townswomen's Guild, Friends' Meeting House, Bournville, 2.00-4.00 pm
- Kings Norton History Society, St Nicolas' Place 7 pm for 7.30 pm: Don Hazzard & Rick Simpson 'The River Rea - Part Two'

### **Tuesday 31 March**

- Kings Norton Patchwork & Quilting Group, 10 am- 3 pm. For location, please call 07891 214907
- Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve conservation workout, 10.30 am -1.00 pm (for venue see website)
- Funday Tuesday for babies & under 5s, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 -11.30 am
- Creative Writing Group, Kings Norton Library, 10.30 am -12.30 pm
- Spring 22 Computer Class. Kings Norton Library, 2.30 – 4 pm
- Greenlands Chess Club, 7.00 pm

# Lego in Church?

## *The Thoughts of a Lay Minister*

Albert Einstein is quoted as saying ‘creativity is intelligence having fun’. Well, he clearly knew all about our Lego® Club! On a Wednesday afternoon, the children come charging through the church doors and the first thing they ask is ‘What’s the theme?’. I pick a theme at random, which is much harder than it sounds! Then they go off and make whatever they want, linked to the theme (or do their own thing if they prefer). There is very little adult input, usually just help with finding particular sizes or colours of brick. To aid the process, there are copious amounts of toast and fruit provided by our two fab volunteers who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards.

At the end of the session the children then show what they have made and explain it. The creativity and imagination are astounding, especially when you think these are all primary school aged children. From a model of the D-Day landings through to a futuristic Santa’s sleigh, what they make fills me with awe. The enthusiasm, too, is infectious. Even the most shy and reluctant child waits his or her turn to tell me what they have done (and of course they don’t have to if they don’t want to!).

One week, the theme was ‘monkeys’. One build was a sort of ‘home’ for monkeys which included a feeding station, entertainment, an



energy source and of course, monkeys!

I wonder what you create? It may not be Lego, but perhaps you are a carpenter or a knitter, a painter or a baker. Maybe you just like to colour. Whatever it is, I hope that you have as much fun with it as we do with Lego. Because using our creativity is great for our mental health, it keeps our brain active and helps to reduce anxiety and stress.

Creating things can also help us process things that are worrying us or that we can’t put into words. You might prefer to do these things at

home but if you can find a group to join then you also add focus to your week and meet new people. So there is much more to things like Lego Club and *Knit & Natter* than you may at first think.

Next time you are in St Nicolas' Church, have a look at some of the models. We put them on top of the cupboards for everyone to see and will be adding some labels to them soon so that you know what the theme was. We are also planning to capture some of the amazing explanations and stories in a book; so watch this space.

*Pauline Weaver*



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# A Report

on the public meeting concerning the future of

## Saint Nicolas' Place

held at St Nicolas' Church on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Around 200 Kings Norton residents attended a public meeting at St Nicolas' Church for following the announcement last October that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) needed to sell or lease St Nicolas' Place because of severe financial difficulties.

Cas Hamilton, Chairman of The Friends of Historic Kings Norton, described how the Friends bring together volunteers who run the shop and provide guides who take visitors on heritage tours. The money raised helps to finance the building. She explained that the PCC has subsidised Saint Nicolas' Place

for many years but is now unable to continue that subsidy. The PCC has, however, promised to provide essential funding until Easter.

Staff numbers at Saint Nicolas' Place have been reduced by opening for only three evenings a week instead of five. Daytime use is continuing. The building has not yet been sold and was not being actively marketed at the time of the meeting.

The Rector has told the Working Group that a buyer sympathetic to the community and to the heritage aspects of the building's use will come forward. If the

requirements of the Heritage Lottery Fund's original grant are not met then some repayment of their funding may be required.

There has been strong opposition in the local community to the loss of the centre and the Friends have set up an action group of six, all of whom bring complementary skills to the team. We need a sound business plan in place so that we can continue its use Saint Nicolas' Place as Kings Norton's community centre. To give us time to prepare that plan, the Friends have, with regret, made application to Birmingham City Council to have the building designated as an *Asset of Community Value*. If successful, this request would delay the sale for up to six months to give time for a plan to be put in place.

The Friends have also joined *Locality*, a nationwide support organisation which helps community groups to thrive.

Our Action Committee of six has already had a meeting with our advisor Meena. Her first impression on seeing Saint Nicolas' Place was of excitement about the potential for community use. Joining us at the

meeting was Rebecca Debenham from Northfield Community Partnership, who is experienced in local community work. Meena and Rebecca have outlined a plan which reassures us.

We have visited many other local community centres to find out how they are run and funded and to investigate their management structures. We are optimistic that we can find community leaders and support groups who can guide us towards success.

John Bowen spoke about the history of the the building. For 90 years, it has been at the centre of Kings Norton, a place where groups have met and have formed strong bonds of enduring friendship. The Seniors, for example, established in 1947, still meet every Wednesday with attendances of 35-40. The Kings Norton Society, set up 60 years ago, has 35-40 people still meeting monthly. The Scouts and Guides and so many others have been nurtured here.

John spoke about the village atmosphere, this hidden jewel in the City of Birmingham, this community that came together with such excitement at the time of the *BBC Restoration* television

series in 2004, this village that we love, centred on The Green. If we are to protect it, we have to shoulder some responsibility for it.

The church has been hit by a perfect storm, with financial losses at Saint Nicolas' Place, roof repairs needed for the church itself, and now immediate and ongoing repairs required to the church tower. The parish has had to face its inability to meet day-to-day responsibilities. These are burdens that cannot be borne by the church's congregations alone.

If we, as a community, want to preserve our Kings Norton then we need financial help for these buildings that have been recognised as being of national importance. We need help to fund those groups which support the lonely, the needy, and which create clubs for our young

people. Grants are available, but not while the building is for sale.

Deborah Hale, Kings Norton born and bred, spoke of her love for the place, her excitement at the events that could be run, the people it could reach and the community it could serve. Deborah has extensive experience in marketing and public events. She led the 2012 Olympics Torch Relay and has seen first-hand what can happen when people gather round a cause. She believes that with a clear purpose and a true sense of engagement, magic can happen.

Deborah explained that next steps include the setting out of a clear vision and purpose, devising a three year plan for the use of the building, drafting proposals for the communities and groups it will reach and working out a marketing strategy and a financial plan.

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Many questions were asked from the floor, numerous wonderful ideas and suggestions made. These are being collated and the findings will be distributed later. If you wish your email address to be added to our list of local supporters or have ideas to contribute, please contact the Friends at [fhkn@btinternet.com](mailto:fhkn@btinternet.com) or tell the Reception volunteer at Saint Nicolas' Place.

As you reflect on what suggestions you might make, please consider these questions

before emailing us at the address above:

What issues does our community face?

How can St Nicolas' Place address these needs?

Who is this building for?

What activities would you like to keep (or start)?

*John Bowen*

# CHARITY AUCTION

Raising funds to help keep Saint Nicolas' Place open.

Saturday 2<sup>1st</sup> March at 5.00 pm at Saint Nicolas' Place.

Viewing of lots from 3.30 pm. Cash & cheques only. Refreshments available. Donation of lots very welcome: please hand in at S.N.P.  
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# THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

## *A Message from the Church Wardens*

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the charity that looks after the work of St Nicolas' Church and you will already know that it is facing a series of challenges to maintain its work in Kings Norton.

At our Annual General Meeting on 5th April 2020, our annual accounts will show a loss for the past year of around £100,000. There are three big issues: the amount of money it takes to subsidise Saint Nicolas' Place; the need to spend money on urgent repairs to keep the church open and safe; and long-term issues about paying our share to the Diocese for being a part of the Church of England.

Our plan to recover our position and be able to properly sustain Saint Nicolas' Church is underway. We support the work being done to find new ways for Saint Nicolas' Place to remain a part of its community. Simply put, we are looking for new owners to take on the running of the building rather than looking for money from a sale. We have completed the work needed to keep the church safe and we are beginning to have a plan to address the next stage of urgent repairs.

We have plenty more to do and, as is the way of these things, we probably have some more challenges ahead of us. We have to get to a balanced budget both in order to comply with charity law and to be able to attract the further support we will need to fully repair and maintain the church, the churchyard and the Old Grammar School. We'd love to see a successful Saint Nicolas' Place too!

You are welcome to ask questions of the Ministry Team, Church Wardens or PCC members. The next report to our February meeting will be posted on the parish website later this month and we will have copies in the church as well. You are also welcome to think about joining the PCC yourself (we are that point in the year).

Finally, we all have a duty to make sure that our work is open and transparent. This year's AGM is at **11.30 am on Sunday 5th April** in the church (with coffee). See you there!

*Peter Hay & Julie Hill*

# Sustainability 9

It is getting close to Easter, with eggs, gifts, card, special meals, holidays, quite apart from the celebration of Resurrection which is Easter's reason for being.

So, how eco-friendly is the wrapping on the egg? Can you go for card and foil only? Can you give alternative gifts or very accurately targeted ones to prevent a swell in landfill and recycling plant usage? If you want to send cards rather than e-cards, choose a printer which uses paper or

card from sustainable sources and doesn't then wrap them in plastic.

Try to buy ingredients for your celebratory meal(s) from UK farms and those which support good environmental and animal-care credentials, or use Fair Trade products. And if you are going away on holiday, find creative ways to travel which minimise or offset fuel usage.

*Sylvia Fox*

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## Fay Fearon Reflects

As I reflect on the 15<sup>th</sup> year since I was licensed as a Reader or Lay Minister by the then Bishop for Birmingham, John Sentamu, who is now about to retire as the Archbishop of York, I am greatly encouraged by the 15 candidates who were recently licensed as Readers on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January by The Right Reverend David Urquhart at St Philip's Cathedral.

There are over 10,000 Readers in the Church of England and more than 250 in the parishes of the Diocese of Birmingham.

The 25<sup>th</sup> January also saw the commissioning of three new Assistant Wardens of Readers to support, promote and develop Reader ministry in Birmingham. A huge 'thank you and congratulations' must therefore go to each one. May God bless them richly in their ministry.

I also give special thanks for the Readers who work here in our parish: David Ash, Parisa Pordelkhaki and Ruth Howman, for the gifts and wisdom that they bring to the Ministry Team and to the parish.

# Making Music in Druid's Heath

**T**his photograph doesn't tell the whole story. I need you to imagine a room crowded with about fifty adults and children in front of this musician and her guitar. On the last Wednesday in January, Manningford Hall, Druid's Heath, was filled with a diverse group of participants at an Active Communities launch, chatting, drinking coffee and wondering when lunch would arrive.

Suddenly, a young woman leaps us and invites us to stop talking and to start singing. A few energetic body and voice warm up exercises are followed by some simple, fun movement songs and amazingly, within fifteen minutes our 'instant' choir is singing three different melodies in a round. The energy and joy in the room were palpable!



This was Druid's Heath's first experience of being led in song by Gina Baker, an experienced and wonderfully talented Community Musician, who will facilitate our new community choir on a weekly basis from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

In recent consultation events, residents voted for arts and music to be their preferred way of bringing people together on the estate, to improve social cohesion and belonging and to reduce isolation and marginalisation. Starting a community choir received a lot of votes.

As well as bringing people together, community singing is good for our

physical, emotional and mental well-being. Oxford University states that 'singing provides an inclusive and cost-effective means of combating the disintegration of communities' and that 'choir singing improves health, happiness and is the perfect icebreaker.'

**T**he Druid's Heath Community Choir, supported with start-up funding by *Near Neighbours* will be for people of all faiths and none and will have a wonderfully varied repertoire of songs. Do get in touch if you want to be involved in this new musical venture. We're really excited to see how the choir develops. Who knows... Manningford Hall this year, Symphony Hall next year?

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## MUSIC

Church music, the choir and handbells are overseen by Sylvia Fox (contact via the Parish Office). Choir practices are on Fridays: Juniors 5.00 - 6.00 pm; secondary pupils, college students & adults 7.00 - 8.15 pm. Handbell practices take place on most Mondays 3.00- 4.00 pm and ring from number notation. Please phone before joining us for the first time to check that we are meeting.

## BELL RINGING

Catherine Taylor

Bells are rung for the Sunday service at St Nicolas' Church from 10.00 - 10.30 am. Ringers of all abilities are welcome. Newcomers are particularly encouraged. If you are interested in finding out what bell ringing is all about, please contact us in advance via the Parish Office so that we can arrange your welcome.

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# THE BOYS' BRIGADE

## In Kings Norton

In recent issues of this magazine there have been articles on The Church Lads' Brigade and Kings Norton Youth Fellowship; so it seems appropriate to complete the picture with a history of The Boys' Brigade in Kings Norton. In contrast to the other two groups the BB is still healthy and flourishing at The Cotteridge Church each Friday night.

The Boys' Brigade is one of the biggest Christian Youth Organisations in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. It was founded by William Alexander Smith in Glasgow on 4th October 1883 and, although initially in a Free Church



setting, is now found in churches of all denominations. Smith's plan was to provide drill and fun activities with Christian values for older boys who were bored and restless in Sunday School. It was from these values that the BB objective was written and remains to this day:

*'The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of reverence, discipline, self respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.'*

(There have been changes in the wording for companies that now include girls)

It is probably less well known that Robert Baden Powell was a member of the Boys' Brigade, eventually

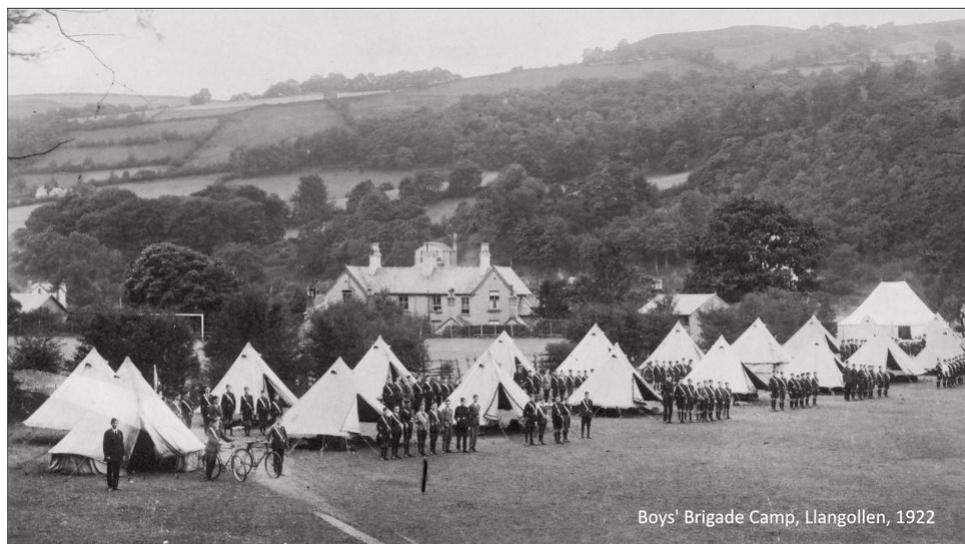
becoming vice president. In 1903, he promoted the idea of scouting and outdoor pursuits. The BB participated in an experimental camp on Brownsea Island in 1907 and it was following the success of this that Baden Powell started the Scout movement.

**T**he Boys' Brigade in Kings Norton began at the Congregational Church in 1907, the 7th Company to start in Birmingham. The 53rd Company followed at Kings Norton Methodist Church in 1943 and the 87th Company at St Agnes Church of England in 1958. The 53rd and 7th combined their companies when the churches joined together in 1985 to form the Cotteridge Church. It was decided to adopt the number of the oldest company and so the 7th

Company has now been operational for 113 years, a truly significant achievement.

The 87th at St Agnes church started when the new vicar, Revd Fred Carroll, was very keen to start a company but needed some reliable officers. He spotted two members of his congregation who were existing officers at the 7th and persuaded them to leave the 7th and start the 87th at St Agnes. Ken Fryer and John Mansfield took on the responsibility and Fred Carroll not only became Chaplain but also Captain of the company.

Boys' Brigade activities are wide ranging from annual and weekend camps, physical games and sports to knowledge-based classes to achieve badges. Each Friday session starts



Boys' Brigade Camp, Llangollen, 1922



Boys' & Girls' Brigade at The Cotteridge Church

with a short act of worship. The boys can aspire to and achieve the highest company badge, The President's Badge, and ultimately the highest badge in the organisation, The Queen's Badge.

Initially in a military style with caps, lanyards and haversacks, all of which had to be kept scrupulously clean in order to get top marks each week, the uniform is now more relaxed (polo shirts with sweat shirts) but boys are still inspected each week and are expected to present themselves as clean and tidy.

The companies took part in competitions within the Birmingham Battalion for athletics, football, table tennis and so on, and also figure marching for young boys and drill for older boys. The marching emphasis has now changed with our more informal society although the older boys at

the 7th still enjoy occasional drill evenings led by John Adams.

Music was also an important feature with a designated Band Night and then, on Sundays, parades when boys would march to church led by the band (photo opposite), proclaiming their faith to the local community.

**A**t the annual camp the boys still march to the local church led by the joint Boys' and Girls' Brigade band. This is possible because the camp continues to take place thanks to long-held ties with Quinton and Halesowen companies. Each year the 7th Company hold an annual camp for a week with the 59th Boys' and the 40th Girls' Brigade, both from Quinton Methodist Church. There were also originally Girls' Brigade Companies at the Congregational and Methodist

churches which combined to form the 45th Company at The Cotteridge Church. This is no longer operating, but the friendships remain.

I was introduced to the Boys' Brigade at the tender age of 21, six months after I met my husband John. The BB was so much a part of his life that I thought I might as well get involved and, after being a helper, became an officer for the next 35 years. John joined the BB at the age of 10 and has now clocked up 61 years as a boy and officer. It's an organisation that tends to involve all family members as his father was a Captain for 30 years, our children were in the BB and GB along with cousins and lifetime friends. Jean Dewey, who now attends St Nicolas' Church, was also involved

throughout her life with her father Captain then President over 20 years and her husband, Stan, as a boy, officer and President.

When the 7th celebrated their centenary in 2007 a book of memories and history was produced. The memories are personal to past and present members of all ages and, alongside the photos, it is an interesting, educational and amusing read. If you want to know more, copies are available at the back of St Nicolas' Church in return for a donation of £3 to the St Nicolas' Tower Appeal. John Adams, Christine Adams and Jean Dewey would also be happy to talk to you about the Boys' Brigade.

*Christine Adams*



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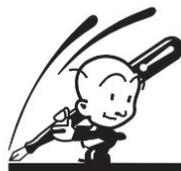
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This month, it's back to a life at sea on board a container ship in the port of Auckland, New Zealand.

The ship was in a for a three day stay. On the second morning, I was in my catering office when, at 9.30 am, in bounded the ship's agent, my friend Geoff. He said hello and went up to see 'PJ', our Captain.

Before Geoff left, I told him that the Captain had been looking forward to his visit. Earlier in the day, he had given me a small ear-bashing on his way back from breakfast, so I knew what Geoff was walking into. 'What does PJ want this time?' he sighed. 'You will soon find out for yourself,' I said, trying not to laugh.

Twenty minutes later, Geoff returned. I asked if he wanted a coffee. He asked for a beer from the office fridge! He was not pleased, for the Captain had told him that he wanted the port authorities to get rid of the girls who were in the habit of coming on board.

There were, as always, a few regulars around, characters such as 'Egg on Legs', 'Container Box' and 'Cookie'. They were real characters, to say the least, and well known to all those connected

with the ships. Personally speaking, I had no objection to them. They did cause a few problems, admittedly. Members of my department would sometimes appear a bit worn out and didn't always work correctly! But I had not heard of any trouble-making or pilfering.

Geoff had told PJ that he would look into the matter, which, of course, would soon be forgotten. He knew by name all the girls who used to board the ships and he quite liked them.

Earlier on, PJ had said to me that he hoped the girls were not being fed on board and I had assured him that I had told the galley staff to make sure that they were not. Unfortunately, this was not exactly true. What I had actually told the lads was either to give the girls a meal in their cabin or sit them in the back of the mess room! They

were under instructions not to let them stand at the serving hatch as PJ sometimes checked up on them as he snooped around the ship.

Back in the days when I was a Petty Officer, the cook would always feed the 'ladies'. Of course, in those days, I didn't have a Captain like PJ and my Catering Officer was not bothered. On a ship like ours there was often plenty of food as one had to cook for a full complement even when some of the crew were ashore in port. So there was, in fact, no extra cost.

All in all, I found the attitude in the port of Auckland to be pleasantly laid back. And anyway, I consider 'Live and let live' to be a very fitting approach to life down under.

Eddie Matthews



'To be frank, Mrs Peerybingle, I'm not making much headway. The Rector has rejected my suggestion of leasing the spire to a mobile phone company to fund the roof repairs. There must be some other way I can help my local church.'

'Where there's a will, there's a way, Mr Chivery. Where there's a will...'

*It's never too late to be generous. Talk to one of the clergy about remembering Kings Norton Team Parish in your will, or enquire at the Parish Office.*

# JANUARY 2020

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28 <sup>th</sup> January	Deborah Yarwood	54	SN.Cr.LH
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**SN** : Service at St Nicolas’ Church, **Cr** : Cremation, **Bu** : Burial, **BE** : Brandwood End, **CY** : Churchyard, **In** : Ashes interred, **KN** : Kings Norton, **LH** : Lodge Hill, **RD** : Redditch

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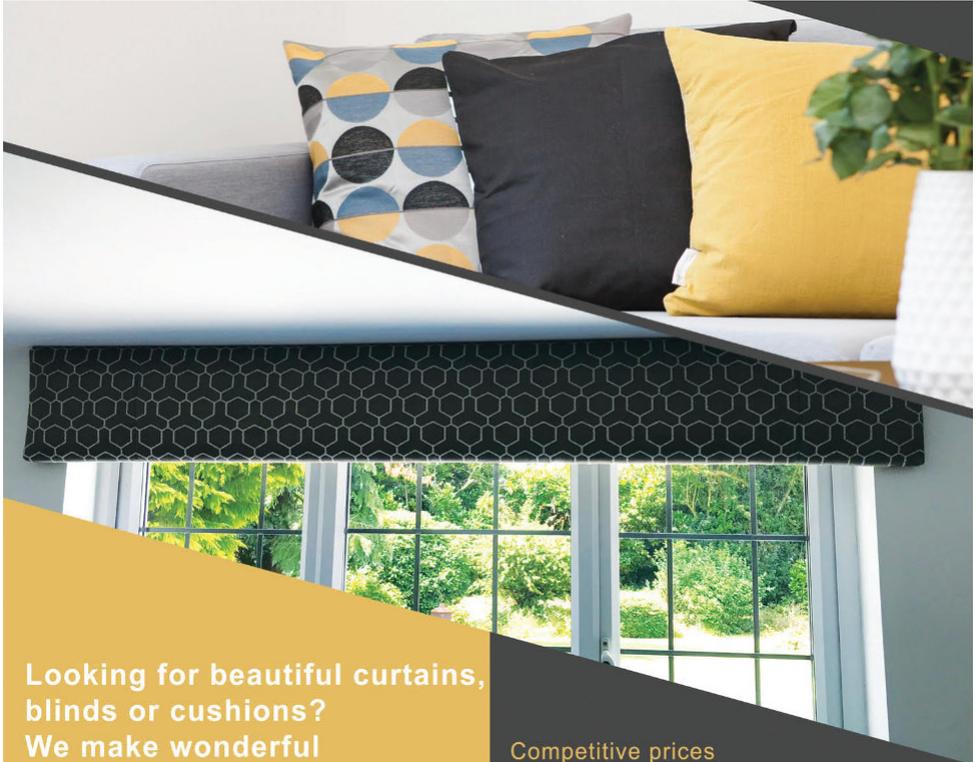


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