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Happy New Year !

Photo by Wally

So how was it for you then?!! The worst snowfalls and coldest temperatures for, we are told, 30 years. Memorable is one way of describing it. Or, if you prefer, frustrating, if you absolutely had to drive out from the village. Of course, if you went a third of a mile in either direction to the B3151 it was as clear as a bell!! You do not need to be told all of this, of course, as most will already know it. So the question is what went wrong for us as a village? Well, that's easy – everything! And it starts with Somerset County Council not gritting Kingsdon Hill, Top Street, and Lodge Road. This led to First Bus being unable, for a week, to drive through the village, effectively marooning many of the population – young and old alike. Needless to say, your Parish Council chased Highways to improve the situation for us, but they steadfastly refused to do so, citing policy/cost and lack of grit available to them. We tried, oh how we tried, to make them see reason but policy is everything and will not be moved. Main bus routes are not a priority. There was one small glimmer though in the early days of the freeze. Highways offered us 10 x 20 kg = 200 kg of salt/sand, but only if we went and collected it! Step forward Wally Elliott with his trailer. We collected it and spread some – 10 bags doesn't go far. We managed to get another 15 from Glastonbury and did the same again. The problem for us was shifting it – there's only so much a little trailer can carry. After that there was no more.

More phone calls didn't help much, more pleading and more discussions didn't do much either. I then got talking to a parishioner, discussing all of the above. He told me that many years ago local farmers/contractors were given snow ploughs by SCC to use when they advised. He also said that Cary Traders at Lytes Cary had one. So more phone calls to Highways. It turned out that the system was still in place but guess what – Kingsdon was not on anyone's list to be cleared. Well done Highways!! I am told that we are now. When Cary Traders offered to do the roads, they were sent home. Money I suppose.

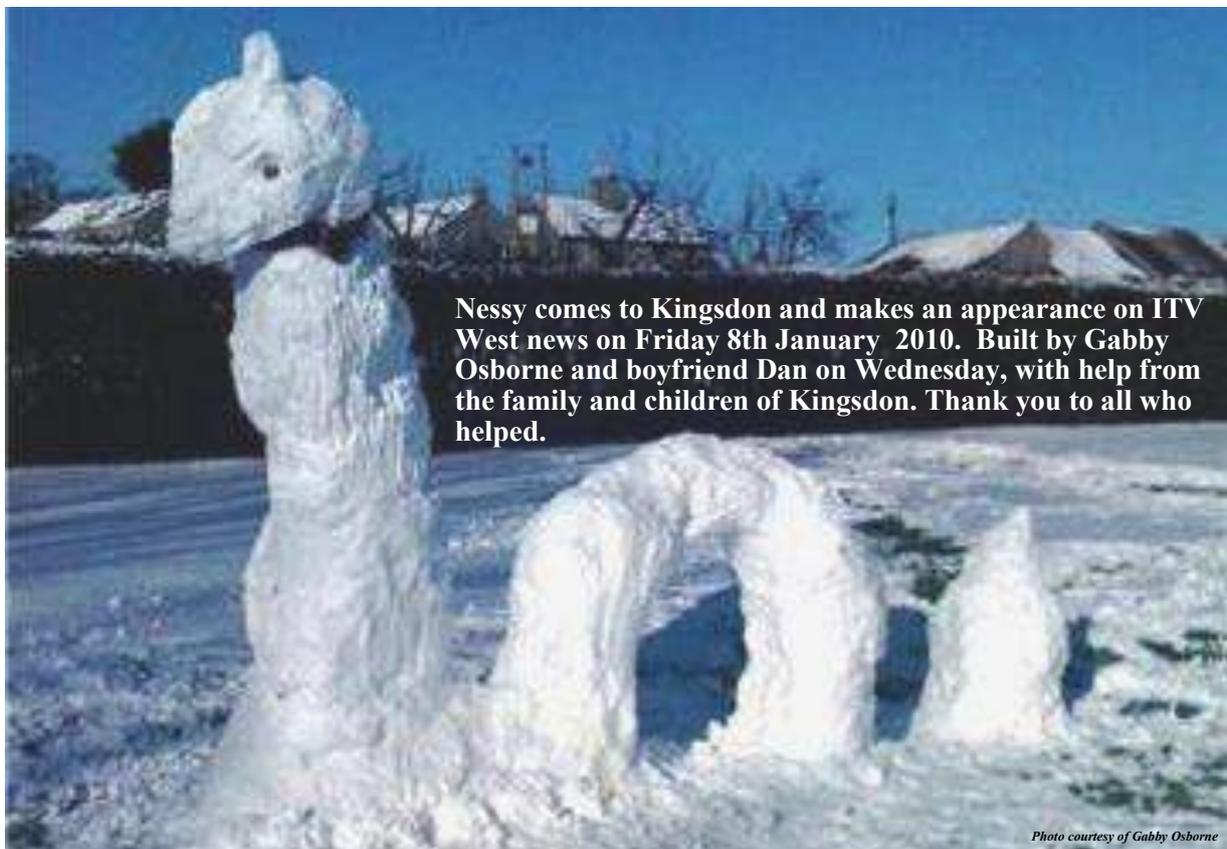
Anyway, the point of all this is that we have to ask ourselves, could we have handled the situation a little better as a Parish Council or as parishioners, and the obvious answer must be yes. We have constantly been told recently we must do more for ourselves, either as individuals or as communities. Let's start there.

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We cannot rely on County Highways to keep us attached to the main roads by keeping clear the feeder roads i.e. Lodge Road/Top Street/Kingsdon Hill. We need to be able to clear snow to some passable level. Jimmy Zouche, our County Councillor, suggested at our last Parish Council Meeting, that we nominate a local farmer. So that is now ongoing, thanks to Mervyn Attwell, who stepped forward. Jimmy has also offered us £500 towards the purchase of grit bins. We have to buy them as Highways will not finance the bins, but once in place they will fill them. We are currently approaching our SSDC Councillor John Calvert for further financial help to purchase these. These efforts combined will at least help towards freedom of movement. We also need to establish a list of those willing to help at times of difficulty. Either to spread grit; help people with collection of prescriptions; shopping; or whatever is needed. Many people become concerned when they are unable to do these things for themselves – not unnaturally. If you are willing to help, have suitable transport etc. and would be happy to give a telephone number, or better still an email address, to Wally, he could then send everyone a warning that help may be necessary. It seems that we need to establish a security system and with modern communications it is very easy to do so. I am sure some will think this may be an overreaction – a bit of snow – but to a lot of parishioners life became quite difficult. So if you like the idea, sign up now. Wally's email is on the information page. Just out of interest, with all the difficulties, our local MP David Heath had some words to say about his problems with the weather. Much the same as ours! Really we need to be more prepared and hopefully all of the above would put us some way forward towards this aim.

For those of us that use buses (no not you Nigel!!) can I remind you that we also have access to the Nippy Bus N11. If you wish to use it, a phone call needs to be made to pre book on 01935 823888. We are in what is described as the service area. It goes 3 times a day Monday to Saturday. Details are always in the South Somerset Area bus timetable. It is handy for the hospital etc. The timetable really tells you all you need to know about it. Whilst on the subject of buses, I will just clarify the situation regarding the 54 service. I am not in any position to tell you that it will come through the village. It is all about costs, EU driver regulations, time – you name it. What I am currently hoping for is an official bus stop on the B3151. That may eventually lead to diversion of the route through the village. Eventually!! I keep trying, but please do not expect anything soon on this front. The current timetable is very tightly scheduled for all of the reasons above and originally I was quoted £1000 per week to divert the bus.

So that is where we are at the end of January. Let us look forward to spring. (*Patrick Leahy*)



Nessy comes to Kingsdon and makes an appearance on ITV West news on Friday 8th January 2010. Built by Gabby Osborne and boyfriend Dan on Wednesday, with help from the family and children of Kingsdon. Thank you to all who helped.

Photo courtesy of Gabby Osborne

Thank You Shirley

(Thursday 28th January) A big thank you to Shirley Singleton for picking up the disgusting litter mess that had been deposited by some moron along Lodge Road.

Snowy Kingsdon photos from Sally Smith



SNOW
by Peter Crowter

There's nothing more exciting when you are 9 years old,
Than to wake up on a snowy morn and never mind the cold.
You gobble down your breakfast as quickly as you can,
You cannot wait to get outside and build a snowy man.
'Don't eat so fast', says mother, 'It's not going to go away.
No need to get the tummy ache 'cause you have got all day'

Kids are lucky nowadays 'cause when it snows you know,
They close the schools, the kids stay home 'cause they don't have to go.
It's dangerous to travel, well this is what they say,
So lessons are forgotten, as out in the snow they play.
In Kingsdon in the forties, we kids had no such luck,
We children had to walk to school, we couldn't run amok.

The good news was however, no health and safety rules.
No silly laws from Brussels to suffocate the schools.
We snowballed in the playground or made a brilliant slide,
And teacher told us 'Children, you can go and play outside.'
They gave us longer playtimes so we could have some fun,
And watched us slide and slither down our little Cresta Run.

On Saturdays and Sundays, when we were free to roam,
We used to pull our sledges quite a distance from our home.
The first leg of our journey was to where the council houses are,
And then on to a rutted lane where there was no more tar.
The lane went on for ages through fields that were quite flat,
At last we came to a steep field that we all called 'Cocked Hat.'

We jumped upon our sledges and belted down the slope,
And when the snow got flattened it was as slippery as soap.
We started to go faster and so this increased the thrill,
But on the other hand increased the chances of a spill.
There were some great big anthills, that were much better dodged,
If you encountered one of those then you were all dislodged.

And after lots of speedy rides and trudges up the hill,
We started getting weary and we felt we'd had our fill.
With rosy cheeks and beating hearts and breathing puffs of steam,
We'd turn for home all satisfied and in our eyes a gleam.
And though we're feeling weary as we wander down the lane,
It's Sunday on the morrow, we can do it all again.

Kingsdon Inn Christmas Draw raises £277

The Christmas draw held annually at The Kingsdon Inn normally puts all its income into prizes. Christmas just gone however was different. Our landlord Algy decided that half of all the proceeds would be sent to the charity 'Help for Heroes'. By the time the draw was made on Christmas Eve £277 had been raised for the charity.



More photos from Wally



Above - Some one has a dent to the front of their vehicle!

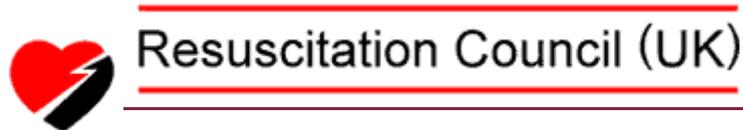


Even the Church service had to be cancelled

Kingsdon's Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Update

At 9am on Thursday 19th February 2009 the first public automatic external defibrillator (AED) in Somerset situated at the Kingsdon Inn was officially brought into use. During the year since inauguration I am more than happy that the defibrillator has not been required. "So why have one"? I have been asked. It is quite simple, we think nothing of having a smoke alarm and fire extinguishers in the home or work place which we hope will not be needed, so why not a defibrillator? It is better to be safe than sorry.

In April last year a Chronicle Supplement was published and delivered to all households in Kingsdon. The supplement contains important information concerning the use of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) which is situated at the Kingsdon Inn Cottage, together with other important first aid matters relating to heart attacks. Should anyone wish to have a copy please contact Wally on 01935 841444 or email wallyelliott@hotmail.com



Background

The Resuscitation Council (UK) was formed in August 1981 by a group of medical practitioners from a variety of specialities who shared an interest in, and concern for, the subject of resuscitation.

The objective of the Council was, and still is, to facilitate education of both lay and healthcare professional members of the population in the most effective methods of resuscitation appropriate to their needs.

Statement from: The Resuscitation Council (UK)

Press Release, April 2009 – "It is the view of the Resuscitation Council (UK) that the use of AEDs should not be restricted to trained personnel. Furthermore, the Resuscitation Council (UK) considers that it is inappropriate to display notices to the effect that only trained personnel should use the devices, or to restrict their use in other ways. Such restrictions are against the interests of victims of cardiac arrest and discourage the greater use of AEDs by members of the public, who may be able to preserve life and assist victims of cardiac arrest." To find out more, go to : enquiries@resus.org.uk .



It is the goal of Council to lo-
Access Defib-
communities and homes, and to make them as commonplace as fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

the Resuscitation
cate PADs (Public
rillators) in com-

The following NHS Ambulance Services support the initiative to have Public Access Defibrillators in communities:

- The Great Western Ambulance Service
- The Welsh Ambulance Service
- The East Midlands Ambulance Service
- The South Central Ambulance Service
- The South Western Ambulance Service

There is a new walk-in-surgery at Yeovil Health Centre

Top floor Boots, Middle Street, Yeovil Open 8.00am - 8.00pm every day Tel: 01935 709269

Open every day of the year 8am to 8pm (seven days a week, including Christmas Day)

Normal GP and nurse care plus minor injuries, travel advice, mole checks and many other free health services. Quick and convenient health checks (including blood pressure and cholesterol). Also, Sexual health and contraceptive aid are obtainable at times to suit you. Anyone can walk in for prompt attention - you do not have to be registered with us. (GP registrations also available)

The NHS Yeovil Health Centre is run by Pathways Health and Social Care Alliance Ltd, a limited company set up by GPs and Practice Managers from four local practices.

NHS Somerset has given Pathways Health and Social Care Alliance the contract to operate the NHS Yeovil Health Centre in Boots Store, Middle Street, Yeovil.

Pathways Health and Social Care Alliance is a collaboration of doctors and practice managers drawn from four local general practices. They have a broad understanding of how health care services can be improved, especially for people who currently have difficulty getting to see a doctor.

Patients can stay registered with their existing GP and still be able to "walk in" for one-off consultations, minor injuries and other services. They are also welcome to register with the Health Centre should they wish.

The Health Centre will provide a mix of traditional general practice and innovative health and social care. Apart from GPs, practice nurses and health care assistants, we are also planning to have counsellors and other health experts available on site. The Clinic will also have better access to Social Services, housing advice, community services and voluntary groups, so that people with complex health and social needs can be given a greater level of help than is currently available.

Dr George Nott-Bower, Pathways Chief Executive and local GP, said "We put a lot of effort into finding out what the people of South Somerset wanted from a new Health Centre open for longer hours. We are confident that the Yeovil NHS Healthcare Centre will build on the existing high quality general practice in Somerset to provide an excellent service which reaches into all parts of our community."

For further information, please contact Dr Paul Scott, Director of Communications, on 01935 822236, or Mrs Karen Lashly, Director of Human Resources, on 01935 470733.

Email: info@yeovilhealthcentre.nhs.uk Website: www.yeovilhealthcentre.nhs.uk

Kingsdon Profile

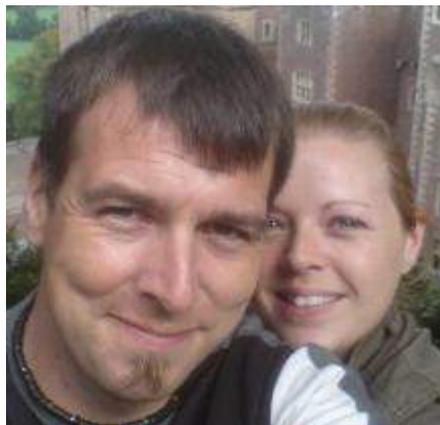
Darren Smith & Katrina Anstey

This months profile is a couple who moved to 32 Top Street, Kingsdon on 30th September last year. Darren is a maintenance engineer in social housing. Katrina is an assembly operator and dispatch supervisor with Koller engineering.

They are both members of the covers band 'Boda Fire', a five- piece band for every occasion, playing at weddings, corporate functions, regular pub nights etc.

Lead singer Kat has sung with a number of leading Somerset bands and has also won numerous singing competitions, including The Bull show-down in Lanzarote . She is heavily influenced by female singer-song writers, such as Alanis Morissette, Sharleen Spiteri and Joni Mitchell and, as reflects someone with such eclectic tastes, is very comfortable singing in any number of styles. Katrina has been involved with charity work, having spent time working in Rumania. Her hobbies include painting, particularly ceramics and face painting. She loves growing her own vegetables.

Bass player Darren has been a regular on the Somerset scene since an early age, when he used to perform with his father in a combo called Coast to Coast. As well as playing in numerous cover bands he has done plenty of dep gigs and sessions. His talents know no ends, and he is only too happy to grab the mic when the opportunity presents itself. Darren has had lessons in various musical instruments. Away from music, he is a very good darts player. Darren has a 11 year old daughter, Hannah, from a previous marriage. A few years ago he did a short spell on the care staff at Kingsdon Manor School. Darren & Katrina are to marry at Kingsdon Church on 18th September 2010.



For information on the band:- www.bodafire.co.uk info@bodafire.co.uk or phone 07795436219

**Federation of Compton Dundon and
Kingsdon Church of England Primary Schools
January 2010**

The two Church of England primary schools of Compton Dundon and Kingsdon are now a Federation and have elected their joint Board of Governors. Alan Carnall (Kingsdon) has been elected Chair and Helen Thomas (Compton Dundon) Vice Chair. Our thanks go to Angie Saunders who has agreed to be a Community Governor from Kingsdon. Already the schools have started to explore ways that the children can meet regularly, through joint swimming lessons and 'Wellie Walks'. Very exciting for both schools and should be beneficial to the children and the staff and we hope help preserve the schools at the heart of their respective village communities.

At Kingsdon the school year started slowly, closing due to a suspected gas leak on the second day of term, followed by the snow and then a particularly virulent virus that hit many of the children and staff. It took nearly two weeks before the school returned to normal! Since then a number of the Juniors have been learning to write limericks of which there is a sample below.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

There was a young man from Dundee,
Who often liked climbing a tree.
One day he got stuck there
Got eaten by a huge bear,
That silly young man from Dundee!
Nathan Bartin, Year 6

There was a young man from Dundee,
Who spoke on behalf of a pea,
He thought it was funny,
He ate loads of Honey,
And loved to drink lots of tea!
Emily Young, Year 5

There was an old man from Bombay
Who ate all his meals from a tray,
He got covered in sand
From his head to his hand,
What a silly old man from Bombay.
*Eleanor Hammond, Year 6
and Hollie Simpson, Year 4*

There was a young woman from Bath,
Who walked her mad dog on a path.
She liked to chew pencils,
And eat loads of lentils,
And then her dog started to laugh.
Amelia Butler, Year 3

**Kingsdon Stores
Christmas Raffle Results**

Christmas Cake	John Curtis	White 492
Celebration Tin	Mrs Spender	Green 16
Ferrero Rocher large	Jenny Bassham	Green 251
Ferrero Rocher small	Babs	Green 42
Ferrero Rondnoir	Tony	Blue 484
Malteser Tree	Mr Uttley	Green 302
Lindt Reindeer	Mrs Peverly	Green 111
Singing Santa	Sheila	Blue 469
Fairy Decorations	Belinda	Green 159
Mulled Wine	Martin Singleton	Green 320
Biscuits	John Wrigglesworth	Green 66

Peter Pan finds his Wendy

At last Steve Attwell has decided the time has come to take life seriously and settle down, so —
On Christmas Day he and Tina Whatten of Weymouth became engaged.



Anthony Sycamore plays for Burns Night at The Kingsdon Inn



Those who attended the Burns Night at the Inn were fortunate to be entertained by Kingsdon's own pianist, Anthony Sycamore, who delighted everyone present by playing Jazz in a classic mode. Anthony, who lives at The Tall House in Kingsdon, has an extensive background in music. He gained an 'A' at Marlborough College before going on to the Royal Northern College of Music where he studied Piano under Gordon Green, Renna Kellaway and Derek Wyndham and Composition under Antony Gilbert. In 1982 he had private piano study with Roger Woodward. From 1982 to 85 he was at Worcester College, Oxford where he gained Music II.1 – Composition with Robert Sherlaw Johnson. Anthony is also a mathematician of some renown, at Marlborough College he gained a 'A1*' with the top mark in the country for Maths.

Anthony has agreed to play on 30th March at The Kingsdon Inn when a charity supper is to be held for Jim Masters' charity 'Just -a-Drop' This will be an evening not to miss. To ensure you have a good table, early booking is advised - phone the Inn on 01935 840543. More details will be announced shortly

Just-a-Drop

We are now watching with horror the terrible events in Haiti. Currently the water charity that I work with is in the process of focussing on using our expertise to help where we can. I wanted to take the opportunity of thanking people in the village for their kind and generous support and to tell you how we are doing our bit.

What is the aim of Just Help Haiti?

The aim is to help the ordinary people of Haiti in what is probably the worst natural disaster in living memory. However where Just-a-Drop is different is that our role is not to interfere with the work being undertaken by the big aid agencies dealing with the imperative emergency relief. Our role comes in when the chaos starts to settle down and you have thousands of displaced people living in make-shift refugee camps with nowhere else to go.

Our job is to help encourage communities back into their homes, villages and schools and this is only achievable where they have access to clean safe water and sanitation which is what Just-a-Drop is all about.

What is the plan of action?

Our job will be to reinstall and improve water and sanitation systems in local communities. We did this very successfully post the Tsunami, where at local level we rebuilt water and sanitation systems in several villages and left them with better facilities than they had before.

We will send in our specialist engineers. They have great experience having operated in difficult environments and circumstances in many parts of the world before. They will assess the situation and will then work with local construction companies and the local people to develop and build new systems. What we do will be based on the funds raised.

What is the long term goal of Just-a-Drop in supporting Haiti's recovery?

To use our funds and resources to get as many people back into their local community environments as soon as possible. This is not an easy undertaking and will take patience as well as effective management by our engineers and project officers. *Jim Masters*

Andre to run the Virgin London Marathon 2010 on 25th April to raise money for 'Against Breast Cancer'

Andre Milne, who was living at Ridge House, Frog Lane, Kingsdon prior to his recent posting to Portugal, is to attempt this year's Virgin London Marathon on 25th April. He is hoping to raise over £2,000 for the charity "Against Breast Cancer". Andre has written asking if the Chronicle can help by publicising his efforts. He writes;



I am completing this year's London Marathon for "Against Breast Cancer". This is in some small way my tribute towards my Aunt and her tenacious fight against cancer. I'm sure many of you have been touched by cancer and as such I hope you can relate to my story.

In 2008 I was serving in Afghanistan when my Aunt sadly lost her fight against breast cancer. I was incredibly close to her and will never forget all that she meant to me. At the forefront was unconditional generosity which was enjoyed by all and came in the form of an ever present, warm and bubbly personality.

Her fight against cancer was admirable in the extreme and typified by gracious tenacity; a quality to aspire to. During a period of relative respite the cancer returned and quickly culminated in her passing away.

I was fortunate enough to talk to her 1 week earlier over the phone from Afghanistan and she was full of admiration for what we were involved in, she did not dwell on her own predicament. I did not return for her funeral and sent an audio

message to the service. I promised to myself then, that at the right time I would dedicate an event to her ... it has now arrived. Even if you do not know me directly please give what you can towards this great cause that is leading the research for a cancer cure.

My training has begun in earnest, I have constructed my Just Giving Web page and now all I need is a serious volume of people to give what they can whilst also (hopefully) being mildly entertained by photos on my page. The web page also gives some more background to my motivation. The page is <http://www.justgiving.com/Andre-Milne> and my intent is to exceed an interim total of 2000 Pounds, I would

love to pass this by some margin.

Thanks for taking the time to visit my JustGiving page, hopefully, the photos have made you smile, raised your eyebrows, and scared you enough to read on and donate!!



Many thanks. *Andre Milne*

If you would like to make a donation but are unable to use the 'Just giving' web page then please send your donation to The Kingsdon Chronicle for forwarding to the charity.

Humour Page

Coach Trip

A coach load of old ladies are on a day trip. Ten minutes into the journey one old lady taps the driver on the shoulder and offers him a handful of peanuts. He thanks the old lady and eats the lot. Ten minutes later the same thing happens and again the driver politely thanks the old lady and eats the peanuts. After the third time the driver says, "This is very kind of you, but make sure you have enough for yourself." The old lady smiles and says, "Oh, I can't eat them. I haven't got any teeth." The driver, a bit bemused, asks, "Then why did you buy them?" The old lady smiled again and said, "Because I love the chocolate on the outside."

On a bitterly cold winter's morning Wally and Marilyn were listening to the local radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. Please park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowploughs can get through".

So Marilyn went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. Please park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowploughs can get through".

Marilyn went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says,

"We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park..." Then the electric power went off. Marilyn was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowploughs can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to red heads who have turned blonde exhibit, Wally replied, "Why don't you just leave the bloody car in the garage this time?"

Creation

There was a doctor, a civil engineer, and a computer scientist sitting around late one evening, and they discussed which the oldest profession was. The doctor pointed out that according to Biblical tradition, God created Eve from Adam's rib. This obviously required surgery, so therefore that was the oldest profession in the world. The engineer countered with an earlier passage in the Bible that stated that God created order from the chaos, and that was most certainly the biggest and best civil engineering example ever, and also proved that his profession was the oldest profession. The computer scientist leaned back in her chair, and with a sly smile responded, "Yes, but whom do you think created the chaos?"

Art Gallery

Mary goes to her first show at an art gallery and is looking at the paintings. One is a huge canvas that has black with yellow blobs of paint splattered all over it. The next painting is a murky grey colour that has drips of purple paint streaked across it. Mary walks over to the artist and says, "I don't understand your paintings."

"I paint what I feel inside me," explains the artist.

"Have you ever tried Alka-Seltzer?"

The Universe Solved

1. Save the whales. Collect the whole set.
2. A day without sunshine is like... night.
3. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
5. 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
6. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
7. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
8. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
9. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
10. Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
11. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
12. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
14. How many of you believe in psycho-kinesis? Raise my hand.
15. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
16. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
17. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
18. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
19. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
20. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
21. What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
22. I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
23. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
24. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.
25. Just remember, if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.
26. Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

The Kingsdon Roof Tops Quiz

The Christmas picture quiz sold 43 quiz sheets. The answers are below. I hope there weren't too many stiff necks from all that looking up!

The winner with a 100% correct entry was Ann Leahy, who generously donated her winning to our Jubilee Fund

1	Kingsdon Church Tower	21	Kingsdon School
2	Cottage Barn, Top Street	22	Kingsdon Manor
3	Estate Yard taken from outside Park Ho.	23	Lapford
4	Mountsandel Lodge, Mow Barton Rd.	24	32 Top Street
5	West Barn, Frog Lane	25	Delemara, Pitts Lane
6	Mundays, Frog Lane	26	The Manse, Middle Street.
7	1 Manor Barns, Manor Rd.	27	28 Kingsdon, North Town.
8	Jacaranda	28	Park Cottage, Frog Lane.
9	30 Kingsdon, Underwood Rd.	29	12/13 Kingsdon, Chapel Hill.
10	14 Kingsdon taken from Chapel Hill	30	Cheriton Cottage 17 Middle St.
11	April Cottage/Rowley Barton,	31	Barn rear of 26 Kingsdon
12	Waylands Cottage, North Town	32	The Lodge, from Top St.
13	Bondip taken from Chapel Hill	33	Sunflower Cottage, 20 Mow Barton Rd.
14	1 Kingsdon from Top Street	34	6 Underwood Rd.
15	The Lodge garage from school gate	35	Garage 26 Kingsdon, North Town
16	The Old Rectory taken from Top Street	36	Stoneleigh Farm House
17	27 Kingsdon, North Town.	37	Arnor, Top Street
18	7 Kingsdon, Chapel Hill.	38	21 Kingsdon, Middle St.
19	Chalice Barn, Frog Lane.	39	Bemvindo, Top St.
20	Arnor, Top Street.	40	42 Kingsdon from Manor Rd.

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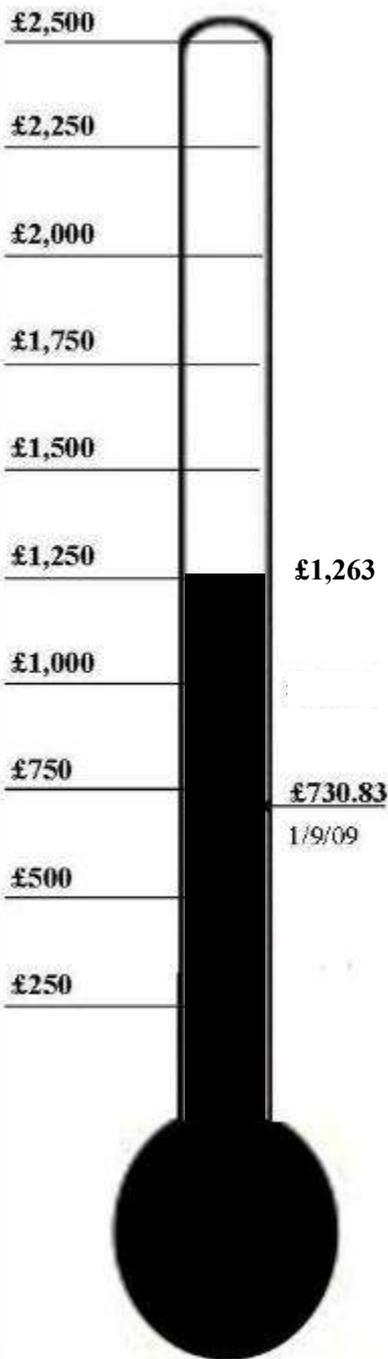
A Kingsdon Chronicle Offer

Granulated Salt for footpaths

We have a small supply of granulated salt suitable for use on footpaths, available in 3 kilo bags at cost price of £1.40 per bag.

Please phone Wally on 01935 841444 for free delivery.

Kingsdon's Diamond Jubilee Celebration Fund



New Bank Holiday for Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012

Whilst the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is still over 2 years away, it is now possible to start actual planning for a programme of celebrations here in Kingsdon now that the celebratory dates have been announced. The special bank holiday, to mark the Monarch's 60 years on the throne, will be on Tuesday June 5th 2012 – her official birthday. The traditional late spring bank holiday will also be delayed until Monday June 4th to give the country a four-day break.

For those new to the village, in 2002 we held 4 days of celebration for the Queen's Golden Jubilee which were centred on the village field with a large marquee. Should anyone wish to see a copy of the report that was produced afterwards on all the activities that took place please contact Wally

After the Golden Jubilee celebrations were over we ended up with a profit of just over £3,200, that was partially spent on items voted for by the whole village. The residue of £327 however was kept for the future. That future has now arrived with the announcement of the dates for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. A £524 deposit has been paid on the Marquee for 2012, thus ensuring the whole price will be at 2009 prices: this, as agreed with the marquee company, which will be in the region of £2,500.

At the time of going to print we had just passed the halfway mark of our target, thanks to some very generous benefactors, and

a very good response to the Treasure Hunt and the ongoing Towns & Cities quiz which has so far raised £248. Don't forget the closing date for the Towns & Cities Quiz is 28th February. A new quiz has been prepared for the spring!

Kingsdon Seniors Club

The ice and snow did not deter over 20 of our members from turning out for January's meeting, followed by the traditional special tea. Our scheduled speaker had not been able to make it through the elements, but our intrepid joint Chairman, Donald Limon, stepped in with an impromptu and unscripted effort entitled "My Life in Music". He explained that having very poor manual dexterity had prevented him from being any good at playing instruments, so he concentrated on singing - first as a treble, then as a bass, going further up to the tenor line and finishing as a high baritone. He started in his local parish church in Hartlepool, aged seven, having been turned down by the Congregationalists. 1942 saw him joining the choir of Durham Cathedral, where among other things he met the King and Queen. His

voice broke at an unusually early age and then at Durham School he became a soloist, went on to have a bizarre medley of roles during his National Service, and probably reached his zenith at Oxford, where he was sacked from the role of Messenger in a short scene with Heather Harper as Lady Macbeth in Verdi's Shakespearean opera. He did a lot of lieder singing there, too - mainly Schubert. This was better for him than opera, because his is a bit of a menace on stage, with his chronic short sight making him somewhat accident prone. Stints in two good choirs in his early days in London were followed by a long association with a chamber choir based in Farnham, Surrey. Finally soon after his arrival in Somerton he graduated to the mid-Wessex Singers, who recently did him the honour of electing him as their Chairman. Altogether, music had added a lot of joy to his life. The special tea was excellent.

Recycling and Waste Collection date for February

Wheelie Bin Refuse Collection Days

Tuesday 2nd February and Tuesday 16th February

Recycling and Food Waste Collection Days

Every Tuesdays as normal

I would also stress the importance of having waste and recycling/food waste placed out by 0700 on collection day (or the evening prior), as quite often during the winter the actual collections times may vary due to the weather.

The Household Waste Recycling Centre at Bancombe Rd. Somerton is open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Christmas Pub Quiz

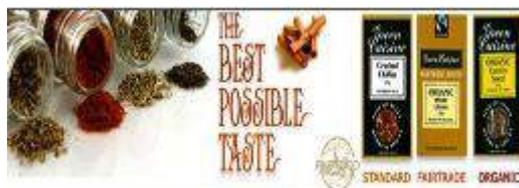
When I suggested having a pub quiz 2 days after Christmas I was given funny looks by some people. A week before the quiz I was asked how many were booked in for it, I could only reply that not many people had responded. I was quietly confident however that I would be well supported on the night. Well, 15 minutes before the Quiz was due to start every seat I could find was occupied, and when I received a couple of phone calls from people apologising for not being able to make it I was somewhat relieved as I would never have got anyone else in. 90 people participated in what turned out to be a great evening. I apologise for the few who missed out on the chicken curry.

The winners of the quiz were Edna Gordon and family with Ann & Patrick Leahy.

The interval quiz was won by Simon & Dominic Rumbles, Wes Smith, Hannah Lane and Pippa Davey.

£150 was raised for the cricket club.

I thank Algy and the girls who coped in such cramped conditions and Chef Guy for a superb curry. I had told him to cater for about 50, I got that drastically wrong! *Wally*



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Thefts from Sheds

Over the last few months there have been several thefts from sheds, outbuildings and farms. These appear to have taken place predominantly at the weekends during the early hours of the morning.

Our PCSO Fiona Wilson has requested assistance from the response teams who will be carrying out additional patrols in the Northstone Area.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Fiona by phone Tel 07825756280 or email

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THE KINGSDON INN

VALENTINE'S NIGHT MENU

14th February 2010

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Melon Fan with Port Wine
Warmed Chicken & Smoked Bacon Salad

Kingsdon Chicken & Rice
(in a tomato & mixed pepper sauce)
Escalope of Pork in a cream and white wine sauce
Grilled Whole Lemon Sole
Twin Fillets of Pork & Beef in a Wild Mushroom Sauce
Portabella Mushrooms Grilled with Stilton

Selection of desserts
Coffee
£26.50
Tables to be pre-booked

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH MENU

Sunday 14th March 2010

Cream of Leek and Potato Soup

~~Duck Liver Pate with Toast~~

Prawn Cocktail

Button Mushrooms with Smoked Bacon in a Creamy Sauce

Roast Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding

Roast Leg of Lamb with Mint Sauce

Devon Dressed Crab & Salad

Poached Salmon Steak with White Wine and Parsley Sauce

Vegetable Quiche

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Sally D. Smith Clerk to Kingsdon Parish Council, The Old Coach House, Top Street, Kingsdon..
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SSDC Planning - Decisions Report

Application Number 09/04074/S73

Address Park Farm Lower Road Kingsdon Somerton Somerset TA11 7LL

Proposal: Application to vary condition 02 of decision notice 08/02596/FUL dated 12.09.08 i.e. to seek alterations to amended plans to garages of plots A, G, E and F plus internal and external changes to plots E and F to include partial rebuilding and to remove obligation e) boundary changes to north of site. (GR 351891/126195)

Decision Application Permitted with Conditions

Draft Minutes of the Kingsdon Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday January 14th 2010 in the Village hall at 7pm.

Present: Mrs A Hicks (Acting Chair); Messrs M Clode, R Hollaway, P Leahy, D. Morris (Parish Councillors); Mr J Zouche (County Councillor); Mrs S Smith (Parish Clerk) plus 13 parishioners.

Apologies: Mr A.Masters (Chairman); Mr J Calvert (District Councillor)

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and read. They were approved and signed.

Matters arising:

Land ownership: Mr P Leahy reported on continuing problems in establishing ownership of various land with particular regard to hedgerow maintenance. He reported a disappointing and unhelpful response from Mr Biffen to his enquiry. He reported that some hedgerows had been cut to a good standard but there were still areas of concern and it was important to establish land ownership. Mr R Hollaway said the cutting of hedgerows was definitely the responsibility of the landowner and not the Highways Department. Mr P Leahy said he would continue to follow this up.

Parking problems in village: Mr M Clode said the police have put a notice into the Kingsdon Chronicle. During this discussion Police Community Support Officer. Fiona Wilson arrived and reported on police powers and also their recommendations to ensure people didn't park in inappropriate places in the village. Mr P Leahy pointed out that a significant number of people come into the village to visit the Churchyard and may be unaware that a bus comes through the village. It was generally agreed that the villagers did not want yellow lines or speeding signs and a softer

approach of informing people when their parking caused a problem was the best immediate option.

Buses: There was discussion over the potential increase in the number of busses through the village if an additional bus route such as the No 54 was rerouted to include Kingsdon. P. Leahy said the most pressing issue was the attempt to obtain a new official bus stop between Somerton and Ilchester.

Trees: Mrs A Hicks gave an update on development re the trees on Mow Barton Road. While it had been agreed at the previous Parish Council meeting that the trees should remain in place with ongoing maintenance, Mrs A Hicks said additional information had come to light which had a bearing on this decision and needed to be assessed.

Mrs A Hicks reported that the Highways Department had now reported that they had no evidence of Kingsdon Parish Council obtaining planning permission to plant the trees. If planning permission had not been sought, then the trees automatically fall under ownership of the Highways Department. Mr P Leahy said he had confirmation that the Highways Department was responsible for the trees. Mrs A Hicks said she had obtained two quotes for maintenance of the trees and that M D Glover, of the new Park Farm development adjacent to Mow Barton Road, had obtained one quote. The quotes were in the range of £490 to £650. Mrs A Hicks said she had learned that Mr D Glover had lodged a formal notice with the Council of intent on the trees which has subsequently been withdrawn. There was considerable discussion among the councillors and parishioners about the trees.

Mr M Clode said before anything else could be decided, it was vital to establish ownership of the trees with a written statement of ownership. This was agreed and all Councillors said they would check records and undertake various enquiries to establish clear ownership.

Other business:

Cluster meetings; Mrs A Hicks raised the subject of Cluster meetings and asked if anyone had background knowledge on these. Cllr J Zouche explained aspects of the Core Strategy, the future plans for the development of Somerset and the background to the Cluster meetings. There was some discussion about the vulnerability of Kingsdon to the potential of pressure from various sources to expand its development area. S Smith said she would contact the council to ask that the Kingsdon Parish Council be kept fully informed of all information and dates for future Cluster meetings.

Road gritting: Mrs A Hicks gave a formal vote of thanks to Mr P Leahy and Mr W Elliott for all their time and efforts in helping to grit Kingsdon during the recent snowy weather. P. Leahy reported a number of problems on getting the council to grit even the main bus route through the village and also difficulties in obtaining grit so that villagers could undertake the gritting themselves. There was discussion about officially nominating a local farmer to the Council's contractors Atkins to undertake the gritting on their behalf and Cllr J Zouche gave an overview of how the system works and details of liability. P Leahy brought up the subject of Kingsdon siting its own grit bins within the village and confirmed that Cllr J Zouche had offered £500 funding towards this. P Leahy also said Cllr J Calvert has a budget that might be able to provide a contribution for this. There was considerable discussion on how best to ensure the roads of Kingsdon remain cleared and gritted in times of severe winter weather including the idea of purchasing grit bins, aspects of insurance and village approval and planning permission for the bins.

Proposed by P Leahy that we pursue the potential of obtaining funding to purchase grit bins for Kingsdon.

Seconded: M Clode

The motion was carried (unanimously).

It was also agreed that Mr W Elliott be refunded £15 to cover the petrol cost associated with obtaining grit for the village.

Resignation from the Parish Council: Mrs A Hicks reported that Mr M Overd had officially resigned with immediate effect following his transfer to Italy. She said there was an immediate vacancy on the Council. Mr W Elliott said he would put details of the vacancy in the Kingsdon Chronicle.

Crime: P.C.S.O.Fiona Wilson reported on a recent increase in crime and theft from outbuildings in Kingsdon. She outlined details of an increased police presence in the village and also details of planned late patrols. She left some information material on various aspects for general distribution.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Planning Application No: 09/0478/FUL
Mr Anthony Sycamore
The Tall House, 9 Kingsdon.

Application to construct a garden room for use as an office.

Plans and details of the application had been displayed prior to the meeting. There was a short discussion.

Proposed by Mr M Clode that the application be approved.
Seconded by Mr R Hollaway.

The motion was carried (unanimously).

The meeting ended at 9.25pm

KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Are you willing to serve as a Parish Councillor?

A vacancy exists on Kingsdon Parish Council. To qualify you must be a British subject, over 18 and a resident of the Parish of Kingsdon. (You cannot be a Councillor if you are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or have served a prison sentence during the preceding 5 years).

The Council meet bi-monthly and there is the occasional planning meeting. The Council represents the interests of the residents of Kingsdon by delivering services to meet local needs and striving to improve quality of life in the parish. Councillors have responsibilities for decision making and also act as an advisory body. The areas covered include planning, recreational areas, footpaths allotments, by-laws etc.

If you are willing to become a Parish Councillor or require further information, please contact me or the other councillors or our clerk, Sally D. Smith, The Old Coach House, Top Street, Kingsdon..
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The suitable applicant will be co-opted onto the council. I believe we all think highly of our village and Parish Council participation has an important role in keeping it that way.

Tony Masters (Chairman) Tel 01935 840801

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Church Services for February

7th 11am Christingle Service

14th 11am Parish Communion

21st 11am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong

28th 9.30am Parish Communion

Lenten Lunch - 24th March in the Village Hall

Church Rotas for February

Brass: Sheila Lord

Flowers: Norma Black (25th Onwards)

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Kingsdon Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis Club play in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings (apart from the 2nd Tuesday in the month) between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. If you are interested then please contact Shirley or Martin Singleton on 841162 or just come along.

Kingsdon Village Hall

For all information and bookings contact: - Martin Singleton, Mountsandel Lodge, Mow Barton Rd. Kingsdon. TA11 7LG Tel. 01935 841162

Bookings for February

Tai Chi	Mondays 9.45am -11.45am
Kingsdon School	Mondays 1.45pm - 3.15pm (Term time)
Short Mat Bowls Club	Mondays 7pm - 9pm
Short Mat Bowls Club	Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon
Table Tennis Club	Tuesdays at 7.30pm (not 9th)
Yeovil Dist. Canine Soc.	Wednesdays at 8pm
Art Club	Thursday 10am - 12noon (Term time)
Scottish Dancing	Saturday 6th 2pm - 3pm
Kingsdon Ladies Club	Tuesday 9th at 7.30pm
Kingsdon Seniors Club	Wednesday 10th at 3pm
Private Party	Sunday 14th all day
Practical Study Group	Wednesday 17th at 10am
Scottish Dancing	Saturday 27th at 2pm

Kingsdon Seniors Club

The Seniors Club meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3pm in the Village Hall. For information contact Club Secretary Marilyn Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon. Tel 01935 841444 email: marilyn.elliott@hotmail.co.uk

Kingsdon Ladies Club

The Ladies Club meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members and visitors are always welcome. For information contact Club President Lynne Davies, Holly House, Frog Lane, Kingsdon. TA11 7LL Tel 01935 840660 or Club Secretary Jackie Ellis, Hill House, Rocky Hill, Kingsdon. TA11 7LB Tel 01935 840344

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