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Kingsway Big Lunch is now in its 10th Year and has grown from a small get together with a handful of stalls to an event that people look forward to every year. This year will see some old faces as well as some new ones, and the event will again demonstrate that there is so much going on within our local community with local groups and churches attending as well as local businesses.

But the Kingsway Big Lunch would not exist if it wasn’t for the Kingsway Residents Association, who organise and set the event up on the day. Planning starts about a week after the last Big Lunch to ensure that the Residents Association can deliver an event that everyone can come to and enjoy.

This Year’s Big Lunch is once again sponsored by CGT Sales and Lettings of Bristol road, and the team from the Quedgeley branch will be on hand on the day with activities and things for the children to do.

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Driving recently with a Quedgeley resident down the fabulous Spring blossom on Thatcham Avenue, I explained some of the changes that affect her family this April. ‘Oh she said, why doesn’t someone tell us all about this?’ So here goes:

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Effective from 1st April, the government announced a 5% increase to the National Living Wage totalling £8.21 per hour, boosting the incomes of 1.8 million people by £690 a year

Independent research shows Gloucestershire residents pay lower council tax than anywhere else in the South West region (well done County Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Quedgeley)

The basic state pension has risen from £125.95 to £129.20 a week, an increase of £3.25 and equates to an extra £169 a year.

Those in work can continue to access an additional 30 hours free childcare for 3-4 year olds (see https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare)

These are all important changes for the new financial year designed to increase take home pay for both the young and old alike.

Meanwhile I’m continuing my cross-party campaign for Fair Funding for Our Colleges, with a meeting with the Chief Treasury on the issue and a debate in my name in Parliament, in which 50 MPs from several parties attended and contributed. This would make a big difference to GlosCol, apprenticeships and opportunities for the young.

I’m launching a 10 Minute Rule Bill on April 23rd on a levy for gambling companies, so that we can protect vulnerable gamblers better. I have also written a joint letter with a Labour MP to seek ministerial support to exempt Commonwealth Servicemen and women from an Application Fee for their Right to Remain after 4 years service in the UK.

Lastly, I stopped by at the BMX track in Kingsway to see different age groups enjoying the best track in Gloucester. One family had moved from Cheltenham recently and said that the space, cycling tracks and greenery there was better than anywhere in Cheltenham!
For more news on Quedgeley and Gloucester do follow me on Twitter (@RichardGrahamUK), Facebook (@richard4gloucester) or have a look at my website www.richardgraham.org. I occasionally send out e-newsletters about what’s happening in Gloucester. If you’d like to receive these, please sign up here - https://bit.ly/2C3WoXK

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During the next month, we will craft, walk, dine, knit, etc. together in small groups and we have a mystery tour, a steam experience, and an autumn short break to look forward to. Would you like to join us? Ring Lorraine (721763) for more details.
We welcomed Jon Mason from Highfield Garden Centre to our meeting in March. He first gave a breakdown of what has been going on at the Centre recently, including the difficult time they have been having with the potted plants during the windy and blustery weather. The restaurant will see some changes in future to cope with the ever-increasing numbers of customers as the kitchen is already full to capacity at the moment. It is possible that coffee and cakes will have to be moved to a different location.

Jon had visited us earlier in the year this time as he wanted to show us the variety of spring bulbs and plants that were available. He gave advice as he planted bulbs and plants in bowls and containers and donated three to a raffle. There were plants for members to buy if they wished. He told us that plastic plant pots were no longer recyclable and they were obliged to buy the more expensive grey recyclable ones now.

He reminded us that he would come again in November when he would bring poinsettias and other plants for Christmas.

It was unfortunate that a talk by the Fire Brigade scheduled for our first meeting in April was, at the last minute, unable to take place. Though members were noticeably disappointed they seemed to take the news with good grace and used the opportunity to have a longer get-together with friends. The normal raffle took place and verses from Pam Ayres’ book of poems and a couple of other interesting and amusing articles were read out.

It was hoped that the majority of members, including the men, would be wearing Easter bonnets/hats at the next meeting so that we can admire their artistic talents and perhaps have a smile at some of the more frivolous ones.

If you would like to join us on the first and third Tuesdays of each month please contact Laura Tremble on 01452 690976 (mobile 07774200191) or Sue Lovell on 01452 724620 for more details. Meetings start at 1.30 p.m.
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We have spent the last half term working hard towards the Stage 3 Communicate Skills builder badge. This has meant we've looked at what various emojis mean, and whether it's a good idea to use them (yes when messaging a friend; no when writing a serious school book report). We've learnt how to say 'My name is' in British Sign Language and use our fingers to spell our names. We've practiced using the phonetic alphabet and sending a car registration number over our new 'radios' - plastic cups linked by string (our local PCSOs will be very envious of our equipment). And we've all spoken for a short while in front of a group. The last challenge was particularly hard for some of the Brownies, who agreed it was 'Screech Owl's worst idea ever', but when we'd talked about it, and prepared in our groups, and realised everyone else in the group was nervous too, it wasn't quite so hard after all.

Finally we had a visit from Kingsway Wildlife and Sustainability Group and were able to take part in planting some trees which will contribute to the environment in Kingsway as they begin to grow. A number of the Brownies had been working for interest badges in their own time, so we finished with a presentation of various Baking, Performing, Painting and Grow Your Own badges.
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9.30am to 11am in the Orchard

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Sessions are aimed at 0 - 4 years during term time.

Sunday 12 May
Be Your Own Wildlife Detective
10am to 12pm

Our Wildlife Detective Day last summer was a lot of fun, and you can do it anytime! Come and find out how to survey a green space for wildlife.

Location - meet in the Orchard.
This activity is aimed at both adults and children.

Find out more about these and all of our other events on Facebook.
Search - KingswayWSG

Not sure about coming along to one of our events?
We know it can be a bit daunting coming along to an event when you don’t know anyone else (we’ve all been there!), but rest assured that there are different people at most of our events and not a set group. We do our best to make everyone feel welcome and love when new people come along for the first time! If you are new, then just ask for Sarah when you arrive (there are two of us Sarah Ottaway, our Chair and Sarah Goodchild our Vice-Chair, so it’s easy to remember us!)
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Some time ago I heard someone utter the phrase ‘Life begins at forty’. Unfortunately they were not referring to me, but to one of their friends who had just celebrated their 40th birthday! Where did this phrase originate? In fact it is from an American self-help book written by a guy called Walter B Pitkin published in the 1930s.

The number Forty is very significant in the bible too. It is a number associated with waiting, preparation or test of punishment. It also symbolizes a long period of time, perhaps not something the friend wanted to hear!

In the Old Testament Noah’s flood lasted 40 days. It was forty days after the birth that Christ was presented to the temple, Jesus also fasted for forty days in the wilderness. In fact the number 40 is mentioned 98 times in the bible.

At the end of this month we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus (30th) into heaven, forty days after his resurrection. A special service usual marks this occasion and at Gloucester Cathedral the choir climb the steps of the tower to sing out across the city to celebrate this special day

Another celebration taking place this year is Open the Book. It will be 20 years old. In 1999 a small group of church volunteers started going into Bedford primary schools to read and act out stories from the bible. Soon the project spread to all over the country. A team of volunteers from Saint James’ diligently goes into two of our primary schools each week. The children love listening to their stories and enjoy watching the adults act them out. We can always do with more volunteers, so if you’d like to try out your acting skills in front of youngsters please let me know. I’m sure you’ll be made most welcome.

With every Blessing

Fr. John
Rector and Parish Priest
Saint James’ Quedgeley & Kingsway
Driving along the A38 towards Bristol for about 16 miles, as you pass through Falfield, a sign points to the right for `Eastwood Park` a large house in its own grounds and farmland out of sight of the road. It is a most beautiful building both inside and out with its own clock tower, the house looks out over the A38 as far as the eye can see. Recently it was owned by the `N H S ` as a Conference Centre but in the 60`s it had more serious uses.

Eastwood Park was one of three Civil Defence Training Schools and in the grounds a small purpose built estate for rescue training which included everything from basements to tall buildings with many types of damage depicted. Just a word about Civil Defence at that time, with the possible threat of the cold war, many people said if anything happened, Civil defence would be of no use.

But it was the Civil Defence that co-ordinated rescue in the event of serious civil disasters. A close friend of mine was a rescue volunteer at the Harrow/ Wealdstone disaster when three trains collided in the station and casualties had to be rescued from carriages stacked three high.

I had joined the Gloucester City Civil Defence Rescue Section as a volunteer in 1961 and later enquired about the Rescue Instructors Course and on being told by Gloucestershire’s Chief Civil Defence Officer of a vacancy available, I applied and was accepted at Falfield. So it was here that I was to spend a month in December 1963, staying in the accommodation block of the complex, training alongside full time Civil Defence Staff and Police Officers both day and night, all with the same aim to become Rescue Instructors.

I will never forget the first December morning entering for breakfast through the massive curved top mahogany doors and highly polished mahogany floors of the dining hall, it was an incredible room. The view from the large windows and the sun shining down over the mist that shrouded the A38 and valley behind was a breathtaking sight.

But the hard work was to soon begin. The rescue site was designed so that casualties with realistically faked injuries could be positioned in buildings or under debris through safe entrances.

In that month at Eastwood Park we sweated under tons of rubble and froze in the snow when working on the top of the search area but the results made it worthwhile. Such was the setting on one part of the site, the rescue team having identified two people trapped under the rubble. Lying on their stomachs the team had to physically dig through rubble with water dripping from above we came upon a steel girder that was carrying heavy weights, digging beneath to give us enough room to squeeze through on the basis being If you can get your head through your body will follow. It was decided I was the smallest of the team ( those where the days ) I was put forward to go through and with my head under the other side of the beam on turning to the casualty inches away, I faced what was a faked crushed limb, reality began there.
The skill of this make up by Casualty Union is used in real training for emergency services, nurses and doctors and it is impossible to tell the difference between a real injury and a fake one, a skill I was to learn later.

At my presentation it was stated that I was the first rescue volunteer in Gloucester City to complete what was known to staff as a very difficult course. It was sometime later when I was taking rescue classes in Cirencester, that the ‘Aberfan Disaster’ occurred. My group desperately wanted to go down to help, but we could only go if officially released in order to avoid causing serious congestion in Aberfan, so we had to sit back whilst teams closer went to their aid.

Later that year Gloucester City Rescue Section were asked to send a volunteer to London to attend the British Legion Day of Remembrance. I was chosen to go and because for a couple of years I had sold poppies, something else I believed in, this meant a lot to me. But no! The last minute I was turned down for not being tall enough. I don’t know if it is changed now, but you had to be within a certain height, no taller no shorter, so it looked good on parade. Were they as choosy when our elders were taken to fight in the last war?

I came away with many memories and a Silver Grade Instructors Certificate that required 85% pass in all subjects. It was to be in the mid 90’s I had reason to use this knowledge rescuing a tenant in a very serious maisonette fire in St Mary’s Square, the brigade could see when coming down from Eastern avenue.

Up to the late 60’s the title ‘Fire Service’ was just that although obviously they bravely saved many people from fires, but they were unequipped for heavy rescue and it was in the late 60’s that they became ‘Fire & Rescue’ and that part of Civil Defence then disbanded as we knew it.

At the point of change the Fire Service were actually at the City Civil Defence H Q at Bewick House, the crews in the class room studying theory in rescue training and with a vehicle and driver outside on standby, it was from there that they responded to the call of the plane crash in Tuffley Avenue.

We now have a Fire & Rescue Service to be proud of, carrying out the most horrendous, difficult and dangerous work of any of the emergency services. It is for us to ensure we maintain that quality of service by maintaining full time personnel in the fire service.

Graham F Johnson
At our last Branch meeting we had a speaker from the Cotswolds Orders and Medals Research Society who spoke about the role of H.M.H.S. Uganda in the Falklands War. Our speaker was a merchant marine Officer on the Uganda when it was requisitioned as a Hospital ship, "refitted in Gibraltar in 65 hours" and then sailed to the Falklands where she was kept busy caring for casualties. Our speaker apart from his seaman's duties became a stretcher bearer and general first aider providing first aid all through the campaign. It was a very interesting talk.

March 22nd we held our Poppy Awards evening when we say thank you to everyone who has helped with the Appeal. The main award of the evening was the Tony Eagles M.B.E. Memorial Award which went to the Renault Formula 1 Race Team who buy our Poppies and Poppy Pins and wristbands every year wherever they may be. 2018 they were in Brazil.

We also said goodbye to our Padre Rev Andrew James and his wife Julie, as they are retiring but will still live locally. We also took the opportunity to present two Branch Certificates of appreciation to Branch Members who have gone above and beyond.

On Saturday 29th June there will be an Armed Forces Day Parade and Fun Day in Gloucester. The parade will go from the Cathedral up Westgate Street and down Southgate Street to Back Badge Square in the Docks. It will be led by a Military Band, Veterans, Cadets and members of the Armed Forces will take part. There will be stalls, a Bar, BBQ etc. and a Flypast by a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Flight.

Our next Branch Meeting will be 8th May we will have a First Aid display and demonstration.
Here is a list of the Beacon Children’s Centre activities and groups that are currently running. If you would like more information or are considering running a group, please pop in for a chat from 1 – 4pm or email beaconcc@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk. Don’t forget you can also support the Beacon Children’s Centre through Gloucester Lottery. We need your help to keep this facility open.
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Dear Readers,

With Easter bonnets put away, chocolate eggs all eaten and sunshine out for all to enjoy, the children are working really hard; achieving a lot through their learning, sharing ideas and using their wonderful imaginations to enhance their work. They are also not afraid to take on a challenge or two.

During May, our Year 6 cohort will be, yet again, taking on another challenge, their SATS. They have been working and progressing well with the support and help from their Teachers/TAs and parents/carers. Good luck to you all.

London Trip

Year 3 had the most amazing day in London as part of our theme "Amazing places and spaces". They saw lots of the important landmarks on their walk, including; The London Eye, The Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square and fantastic views from Embankment bridge and Westminster bridge. They even had time to pop into the Natural History Museum to explore the dinosaurs, take a look at the wonderful artwork in the National Gallery and have a picnic in the park. Perhaps their favourite part was getting on The Tube (getting 60 children onto a tube carriage was an interesting mission)! The children were absolutely exhausted by the time they got back on the coach with a few children having a little snooze on the way home. What a thoroughly good day out!

Train to be an Astronaut

At the end of term, Year 5 took part in a Train to be an Astronaut day. They took part in a range of activities that tested their fitness, reactions, balance and knowledge of the body. Year 5 completed the tasks in teams, earning house points for the greatest number of steps taken; the most number of tennis ball bounces while standing on one foot and for fastest reactions as a combined team effort. By the end of the day, they realised just how much training it takes to be considered to jet off into space!
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Qudgeley Town Council News

We start by welcoming newly co-opted councillor, Mrs Janette Williams who has recently joined the Town Council, serving the Kingsway Ward. Cllr Williams brings with her a wealth of life experience and is keen to give back to the community now that she has more time on her hands. We are sure that Cllr Williams will soon feel very much part of the team. We also have a bye-election coming up on the 16th May for a seat on the Kingsway Ward for which we already have one nomination. All going well we will soon be back up to full capacity with regards to Councillors. We also however need to say goodbye to Cllr Bob Massey who also served the Kingsway Ward. Bob has recently left the council and we wish him all the best.

Please put a note in your diary for the Annual Parish Assembly which is due to be held Thursday 30th May 2019 at 7pm, Kingsway Sports Pavilion. This year we are inviting you to come along and speak to us about car parking!! Refreshments are always available, we have a guest speaker from the South West Ambulance Team and it is a chance for you to come along and meet your Town Councillors. There will also be a copy of the Town Council’s action plan which we have committed to working towards in order to invest even more into our community as well as an annual report covering what has been achieved over the last 12 months. Ever wondered what you pay your precept towards? This is your chance to learn more about your local council, what it does for you and what you can get from it.

Our Easter Egg Hunt has now passed and at the time of writing, it is too early to provide feedback, however next month we will publish some photos and a general write up and hopefully the sun will be shining on the day.

Thank you to everyone who took note of our plea regarding safe and respectful parking. Unfortunately, not everyone has taken heed, however we live in hope.

Did you know: Having recently held a seminar, your council is mindful that not everyone is aware that they are covered by Qudgeley Town Council so as a reminder, if you are a resident of Kingsway, Green Farm, Copeland Park or Qudgeley, all of these areas fall within Qudgeley and in doing so your local council is Qudgeley Town Council. This includes if you are booking parties, you will receive a favoured rate and if you need dog bags you can obtain these free of charge from our offices. The Town Council office is open daily as shown below with a team of four staff, a friendly bunch, so don’t be afraid to pop along with any concerns you might have relating to your local community. The Town Council if you are not aware is next door to Dee & Griffin Solicitors at the bottom of School Lane behind the village hall.
## Planning Applications: A Snapshot

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### Events: Future events

- **Dog Show** - 23/06/2019
- **Fireworks** - 09/11/2019

### Opening Times:
- **School Lane Office**: Mondays – Fridays 9.30am – 2.30pm
- **Kingsway Office**: Tuesday mornings: 9.30am – 1.00pm – During Term Time only

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The sessions will be on Tuesdays, 5 – 6 pm, at The Rob Dawe Memorial Close, Green Lane, Hardwicke. The sessions start on the 23rd April 2019. Each session will cost £2 (with a one off registration fee of £3)

To register for the sessions visit the Hardwicke Rangers website, The FA website or contactus@hardwickerangersyfc.org

**New bench for Kingsway**

Kingsway City Councillors Jennie Watkins and Richard Cook commissioned the pictured bench which will be sited by the cycle/foot path rear of the Sports Pavilion.

It is a great reminder of the local wildlife and the work done by the Kingsway Wildlife and Sustainability Group.

This lovely carved bench will be a valued asset to the area.
Help If We Can

We also visited Portsmouth where we were invited to the inspection at TS Alacrity, a Naval Group who have been up in Quedgeley several times taking part in our events. They fixed up a visit to the Mary Rose for us which was extremely interesting.

We are now getting ready to visit (some of us for the 11th time) Ypres in Belgium and to take part in the Menin Gate Ceremony which takes place every day of the year including Christmas Day. Here the Last Post is played in memory of all those British and Empire members of the military who were killed in World War 1. We are laying 9 wreaths on this visit. This time we are making a presentation to the Chairman of the Last Post Association who organise this daily Service no matter what the weather or time of year. We as always have a full coachload travelling (and we have a waiting list). The Last Post is also played at Ploegsteert on the Messines Ridge where our Secretary Margaret Slatter lays a wreath on the memorial of her Grand Father.

On Saturday June 1st we have a Quiz Night at the Thatch in Bristol Road, Quedgeley which starts at 7.00pm. To enter (teams of 4 welcome £6) just contact the Charity (bulldog.smith@btinternet.com> or call 01452 725343 between 5.00pm-7.00pm. You can pay your £6 on the night. Bring your pens. Food available which you can pre book by calling the Thatch.

On Saturday 22nd June we have our Annual Show in Severn Vale School, music, dancing, choir, community singing. Just come along or pre book as above.

On the 30th June we have the BIG BIG SHOW at Fishers Meadow where we will be celebrating the 999 Services. There are arena and static displays as well as a Dog Show, cars and much more. Pay at the gate, open to the public from 1000am-4.00pm.

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We welcome Keith to the team who has volunteered to help out at distribution from the Village Hall and taking out to deliverers when one of the regulars is not able to do so.

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When you Fast

In our society today, fasting is often associated with big religious events such as Lent or Ramadan. The meaning and essence of fasting is gradually being forgotten, even amongst religious folks. Biblical account shows that fasting is an ancient practice and Jesus expects his disciples to observe. He declared "And when you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get.” – Matthew 6:16. For Jesus it is not “if you fast” but “when you fast” which suggests His expectation for us to fast. Several passages in the New Testament shows that the apostles and the church continued to fast.

What is fasting? Fasting is a time when a person, a group of people or a nation humble themselves before the Almighty God by denying their body food (and sometimes water) but rather set their hearts towards God in prayers. It is a special time between man and God and it is often always rewarded with a response from God. Fasting is not just about skipping meals but a deliberate attempt to set a time apart to seek the face of God in humility.

Who can fast? Anybody can fast! You don’t have to be a Christian to fast. However you need to believe in the Almighty God, the creator of heaven and earth, the One with whom nothing is impossible. The bible contain examples of righteous men who had fasted such as Moses, Elijah, David, Paul, the church and even Jesus Christ. Also it contains examples of wicked men and wicked nations that fasted such as King Ahab, and the nation of Nineveh. In all cases God responded to their request because they humbled themselves in fasting.

In particular King Ahab was one of the wicked Kings in Israel and he had a very wicked wife, Queen Jezebel. In 1 Kings 16:30 the bible declares “Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him.” In 1 Kings 21 God sent Elijah to declare His judgment on Ahab and his family. “It came about when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about despondently. Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, “Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days, but I will bring the evil upon his house in his son’s days.””- 1 Kings 21: 27 -29

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