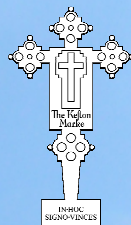


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News of your Parish and Village



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Front cover: Keston Windmill on Heathfield Rd. © Sally Churchus

So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. 2 Corinthians 4:18

# Thought for the month

## Interested in local history?



Piscina

I wonder if you have seen inside your beautiful church. If you are receiving this magazine, unless by post, you are in Keston parish and therefore this is *your* church. If you live in the parish then you are automatically entitled to be Baptised, Married, or to have your Funeral, in your church. You have an open invitation to your church – those of us who are regular visitors, and worshippers, would love to welcome you to your church. It really is a place of peace and worship.

Did you know that inside this beautiful ancient, peaceful place, we have an altar table that has inserted in it part of the top of a 17<sup>th</sup> century communion table which is inlaid with a cross bottonee and inscribed 'The Keston Marke' and below this, 'In Hoc Signo Vinces' (*In this sign shalt thou conquer*). This is where we get our logo and a variation of this cross is the logo for Keston CE Primary School.

We have the remains of a piscina – a stone bowl near the altar formerly used to wash the Communion vessels. It was broken by Henry VIII during the

Reformation – I'm sure he didn't do the damage personally – actually it would have been the Cromwellian soldiers. In the reign of Henry III (1216-1272) a tower was built, which was demolished, it is said, by lightning in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. Excavations revealed within the tower foundation area the family vault of John Pepys, a relative of the famous 18<sup>th</sup> century diarist, Samuel Pepys. The plaque from John's coffin can be seen on the south wall opposite the site of the vault outside.

We love to sing in church and we are accompanied by a small twelve stop 1904 Lewis organ, to the restoration of which you may actually have contributed in 2014! It has 644 pipes in it. I have great fun asking visiting children to guess how many pipes the organ has – they often guess 6 or 12!

Monuments to locals who lost their lives in WWI – notably the Boosey family are also on display inside the church, and on the board listing all the past Rectors of the church, the first one is recorded as beginning his ministry in this parish in 1207. Just imagine, the Magna Carta was written in 1215!

Each week our service of worship and prayer starts at 10.00am, which of course you are always welcome to come to. But, if you would rather come along to simply have a look inside your church, why not join us when we are having tea and coffee afterwards at 11.00am, and we can show you around your church – a place of significant historical interest, and of peace and worship.

Rev'd Carol Morrison



# All this and more on your doorstep at Keston Parish Church



Free guide  
leaflets  
available in  
church



1. Boosey Memorials (The Boosey family of 'Knights' lost both sons in WW1)
2. Detail of William Morris 'Love' window
3. Grinning face dating from Norman times on filled in archway on south wall, near chancel
4. 12 stop 1904 Lewis Organ
5. Echinoid (sea urchin) fossil to right of porch on north wall

# Reflection Garden

This year, after many years of planning, we completed our Reflection Garden at Keston CE Primary School. Three years ago an overgrown and unused part of the school grounds was earmarked as a quiet, peaceful area where both children and staff could sit, reflect and pray.

The work on building the garden began two years ago with ground clearance and measuring out the space to see how big the area was. Children were then asked to help design the area with the result that we had a wonderful range of different themes to work with, from rainbow paths to butterfly flower beds. A number of the children's ideas were then combined to create a final design. Mr Sterry, the School Caretaker, spent many days and hours clearing and digging and then building five raised beds out of recycled railway sleepers. Work then stalled for a time while we were deciding how best to finance the project.

We were delighted when, at the beginning of this academic year, we received an email from the Aquinas Trust inviting us to apply for a Wellbeing Grant. The grant was being financed by the Government as a result of the recent "Sugar Tax" on fizzy drinks and the like. This was the answer to our problems and we successfully applied. After that it was full steam ahead! The weed matting, soil and gravel were all ordered and duly arrived as did a lovely copper effect solar water feature. Although we had some ideas on the planting ourselves, the experts at Coolings proved invaluable. They listened to the design brief, took our



garden outline and turned it into a wonderful detailed plan with a labelled planting guide. As soon as the weather was warm enough to start planting, we got to work putting everything in place.

As an additional feature, each child within the school was asked to think of an encouraging or motivational message which they then painted onto a decorative stone. Each stone was then varnished before being placed within the garden.

The Garden has already been a huge success and is being well used by the school community, including our Y6 Worship Leaders who have used it for class worship. Although it's already a calm, welcoming space, we're looking forward to seeing it mature over the coming years and become an integral part of school life.

Charlotte Ross, Deputy Head and RE Lead

# Life After Delivery



In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other, "Do you believe in life after delivery?". The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later". "Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?". The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now".

The first replied, "That is absurd; walking is impossible and eating with our mouths is ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so

short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded". The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different to here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord any more". The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere". "Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us". The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?". The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist". Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist". To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above".

Anon

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Gracious God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

*F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

# My Faith Journey

## Mysterious or Sneaky?

There was nothing mysterious about our lovely Editor Sally asking me to contribute this edition's My Faith Journey story – she was just being sneaky! Having already been in contact regarding the windmill it was an easy request to slip in. My initial reaction was 'No way!' Obviously! However, we now get to more sneakiness: They say that God works in mysterious ways. In my opinion, God also works in sneaky ways: The next time I looked at Sally's email it 'just happened' to be a Sunday morning just before I trotted off to church to supposedly profess my faith, (as we Christians put it), so I could hardly reply 'No', could I? See what I mean about sneaky? Then, to top it all, that Sunday 'just happened' to be Pentecost Sunday when God sent his Holy Spirit to give the disciples courage to share their faith. Which loosely means that I also have the responsibility of sharing my faith – so here I am!

This may not be reading as much of a journey so far but that's because I don't think of my faith as a physical journey but as a series of sneaky moments where I've sensed God's presence move mysteriously in my life. Having said that, there are plenty of 'physical' things that He has used to help me along. For example, I'm a timid snorkeller, but the crazy and beautiful variety of what I see with my head in the water renews my

sense of the wonder of creation – and of God's sense of humour. Have you *seen* some of the weird things there are under the sea?!

Maria von Trapp of the Sound of Music wrote that as an atheist she would stop at a cathedral to listen to the singing. And 'Lo and behold', she was converted as the words sneakily spoke to her heart. Likewise, even from Darrick Wood Primary School, hymns such as 'God is Love' and my parents' night time prayers got me started on *my* journey. The imposing crucifix at St Michael's church in Locksbottom was probably the biggest faith call to me as a teenager and it became the church I sang in, got married in and had our son Baptised in.

Although I've lived in Keston for the last 20 years as an active member of Our Lady of

the Rosary church in Hayes, living abroad and travelling has also provided wonderful opportunities to experience my faith in many cultures and languages. The Catholic Mass is identical all over the world and that familiarity on a Sunday morning has brought comfort as well as friendships from Taipei to California!

To sum it up, our Editor Sally is sneaky but not mysterious. God, on the other hand is definitely sneaky AND mysterious. Long may that continue – and watch out for His sneaky moves in your life!

Elizabeth Anker





# Moon Landing Remembered



In July 1969 Neil Armstrong took “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”, becoming the first man to set foot on the moon.

Time flies, it is now 50 years since that landing, but I remember it so well. I was very involved in the event as at that time my husband and I were living on Ascension Island, a small rugged little piece of land covered in volcanic rock in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean. Barry was an engineer working for Cable and Wireless, who had been asked by NASA if they could provide an Earth Station for data and voice links from their Tracking Station on the island to Mission Control. This was duly built and Barry appointed manager. As you can imagine life had not much to offer for the few wives out there. No

indigenous population, (labour provided by St. Helena, the nearest island). Only one store, stocked up by the arrival of a ship every few months. For the first time I had left my children home at boarding school, and I needed something to keep me occupied.

I was therefore very interested when NASA agreed to allow their Director and the Site Manager to employ two of the English wives as their secretaries. The NASA site was way out of town on the top of a hill known as Devil’s Ashpit! Some hundred men were working there, but no women. Apart from “top brass” none of the men were allowed to socialise with the Islanders. Fortunately I was offered one of the jobs, and really enjoyed the camaraderie. Duties were not onerous, so soon a sewing machine sat alongside my typewriter and the boys brought in their clothes for repair. The office section only formed a small part of the building, the rest of the site was highly protected and very “hush hush”.

On the day of the landing there was a terrific buzz of excitement, and what a thrill when someone rushed in shouting “They made it, they are on the moon!”. The site was also receiving all medical data, and he added, when the famous words were spoken, “He sounds so calm, but you should see his heartbeat!”.

After the event I was awarded a certificate from NASA, which now hangs in my study. The coin you see in the photo was made from a special ball of aluminium which had orbited around the moon aboard the Apollo 8 Spacecraft in the kit of Commander Frank Borman.

Rosemary Cogswell



# Church Services

CW = Common Worship    H & W = With prayer for Healing & Wholeness

## **4th August**

10.00am

## **7th Sunday after Trinity**

First Sunday Communion (*Shorter all age service*)

## **11th August**

10.00am

## **8th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion (CW)

## **Wednesday 14th August**

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

## **18th August**

10.00am

## **9th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion (CW) H & W

## **25th August**

10.00am

## **10th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion (CW)

## **1st September**

10.00am

## **11th Sunday after Trinity**

First Sunday Communion (*Shorter all age service*)

## **8th September**

10.00am

## **12th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion (CW)

## **Wednesday 11th September**

10.30am

Holy Communion (CW)

## **15th September**

10.00am

## **13th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion (CW) H & W

## **22nd September**

10.00am

## **14th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion (CW)

## **29th September**

10.00am

## **15th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion (CW)

3.00pm

Pet Service followed by tea and cake in the hall

# From the Registers

## **Baptisms**

23rd June

Morgan Gevaux Douglas (born 9/9/2018)

30th June

Alma Nicola Flo Range (born 27/2/2019)

## **Funerals**

22nd May

Peggy Lilian Abrehart (aged 87 yrs)

6th June

Bridget Chudleigh (aged 79 yrs)

## **Interment of Ashes**

29th May

Michael Anthony Paulding (aged 85 yrs)

9th June

Joan Patricia Sarjant (aged 92 yrs)

18th June

William Raymond John Markham (aged 78 yrs)

# Men and Women?

It was nine years ago that an article first appeared in this magazine regarding Keston Men's Club which meets in the Village Hall. Since then the Club's fortunes have fluctuated but it is now in a stronger position than perhaps it has ever been. I believe there are two main reasons why this has come about. One has been the willingness of members to give their time and expertise in renovating and enhancing the premises. The other has been acquiring our own website: [kestonmensclub.co.uk](http://kestonmensclub.co.uk).

Two members removed the old tiles from the clubroom, (that had been there for at least forty years), and laid new ones, then disposed of the counter and furniture that had woodworm. They built a new counter from an old beer rack in the store room and provided some good quality replacement furniture. Another member arranged the purchase and fitting of new lighting

## It is now possible to reserve table time

over the snooker table, which has raised the lighting above eye level, as well as installing a key safe and security lighting.

When I joined the Club in the 70s, communication with members was by letter which, with two dozen or so members, was a protracted and costly exercise. It was a huge improvement when emails became the norm and it was a further step forward when we acquired our own website in 2014. Another member is a computer programmer and he set up the website and manages it. One of the main



benefits has been booking table time. It is now possible to reserve table time, usually in two-hour slots, for weeks ahead as well as informing members when table time is available. Our programmer member lives in Portugal which shows how far we have come since snail mail was the only option.

On the membership front we have had several new members over the last 18 months and this has prompted us to revive the singles tournament that used to be held each year. With increased numbers we could even be thinking of a pairs tournament as well.

As far as I am aware, since its inception in the pre-war years, the Club has always been called Keston Men's Club, which implies that it is only men that can be members. A friend of my daughter has asked if I could give her a game. She is a paramedic and I imagine she has played a lot of pool while on call. I am quite happy for her to play as visitors are allowed but membership is a different matter and something that the Club must give some serious consideration to. It would be a shame to lose its name but 'Keston Men's and Ladies Club' has a nice ring to it.

Dennis Raishbrook

# From Henrietta to Henry



One day I came downstairs for breakfast. Standing in the kitchen, my wife said, "There's a peacock knocking on the back door". Now, I know my wife doesn't do drink or drugs so I thought it was the first line of a joke. But there really was a peacock at the back door. I went out to greet her, gave her some mixed corn and a bowl of water. Later on we went out to lunch and I said to my wife, "She'll be gone by the time we get back". But she wasn't. We have a small sun room with a large picture window and she was sitting happily looking through the glass at our small Yorkshire Terrier.

We were told that if the peacock had a white front it was a female, so we named her Henrietta. The next morning Henrietta was back, we gave her breakfast, she stayed all day and in the evening we gave her some supper. At night she would fly up to our half roof and then onto a neighbour's garage, from there she would fly clumsily up into the tree in our front garden to roost for the evening.

We think she was a young bird, her tail feathers were torn and shredded so we

think she had been attacked by a dog or fox. We know that foxes can be very cunning and often lethal. Before we came to Keston we kept chickens and ducks, and protecting them from foxes was a full time job. Every day Henrietta stayed with us and we continued to care for her and feed her corn, bread, nuts and raisins, lettuce and scrambled egg. She loved scrambled egg!

We tried to find out where she had come from, we checked all the Animal Rescue Centres, but no one knew of anyone with peacocks, and they didn't want her either. Some said that they made a hideous cackle at dawn which wakes up the entire neighbourhood. Only once did Henrietta make a slight noise one morning. We phoned Jack Frost to see whether they had customers with peacocks, we phoned all the animal feed companies but with no joy. We then tried the RSPCA who were helpful but didn't want a peacock. We then wrote to the RSPCA Animal Rescue Centre at Godstone, and the following day two officers arrived to check out Henrietta. We were then informed that Henrietta was in fact male. And immediately became Henry so as not to offend his feelings.



Every day Henry stayed with us and sunbathed in the back garden. He would often take a stroll around the garden and peck at plants which took his fancy. He was particularly fond of lupins, and we now have a dwarf variety. Gradually he got stronger and started to make excursions into our neighbours' gardens, and more regularly toured the surrounding area, but always returned to sunbathe and feed.

He stayed with us for about 5-6 weeks, but we could tell he was getting restless; one day he did not roost in our tree, but came in for breakfast, went off for the day and returned for supper and roosted. Next morning he had breakfast, and never returned! We were very sad to see him go, but we had done our best to nurse him back to health. We trust Henry will find a good home where there are some peahens to attend to his every need. If Henry is lodging with you, please be kind to him and remember he loves scrambled egg!

Ivan Court

O Lord, you have always been our home.

Before you created the hills  
or brought the world into being,  
you were eternally God,  
and will be God for ever...

Teach us how short our life is,  
so that we may become wise...  
Lord our God, may your blessings  
be with us.

Give us success in all we do!

*From Psalm 90*

## Chance to see Keston Windmill and helpers needed



Keston Windmill will be open as part of Open House London, ([openhouselondon.org](http://openhouselondon.org)), on 21st September from 11am to 4.30pm with last entry to book a tour at 3.30pm – because by then it is typically very crowded! Entry to the windmill is only possible by booking onto a tour on arrival but teas and cakes are on sale in the garden all day. If anyone can help on Sunday 22nd then we may be able to open on the Sunday as well so please get in touch, ([elizabeth@ankerfamily.com](mailto:elizabeth@ankerfamily.com)), if you are interested and there will be posters in the village and on our website ([www.kestonwindmill.com](http://www.kestonwindmill.com)) to confirm. As an incentive, Open House provides us with badges that enable volunteers to 'queue jump' at other venues which is very handy in popular locations! As usual, it's a free event but all donations and proceeds from the teas will go to Demelza Hospice Care for Children and St. Christopher's.

Elizabeth Anker



# Some things you probably didn't know about Keston Windmill

1) The windmill is one of a succession of mills on the site, the others probably blew down in the prevailing wind. There are references to a mill here in 1674, and the site has probably held a windmill for some years prior to this. The general theory is that it replaced the first Keston windmill site at Holwood Park, which had gone by the early 1600s.



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2) The windmill we see today was almost certainly built in 1716, as carved at the bottom of the main post, but much has been tinkered with and replaced over the years 1716 to 1840, to keep the mill technologically up to date. The one phase of modernisation we

know about was undertaken in stages by a notable millwright and engineer William Ashby, of Westerham, and a great deal of what we see in the mill is due to his work at the instruction of the owners. Ashby is probably responsible for building an extension at the back of the mill to house the two grain machines, (the bolter and the jog scry underneath it), in the 1820s. A few years later he was employed to build and fit new state of the art patent shuttered sails, which could be opened and closed, depending on the strength of the wind, from inside the mill by a wheel and ratchet (which can all still be seen). William also increased the output of the mill, by adding a spur wheel and moving the millstones to the breast, which were now driven from underneath. He added a governor, which would regulate the distance between the stones and prevent sparks, which could lead to fire. If you shine a torch up the breast of the mill from behind the spur wheel, Ashby rebuilt the breast by using two of the old sail stocks, which can be clearly seen, still with white paint on them. Ashby is also responsible for building a huge tower mill on the other side of the village, which he owned until the 1830s, and was responsible for putting Keston Mill out of useful work.

3) The mill is commonly mistaken to have been damaged in the gale of 1878. I doubt it was, but Ashby's tower mill, (known as Olive's Mill), was destroyed and tailwinded in the gale. Keston mill had stopped work much earlier in the early 1860s, and the Ellis family had transferred their business to a more powerful and reliable watermill at Catford.

4) In 1868, Ellis's daughter, a spinster in her 40s, met a very rich gentleman from Southwark, named Joseph Sawyer Gainsford. He married her in the same year, and unusually restored and maintained the mill from this point, living in the Mill House. This is the first recorded act of private windmill preservation known worldwide. He employed millwrights and builders to maintain it, one of whom was William Smith and Son of Bromley Common, who did some work here in the 1870s. Gainsford died in the early 1900s, and the mill again deteriorated, resulting in a national appeal in 1913/1914. William Smith was employed again to repair the mill. Further restorations have taken place in 1935 and 1983.

Rob Cumming

Rob's book, *The Windmills of North West Kent and Kentish London: (and the men who built them)*, published in 2014 is the result of many years of painstaking research of both primary and secondary sources. It contains information about 46 mills, now mostly gone. However, a good proportion of the book is about the Keston Windmill and includes information about the technology inside it. The latter half of the book contains a lengthy and very entertaining biography of the trials and tribulations of engineer and millwright William Ashby. The A4 ish paperback book has about 100 images, maps and beautiful line drawings and is published by Stenlake & Co. Amongst other sellers it is also available on Amazon priced £19.99.



## Longest Running Advert in The Keston Magazine

### NEXT AHEAD

Offers all types of  
hairdressing services  
for men and women  
Late night Tuesday till 9pm

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Telephone: 01689 860548  
17 Heathfield Road, Keston BR2 6BG

Next Ahead Hairdressers on the Heathfield Road has now been advertising for over 25 years in The Keston Magazine! During that time we have had four different Rectors and the magazine has increased in size and also changed from black and white to full colour. Not sure how many haircuts have been done over the 25 years, or how many customers have passed through Next Ahead... but we hope our advert continues to bring you new clients!



1994 – not long after Next Ahead opened, with the Village Stores and radiator shop on either side

# What I Do

When asked what I do for a living I have often hesitated in my response. Print dealer? Map dealer? Shop or gallery owner? My passports over the years have held at least one of these titles.

From an early age I have always had an interest in history and the shop that I now own reflects that interest through maps. In 1984, my father purchased a second-hand antiquarian bookshop in Cecil Court, Charing Cross, from a business colleague called Norman Storey. At that time dad's principal business was supplying periodicals to universities in West Africa, so he asked if I would manage the shop. With the rise of the internet bookselling became more difficult and in 2004

I stopped selling books, allowing room to develop the business in a direction that was both viable and reflected my interest. Since then it has expanded into two adjoining shops. The original displays maps of the world from the 17<sup>th</sup> century until post First World War. The adjacent shop exhibits original engravings by artists such as James Gillray and William Hogarth. I tired of being called 'Norman' and 'Storey's' is now the name above the door.

Most of us will look at a current map and read it literally but within the map is a historical trail. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, London had a population of 600,000. The City extended from the Tower in

the East to the Palace of Westminster. In the 1660s, Samuel Pepys, (1633-1703), would often walk from his home in Seething Lane to Greenwich. His diary describes the activity in the fields and meadows of Rotherhithe. The London metropolitan area now covers 3,000 square miles. If Pepys were to make the same journey today the buildings, noise and smells would be alien to him. His return journey home via boat in the dark with the river in flood, however, would be the same now as in 1660.

In 1675, the cartographer, John Ogilby, (1600-1676), published the Britannia atlas. Contained within were strip road maps of all the principal roads of Britain. The trip advisor of its day, Ogilby's atlas highlighted the market towns and

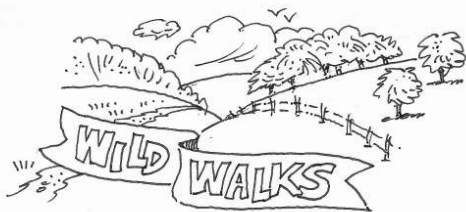
villages with the distances in between and recommended inns or, indeed, where not to stop. If travelling by coach from London to Dover, for example, Ogilby advised passengers not to disembark at the top of Shooter's Hill to admire the view; highwaymen would lie in wait to relieve you of your valuables!

It is strange to think that in the same decade (1660), Samuel Pepys would have observed in the distance, those same coaches working their way along the Old Kent Road.

Today when asked what I do for a living, I respond, "I have a hobby job". That title is not in my passport!

Timothy Kingswood





“Country roads, take me home to the place I belong...” was John Denver’s soulful, melodic song about a region of America that he must have known from childhood.

I’m going “off piste” this month as I leave behind my usual patch. I’m also going mechanical in as much as I shall write about a journey I made on country roads in my open two seater Riley into darkest East Sussex!

## they heard the sound of our exhausts and stood to the side of the lane cheering

Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June saw me and my friend Richard heading towards Groombridge, to a two day motor and motorcycle event. Me in my home built Riley and he in his 3 wheeler special based on Citroen 2CV bits.

We headed to Ide Hill where the view over Bough Beech reservoir was stunning with rolling black clouds and patches of blue sky allowing the sunlight to brighten up areas of woodland and fields. On the far horizon we could just make out Bidborough Ridge through, what looked like, a rainstorm. Down we drove, past the reservoir; the air definitely felt colder. Then on through Chiddingstone Causeway, (funny name), and towards Penshurst. There’s a little pub at Charcott, round the back of the causeway, called the Greyhound. If you

fancy a trip out you should call in. It’s quite ‘quirky’ but you’ll like it. The pub is called the Greyhound because that area was used by Henry VIII for hunting with – you’ve guessed it, poodles!

From Penshurst we avoided the normal road to Langton Green which, although it’s picturesque, does become a bit of a race track! No, we turned left past the entrance to Penshurst Place, across two little bridges, up the hill and first on the right. This lane wiggles and winds its way to the same destination. But oh! Is it lovely? Just right for us in our slower but more enjoyable modes of transport. A mile or two along on a rare straight bit we saw, ahead of us, a gaggle of young walkers in bright colours and backpacks, (aren’t they huge nowadays?). As we approached they heard the sound of our exhausts and stood to the side of the lane cheering and waving at us as we ‘swept’ by, we waved back! Langton Green and turn right, down the fast and slightly scary main road through woods with the bank dropping away to our left. Slow to 30mph through the pretty village with the pub on the corner and there we were – Groombridge Place.

Richard Geiger

PS. It never really poured, just sprinkled, but it did try to wet us on the return journey but we just crouched lower and it flew over our heads!





## Summer Sing

Keston Singers Summer Concert will be held on Saturday 3rd August at 3.00pm in Keston Church Hall. Tickets are £7.50 and can be obtained from Maureen Marshall Tel: 01689 857260, choir members or at the door. There will be a lovely afternoon tea and all proceeds will go towards Keston Church Car Park enlargement. Do come and join us.

## Christian Aid 2019

Thanks again to all those generous householders in our parish that have once more given to the charity Christian Aid this May. The envelopes were dropped off, and then a dwindling group of persistent collectors went knocking to collect the bursting envelopes! To our amazement we collected an incredible £1,129.48 – this was over £118 more than 2018. Many thanks to all the house-to-house collectors and for those who filled the envelopes, and did not put them in the recycling box. Bless you all!

Tricia Coward

## Walk in Memory of Don Ward

Don (from Keston Village Stores) died in September 2018, and I am taking part in a fund raising walk at Leeds Castle on 8th September, to raise money for Don's local branch of Parkinson's UK. I know that any donation will be given with affection for his memory:  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/helenward-324](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/helenward-324). Thank you.

Helen Ward

## Golf in the Nave!



Kent's most unusual adventure golf course will be at Rochester Cathedral this summer. The course – which is designed and paid for by Rochester Bridge Trust is made up of nine holes, each accompanied by a model of a different type of bridge. It includes the original Roman bridge at Rochester, and the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge at Dartford, all of which is accompanied by information for further learning.

Adventure Golf runs from the 1st August to the 1st September. Daytime sessions will be free of charge. See [www.rochester cathedral.org](http://www.rochester cathedral.org) for more information.

## WI News

We are hoping the weather will be kind to us for our Garden Party in August, which is being held in a member's garden. We meet again on the 2nd Wednesday in September at 2pm in Keston Village Hall, when we are looking forward to Fred Lamont telling us about 'Cadbury, Rowntree and Fry, the Chocolate Quakers'. Do join us!

Shirley Newman

# Magazine Deadline

Please send copy for the October/November issue of The Keston Magazine by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at the very latest to Sally Churchus on editor@kestonparishchurch.org.uk or Tel: 020 8462 8750. Thank you.

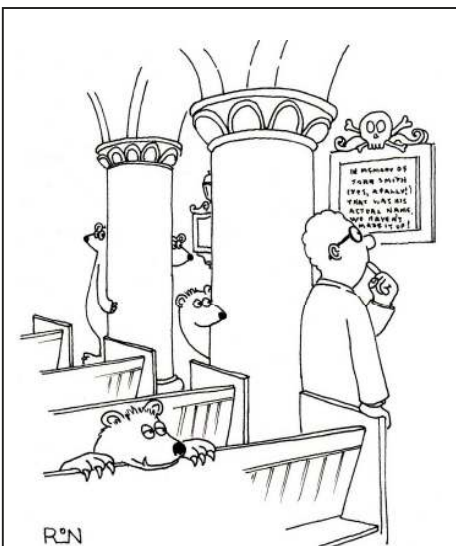
## Laughlines

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Some ridiculous labels on household items etc.

- Some assembly required – on a jigsaw puzzle.
- For outdoor or indoor use only – on a set of Christmas lights.
- Warning: high in Sodium – on a packet of salt.
- Intended for outdoor use – on a rain gauge.
- For use by trained personnel only – on a can of air freshener.

- Do not use as an ice cream colouring – on a bottle of hair dye.
- Remember objects seen in the mirror are behind you – on a motorcycle mirror.
- This product may break if dropped – on bottom of soup bowl.
- Wash when dirty – on a shirt.
- Not dishwasher safe – on a TV remote control unit.
- Do not wash your pets in the machine – on a washing machine with a special cycle to remove pet hair.
- Do not use while sleeping – on a hair dryer.
- Do not use for signing cheques or legal documents – on a vanishing fabric marker.



*Dennis spent a long time in church looking for his forbears*



If you enjoy The Keston Magazine and would like to make a donation towards the costs we would be very grateful.

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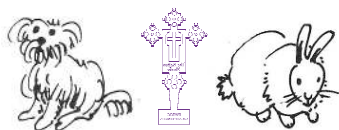
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# pet Service



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