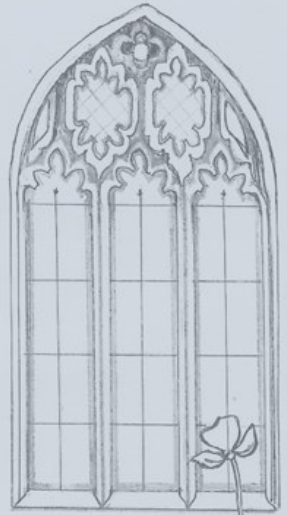
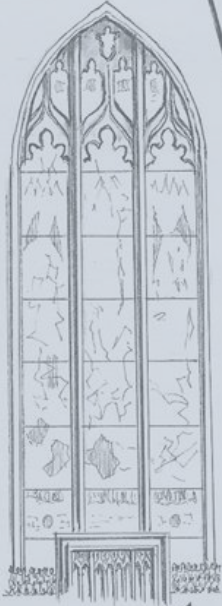


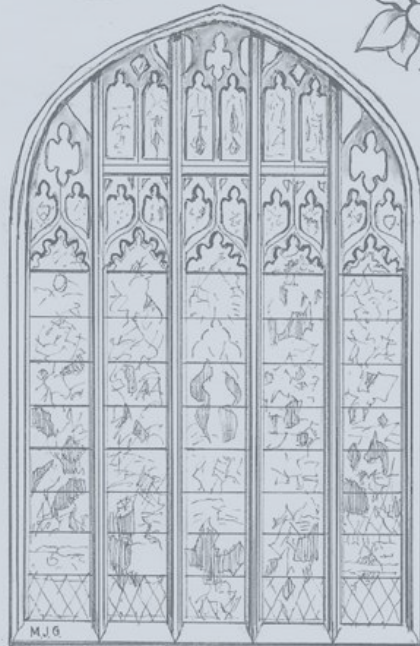
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November 2025

DATES & TIMES OF WORSHIP AT THE PARISH CHURCHES OF ABBOTSKERSWELL COFFINSWELL and KINGSKERSWELL for November 2025

Abbotskerswell

2 nd Nov.	10.30am	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Service of Light
9 th Nov.	10.30am	Remembrance Service
	10.00am	Sunday Club in Church House
	6.00pm	Evensong
16 th Nov.	10.30am	Eucharist
23 rd Nov.	10.30am	Family Worship

Coffinswell

2 nd Nov.	9.00am	Eucharist
9 th Nov.	9.00am	Eucharist Remembrance Service
16 th Nov.	9.00am	Eucharist
23 rd Nov.	9.00am	Morning Worship

Kingskerswell

2 nd Nov.	10.30am	Family Worship
	3.30pm	Service of Light
9 th Nov.	1015am	Remembrance Service
16 th Nov.	10.30am	Morning Worship
23 rd Nov.	10.30am	Eucharist
30 th Nov.	10.30am	Joint Eucharist

For further information please contact the Parish Church Office.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism. “The Family of God welcomes,”

5th Oct. Reya Antonia, daughter of Daniel & Cezara Hugo

Funerals. “Rest eternal grant to them Lord,”

26th Sept. Interment of Ashes of the late Steven Gillett at Kingskerswell Churchyard

26th Sept. Nicola Pilkington, aged, at Abbotskerswell Parish Church followed by cremation

3rd Oct. Interment of Ashes of the late Beryl Cooper at Abbotskerswell Churchyard

6th Oct. Graveside service for George Patterson aged 100, at Coffinswell Churchyard

Funerals. “Rest eternal grant to them Lord,”

9th Oct. Interment of Ashes of the late Geoffrey & Mary
Westlake at Kingskerswell Churchyard

18th Oct. Interment of Ashes of the late Ernest Baker at
Coffinswell Churchyard

PASTORAL LETTER FROM OUR VICAR

Like many others I was delighted by the appointment of Dame Sarah Mullally as the new Archbishop of Canturbury. It is a breath of fresh air to see such a wise and balanced woman appointed to such an influential leadership position. Although the reactions I have seen here in the UK have been overwhelmingly positive, there has been some disquiet in some of the more “traditionally-minded” parts of the world-wide Anglican Communion.

Personally I am not a great fan of that most flexible and unreliable thing - “*tradition*”. A great many of us have a tendency to idealise the past. This made me think. Was the past I have lived through and can remember, actually better than now? Maybe *some* aspects were. For example, I feel it is highly questionable that the invention of the internet and smartphones have been of great benefit to our society. Despite that, I can’t honestly say there is any point on the last 50 years that was so universally great that it would be better if we could somehow go back how it was then. That would be as crazy as someone in 2050 looking back wistfully at 2025 and wishing things were back as they “used to be” back then! The past is always better when you don’t have to actually live there!

Of course paying attention to the lessons of the past and preserving the best ideas is an excellent and wise thing to do, but the flip side of that coin is that we can’t ever move forward properly if we are forever distracted with looking backwards all the time. The past has gone, leaving the present moment as the only place available to us where we can change things and progress.

In November I will feel myself turning into a grumpy old man as I feel irritated that American ideas of Halloween have taken over from the old Guy Fawkes traditions of my childhood. But the truth is that although we may not like everything about how the world changes, it is foolish to let it irritate us that much. The reality is that none of us

have much control over what happens in our lives or the changes that sweep over us, some gradually and sometimes without warning. That is simply a fact of life. But we would do well to regularly remind ourselves that we **can** have *some* control of how we react to those changes and challenges.

So I thank God for our new Archbishop of Canterbury and I will be one of those praying for her, that she will have the wisdom and leadership skills to deal with the changes and challenges of our present age.

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10 New Revised Standard Version

Michael Wilkie

Vicar

PRAYER-LINE

If you have an urgent prayer request, please contact the following. She will pass on the prayer need, along the line.

Sue Rider 325851

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (James 5.16).

Prayer requests are confidential. Please let us know of answers to prayers too.

WATCH THIS SPACE BECAUSE NEXT MONTH IT WILL BE SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

IT'S TREE OF HOPE TIME!

Now in its twelfth year we will be providing our alternative Christmas tree, in the form of a branch taken from the Churchyard.

All the money raised will be donated to a local charity and full details will be in the December magazine.

God Bless
Anita and David

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PILGRIMS WITH PICNICS (DEVON)



This historic church has an eccentric history; one of those little gems that made our pilgrimage so sumptuous. Bridgerule, though very tiny, was once administratively forced to have two administrations: East and West Bridgerule. It is bisected by the River Tamar, the historic border between Devon and Cornwall. Sense eventually prevailed and Bridgerule was gifted to Devon and the border therefore moved! The boundary between Devon is no longer the River Tamar AT THIS POINT!

Saint Bridget, Bridgerule. Glorious and beautifully maintained small church. Earliest date 1041 but rebuilt

1448. Font is rather older, it's Saxon and delightfully sited and lavishly screened into a wonderful Baptistry. Rood screen is magnificent, as is reredos. Fr Kingdon is commemorated in the sanctuary, remarkably served as priest for 70 years until his death in 1918. Close links with local Methodists. Isn't it wonderful how such a tiny and rural village of no great significance can have such a sublime sanctuary, acknowledged by so few and bypassed by so many?! We repeatedly recited our mantra, "If you've not been everywhere you're sure to have missed something". This little beauty is the proof.

Phil Shute

APPOINTMENT OF DAME SARAH MULLALLY



Dawn and I were thrilled to hear of the appointment of Dame Sarah Mullally as Archbishop of Canterbury-elect; we have a personal story. I am not qualified to give an opinion on the significance of the appointment of our first female archbishop. I know she has encountered much “opposition” since she was ordained and this has intensified as she has risen through the ranks of clergy.

I’m content that the Celtic Church which established Christianity throughout Devon and Cornwall after the departure of the Romans regarded and appointed men and women as equals in ministry before politics dominated the Church in Rome, (which was later to prevail).

Dawn was Confirmed by Dame Sarah Mullally when she was Bishop of Crediton. It was a wonderful, intimate service and it was clear the Bishop was a very special person. We also met her husband who was present, attentive and supportive; they seem great couple. Revd John Leonard had conducted Dawn through her Confirmation classes and was keen to support Dawn and meet the new Bishop at the ceremony in North Molton. He attended on his motor bike, arriving rather late as he had ridden to South Molton by mistake. He too was hugely impressed by Bishop Mullally.

We pray for Dame Sarah and all our congregations as we go forward.
Phil Shute

KINGSKERSWELL C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kingskerswell C of E Primary School are hiring – Meal Time Assistant.

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Hours: 7 hours 15 mins (12:00 to 1:15 daily)

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KINGSKERSWELL & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

Rejuvenating Old Plants

If the centre of a creeping plant starts to thin out, spread some old soil or old compost from a growing bag or container on top of the balding stems. This will encourage the stems to take root in the soil and send out new shoots to thicken the plant.

Clean and Tidy

Tidy up your creeping plants by pruning out dry, damaged or weak stems cutting back any that are too long and dividing the clumps if necessary. Any plants that are left over when clumps have been divided can be replanted elsewhere either as creepers or climbers.

Our next meeting is 22nd November. We meet on the last Friday in the month at 7.15pm at the Community Centre. Admission £1 per person for members, £2 per person for visitors.

AJ

KINGSKERSWELL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday November 4th. at 7.30p.m. in Kingskerswell Community & Leisure Centre, School Rd.

This will be a presentation by David Ramsden MBE. "Climate and Ecological Crisis - what is all the fuss about?" This is an amazing talk. All are welcome. A non-member charge of £2 applies at indoor talks, which helps towards costs, just an interest in wildlife, is all that's necessary.

Field Meeting:

Saturday November 15th. This will be a group visit to see fungi and autumn colours etc. Meet at the Community Centre at 10.00a.m. to share transport, or at 10.30a.m. at middle car-park, Trendlebeer Down. Wear suitable footwear and carry a packed lunch. Visit "Cafe 360" at Bovey Tracey, for a cuppa, later.

Pauline Lawrence

KINGSKERSWELL WI

At our October meeting we were joined by some very special guests: an American Kestrel and a Barn Owl from the Devon Bird of Prey Centre along with Karen who talked passionately about the work of the Centre. Members agreed it was very enjoyable and showed an interest in visiting the Centre in the future.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is at 2.30pm on Tuesday 4th November when the topic will be Fresh Produce by Milestone Market Garden.

We meet at Kingskerswell Village Hall, 15 School Road, TQ12 5DJ. Coffee, tea and biscuits are served during the afternoon. We are a friendly group and look forward to welcoming you. A non-member charge of £5 applies at each meeting to cover our costs.

For more information: Contact Christine Millin 01803 875601 or Josie Charlton 07881 832902

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Leaves are changing colour and Nature is gifting us its annual glorious cacophony of colours before the leaves drop for the winter months. Something is calming about the anticipated and reassuring rhythm of the changing of the seasons in an increasingly unpredictable world.

November 9th, Remembrance Sunday approaches and the solemnity of Remembering those who gave their lives fighting against fascism and tyranny so that we could live our lives in freedom. Increasingly poignant in this, the 80th year since WW2 ended, those with lived memories of the horrors and hardships of the revulsion, dread, terror of war are increasingly fewer amongst us and their voices grow fainter. This in the face of growing fear, hatred and wars. Humanity doesn't seem to learn from past mistakes.

Thinking about seasons, and the warmer months in particular, KKPC would like to know if you would like to have a Petanque area in The Playing Field? Please do let us know. If we have a positive response then this is something we will seek to budget for.

We have yet to meet the Devon County Council Councillor Heather Horner, though she did send a report in to be read at the last Parish Council meeting - this is available to view on the Parish Council website, and was published in last month's Parish Magazine.

The Kingskerswell mural, along by Ocean BMW is now finished. As with all art, everyone will have a different thought about it - marmite could be a good description - some of us love it, some don't and some don't have an opinion. The artist has done a really good job on covering a vast length of hoarding on a very small budget.

Next year's Parish Council meeting dates have been agreed - and available to view on the website.

And also available to view on the website are the audited accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2025.

After the success of this year's Parish Council Summer Event, the date for next year's was agreed - Saturday 15th August 2026 12-5pm. If you have a bit of time to spare KKPC would welcome any help setting up and stewarding the event on the day. Currently this is run and stewarded by Cllrs and their family members.

October 1st Cllr Daniel and myself attended the annual DALC (Devon Association of Local Councils) AGM and conference. A great place to meet town and parish councillors and clerks from across the county, network and learn. I'm always astonished by how many of the issues are similar across the county, whilst at the same time each town, parish, rural community is entirely individual - in its makeup and topography.

Attending the DALC workshop "Devon Climate Emergency / Devon Resilience Forum" the opening question posed was "It's 5pm on a dark January evening, amidst a wild storm and suddenly the lights go out - what do you do? When you look out of the window you can't see any lights anywhere - and the internet / wifi is also down - you have no contact with anyone, no light or heat. What do you do?" KKPC would love to hear comments from the community about thoughts that you have if faced with this situation. And what do you think KKPC could and should do in this situation? It's a good time to reflect, with winter approaching, and consider your personal emergency plan. If you are vulnerable and need electricity - like for medical machinery or a stair-lift - it is your responsibility to register with the Utility Company and ensure you are on the priority list.

The question posed highlighted and underlined the real need for us all to be aware of, look out for and check in with our neighbours, in both good times and emergencies.

One of the interesting items to emerge from this exercise is how every community represented in that large room had different needs and responses. For example the very rural communities involved and depended on their farming community to assist with clearing blocked roads, flood rescues etc. whereas town councils had maintenance

teams that they could call upon (though in this exercise we had no wifi / internet /phone contact so calling anyone out would have been problematic). Many councils were in between and oft times the logistics and topography of the community dictated the Emergency Planning response. For example, in gloriously hilly Kingskerswell, if KKPC had a community generator - which hall would this be placed in - and who would be able to get to it to switch it on to warm the hall for freezing and chilled local residents? In a storm and flooding emergency the hills in the village could prevent people from getting from one end and one side of the village to the other. Cllr Daniel and I concluded that it might be more dangerous in Kingskerswell for the most vulnerable to even try to get to the local hall. I hope this this has given some food for thought to all readers and will spark many conversations through the community. KKPC would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. KKPC is already signed up to the Devon Resilience and in the Pavilion has the emergency pack - maybe each hall should also have one?

Attending the "Office of Police and Crime Commissioner" (OPCC) workshop we had a presentation - the slides will be available on the KKPC website - and a great deal of input from the delegates in the room - many action points were taken - and once again there were so many similarities in experiences of councils and clerks across the county.

One of the big takeaways is that Police funding is allocated nationwide by the number of crimes reported, Devon has the lowest Police funding and a low crime rate, Is this because Devonians don't report crimes - and if so is this because the system is too complex to try to figure out who to call if it's not a direct 999 call - or is it that people have little faith that there will be a response if a crime is reported and so don't bother? Is Devon crime reporting trapped in a circle? We were told that if you see a crime and it's not a 999 call to definitely call Crime Stoppers - on 0800 555 111. In the next weeks there will be the Crime Stoppers leaflets placed on the KKPC website, FB and notice boards to support this initiative.

There was also a general frustration that whilst the OPCC is funding youth sports in the cities to help address and decrease anti-social behaviours, the parishes across the county are struggling to find funding grants and then the provider to provide Youth Services -

which has to follow all current safeguarding legislation and is thus not possible to offer in the more relaxed manner as it was in the years gone by.

Another upbeat takeaway from the conference was the report from Exmouth Town Council who won the Climate Star Council award for their efforts in reducing waste throughout this holiday destination town. Efforts include a reusable takeaway cup that 3 of the cafe's currently use, a "serpent" on the seafront who "eats " plastic waste fed to it instead of letting them harm the marine life on the beach and in the sea, an electric tuk-tuk taking exhibitions across the town and to the schools, a drive on reusable period products and more.

On that upbeat note I wish everyone a wholesome month ahead.
Cllr Janet Carter, on behalf of KKPC



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WORDSEARCH

The 10th November is the start of World Nursery Rhyme Week and with Helen Rowswell, this month's guest creator working in the playgroup, she couldn't help herself!

Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education by boosting vocabulary and numeracy skills. See how many you can find in the grid, the remaining letters will spell out a phrase which may surprise you!

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HUMPTY DUMPTY

JACK AND JILL

LITTLE MISS MUFFET

THREE BLIND MICE

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD

MARY MARY QUITE CONTRARY

LONDON BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN

HEAD SHOULDERS KNEES AND TOES

BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP

INCY WINCY SPIDER

THE MUFFIN MAN

ORANGES AND LEMONS

First to notify

The answer to last month's Wordsearch was **AUTUMN REPRESENTS CHANGE, REFLECTION PLUS MATURITY** and the first out of the hat with the correct answer was Helen Rowswell. Well done Helen and you are the proud holder of the virtual trophy. Don't forget to polish it this month!

Do you want to be the next "guest creator"? It's really easy as all you have to do is provide the words and I'll do the rest. Give me a call if you want further information.

David Moate (07734 276810) (dmoate@hotmail.com)



The poster features the Kerswella logo at the top left, which includes a stylized green clover and the text "Kerswella supporting the local community". The main title "Digital Drop-in" is in large white font, with the subtitle "Get help with your mobile devices at the Pavilion" below it. The event details are listed: "Drop in any time between 11:00 - 12:30 at The Pavilion Cafe - Playing Fields The 1st Tuesday of every month". A yellow banner says "STARTS" and a red banner says "5TH NOVEMBER". Below this, it says "Pop in for a coffee or bacon roll as well!" and shows images of a coffee cup and a bacon roll. On the right, a woman is shown using a tablet computer, with the image framed as if on a smartphone screen.

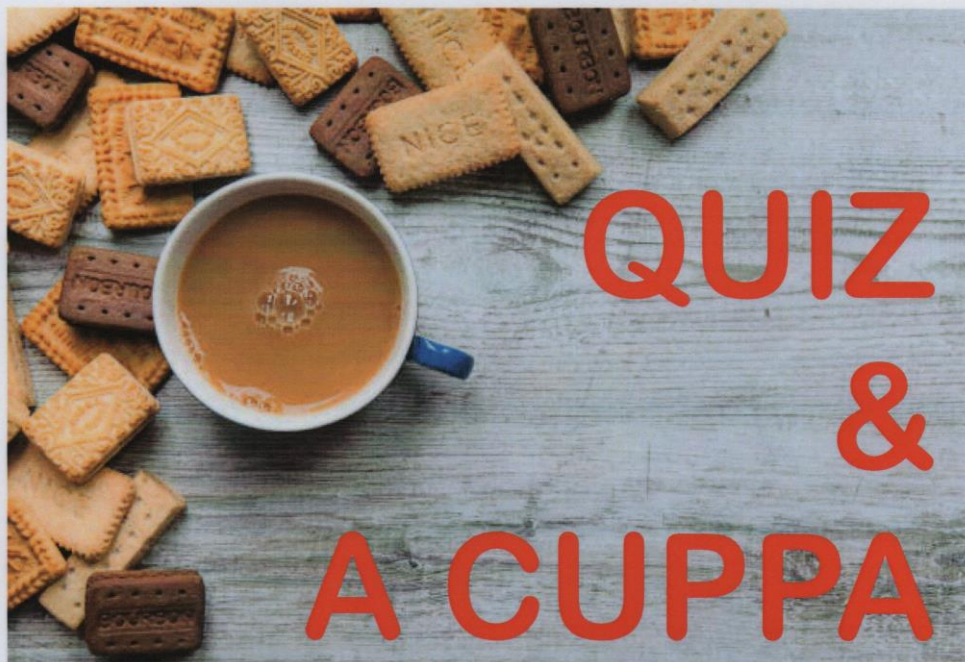
FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

The tune 'Flowers of the Forest' is often played at Remembrance Day Services. It's an ancient tune, usually played on the bagpipes. The earliest preserved lyrics were written by Jean Elliot in 1756.

One line reads, 'The floo'ers o' the Forest are a' wede (weeded) awa''. The 'Flowers' that have gone are the men of the land.

Remembering them, she also remembers the women and the children who will never enjoy those flowers.

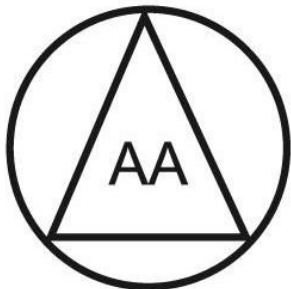
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Cathy

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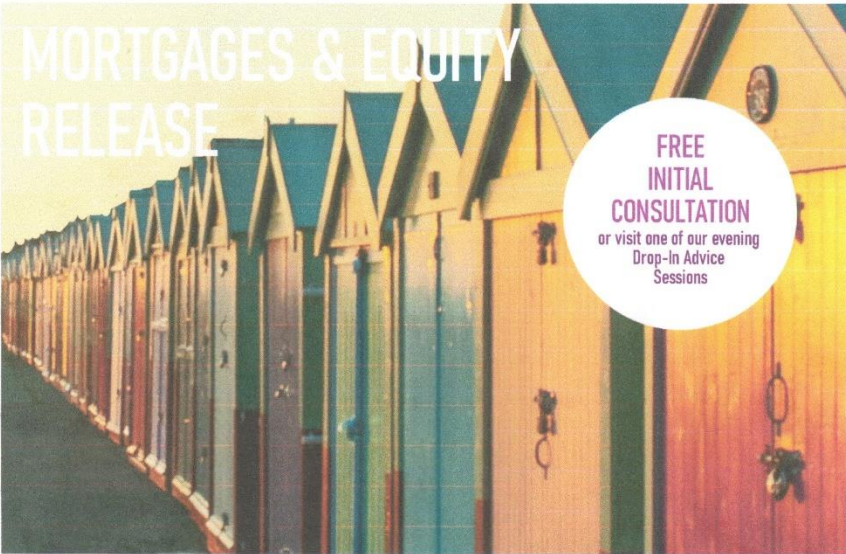
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- Respite Care
- Meals at home



Our mission is to provide a safe and caring environment for residents, who can maintain their independence and a lifestyle that is as close to that as they might expect at home, with the peace of mind that there is always someone there for them to provide assistance when required.

We offer day care to individuals to provide social interaction and to join in our activities. It also gives our visitors opportunity to use our services and facilities, such as chiropodist, hairdresser and our bathing facilities. We can provide transport for those in the local area.

For people living locally, we can provide hot nutritious meals delivered to your home Monday-Friday. Individual dietary needs and preferences will be taken into account, with individuals having the opportunity to choose from the day's menu by 9:30am.

Contact us on 01626 366244

Email : enquiries@mallands.co.uk • www.mallands.co.uk

Mallands Residential Care Home, Odle Hill, Abbotskerswell, TQ12 5NL



**Fun Fitness Classes for
the over 60s in
Kingskerswell every
Thursday.**

10:00-11am

and

11:45 - 12:45pm

Dance/Fitness Exercise to Music Classes

Low impact dance/fitness to music. Fun fitness classes to improve posture, balance, co-ordination, mobility, flexibility and strength.

1:30 - 2:15pm

Stay Fit, Stay Seated Class

Low impact exercise to music tailored for seated participant, these classes are perfect for anyone looking for a fun seated fitness to music class. Gentle on joints while improving posture, balance, co-ordination, mobility, flexibility and strength.



Fitness for Life  with Debbie Russell

For more information contact: 07825513086 email russelldebbie01@gmail.com

USEFUL INFORMATION & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: POLICE, AMBULANCE & FIRE 999

PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers)

Sharon McCaffey 101

Kingskerswell & Ipplepen Primary Healthcare Team

School Road, Kingskerswell 01803 874450

Torbay Hospital 01803 614567

Newton Abbot Hospital 01626 324500

Social Services 01392 384900

The Samaritans (24 hours) 01803 299999

Alcoholics Anonymous 08457 697555

British Gas 0800 111999

SW Electricity 0330 123 5001

SW Water 0344 346 1010

Bus Travel (Stagecoach) 01392 427711

Rail Travel (Enquiries) 03457 484950

Kingskerswell Library 01803 873723

Opening times

Monday 10.00am - 1.00pm

Tuesday 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Thursday Closed

Friday 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 10.00am -1.00pm

Kingskerswell Playgroup 07562 342884

Mon, Tues, Wed & Friday 9.00am-3.00pm

Kingskerswell & District Garden Association 01803 873709

Teignbridge District Council 01626 361101

Abbotskerswell Parish Clerk 01364 654607

Coffinswell Parish Clerk 07860 658002

Kingskerswell Parish Clerk 01803 872573

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