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WANTED

Secretary for Kingsdon Village Hall

(Charity No 304570)

The Village Hall Committee would like to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming our next Village Hall Secretary. The secretary is responsible for the below listed duties.

Duties of the Secretary

Committee Meetings (At least two a year including AGM)

1. Arrange meetings when necessary and send out the Agenda to members.
2. Arrange the AGM in May. Advertise the meeting to residents.
3. Record the minutes of the meeting and distribute them to members.
4. Give a copy of the "Trustees Information Pack" to new committee members and get them to sign the 'Declaration and acceptance' at their first committee meeting.

Annually

1. Report to Kingsdon Parish Council at their April AGM.
2. Complete the PRS (Performing Rights Society) Annual Return.
3. Complete the Charity Commissions Annual Return.
4. Liaise with the Community Council for Somerset when necessary.
5. Liaise with SSDC when necessary.
6. Arrange the Annual Insurance for hall - (Due in October)

Health & Safety

1. Check monthly the Emergency Lighting and Fire Exits and record on the folder in the hall that they are working correctly. If not instigate the repairs.
2. Every three months also ensure that there are no hazards in the hall. Record in book.
3. Annually - Bristol Fire check the fire extinguisher / blanket in February.
4. Liaise with the cleaner.

Hall Bookings

1. Enter bookings into diary.
2. Send out booking forms when necessary.
3. Inform Tidings & Kingsdon Chronicle before the 14th of each month the following month's bookings for publication. Sent by e-mail.
4. Print and display the month's bookings on the external and internal notice boards at the beginning of each month.
5. Send out invoices to the hirers and receive the payments. The timing of the invoices vary according to the organisation.
6. Pass on the money collected to the Treasurer.
7. Ensure that there is always room on the 'proforma' used to record the electricity and replace when necessary.

Although Martin Singleton has undertaken all the above over the past 10+ years, the job of Bookings Secretary could be separate from the Hon. Secretary. Also the responsibilities of Health & Safety could be given to another committee member. For more information please contact Martin Singleton, Mountsandel Lodge, Mow Barton Road, Kingsdon. Tel 01935 841162



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Forthcoming Events

Allotment Workshop 21st March 11am - 5pm

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NGS Open Day and Spring Workshop 29th March 11am - 5pm

As part of our NGS garden open day join our gardening team for a spring planting and gardening tasks workshop. Workshops will take place at 11.30 am and 2.30pm with a £5.00 suggested donation which will go to the NGS.

Booking Essential - phone 01458 224471

Kingsdon Ladies Club

Lynne Davies welcomed 17 members to the 1st meeting of the year on 9th February. The January meeting had been cancelled owing to the ice and snow.

Birthday posies were given to Kathy Jamison, Shirley Wilson, Babs Conway, Gwen Gamblin and Freda Curtis.

A letter was read out from Pamela Miley, President of Somerton W.I. thanking us for our unwanted W.I. Tablecloth.

Booking forms have been received from the Octagon Theatre for 'Mame' to be performed by Yeovil Operatic Society from 16th - 27th March.

It was announced that the new programme for the club was underway and ideas for future speakers would be much appreciated.

The guest speaker for the evening, Andrew Clarke was introduced. He told how he had started his career as a goldsmith in London twenty years ago, and now had his own business in Bath. He demonstrated and passed around the tools of his trade. Many members took along pieces of jewellery to be mended or melted down at a very reduced price. Lynne gave the vote of thanks.

Teas were provided by Jean Toole and Ann Baldwin. The flutter was won by Marilyn St. Clair. The Guest Speaker for March is to be Sue Bridger, whose talk will be entitled 'Meals in Minutes, a cooking demonstration'. New members and guests are welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Letters

Further to your comments about buses and the snow. I complained to SCC about the school bus picking up on the main road, saying that I wasn't happy that my children were crossing it at a very busy time. I was told that it was too bad - it was my responsibility to get them there (whilst they understood my comments). So in other words it doesn't matter if I get run over!

(Name & address supplied)

Senior Club

Donald welcomed 32 members to the February meeting, where he introduced the guest speaker, Andrew Higson. His talk was titled "A Brief Encounter with British Cinema". Andrew is a professor of film/TV/theatre at York University.

In a very interesting, anecdotal talk, he posed the question – "What is British Cinema?" and explained how Media Literacy – TV/Internet/Films – has become such an influence for conveying so much information and presenting images of everyday life and role models. The digital technology has also changed the watching of films; most are watched at home/on the computer/laptops/mobile phones/in-flight, and the modern cinemas have multiplex screens. When not lecturing he undertakes his research work. Andrew has looked at the "Britishness" of cinema through the decades from 1895, with the silent films, to the present day. Although Hollywood has the finance to produce big blockbusters, and Britain cannot compete because of the lack of investment, we have developed our own tradition of low budget films relating to ordinary British people; these are the comedy, horror, costume drama and realistic feature character films, often being subtitled when shown in the USA!



Professor Andrew Higson

Teas were served by Ethel Harris and Freda Curtis

Charity fund raising at The Kingsdon Inn

A recent survey was carried out to ascertain to what extent the Kingsdon Inn helps with fund raising for organisations and charities. Over the preceding couple of years up to the present, the Inn has had collecting boxes on the bars for the Air Ambulance, Fire Service Benevolent Fund and St Margaret's Hospice.

Vouchers have been given to the following for raffle prizes: Kingsdon School, Millfield School, Sherborne School, Kingsdon Church, Somerton Arts Festival, St. Margaret's Hospice, Vision Aid Overseas & Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Sponsorship is given to Kingsdon Cricket Club & Somerton Rugby Club.

The Christmas Draw raised £277 for 'Help for Heroes', and a charity night is being held on 30th March for 'Help for Haiti'. A Christmas Quiz raised £150 for the cricket club.

The Inn is involved with fund raising for the Kingsdon Jubilee Fund, raising £135 by selling the Towns & Cities Quiz. No doubt there are other incidences where organisations have benefited from the generosity of the Inn. *Wally*

Kingsdon's Good Friday Walk in the Woods

The annual Good Friday walk in the woods is on again this year courtesy of David & Alison Hicks. If you wish to participate, then meet up the lane at 10.30 am on 2nd April. If you are new to this event then just follow the crowd up the lane towards the woods.

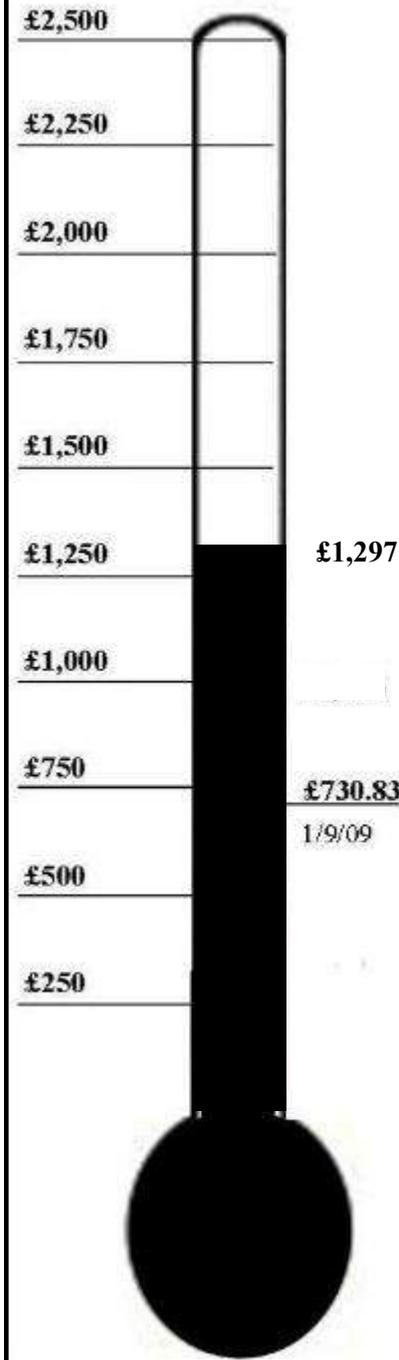
Stout walking shoes or wellies and good outdoor clothing are prerequisites.

You may bring your dog but it **MUST be kept on a lead at all times.**

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult throughout the walk, but need not be on a lead!

This is a charity event which relies on donations; small eggs for hiding, hot X buns and raffle prizes, so please give generously. Items may be left at the Kingsdon Stores or contact Babs on 01935 841811. All profits go to St Margaret's Hospice *Babs Conway*

Kingsdon's Diamond Jubilee Celebration Fund



Towns and Cities Quiz

This quiz has turned out to be very popular with people both near and far. When the quiz closed at the end of February, £266 worth of quiz sheets had been sold. For the answers see page 7. The winner will be announced in the next Chronicle. The success was due to the quiz sheet sellers, Richard and Angie at Kingsdon Stores and Algy and the staff at the Kingsdon Inn.

The next quiz is now on sale - details on page 10. or ask Angie at the shop who will be only too pleased to sell you a quiz sheet.

Thanks to the success of the quiz, the Kingsdon Diamond Jubilee fund has passed the half way target.

I have been in contact with 'Awards for All' to enquire into applying for a lottery grant. I have been informed that applications should be made not prior to March 2012.

In the next issue of the Chronicle the date will be announced for a meeting of residents who wish to be involved with the future planning of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Neighbourhood Watch

On Wednesday 24th February a man was calling door to door in Stoford, Yeovil. He had what was described as a 'dodgy' looking peddler's certificate. Although this happened near Yeovil it could be the start of coverage in this area.

Description: white, 25-30 years of age, short dark hair, 5'10" tall. He was wearing a black jacket and blue jeans and was carrying a large black bag. He showed a yellow piece of paper to our informant which was covered in sellotape - it is not clear if this was a genuine peddler's certificate or not.

The Police advice is only to deal with known callers at the door and to report all suspicious callers to them using the 0845 456 7000 number or dial 999 if necessary.

The Towns & Cities Quiz

Opposite are the answers to the quiz. Some clues did have multiple answers, if they fitted the clue then they were accepted as correct. Clue No.84 - First city in the world to twin with another city. The only accepted answer was Coventry. Some gave Keighley, whilst it did indeed form the first recorded modern twinning agreement with Poix-du-Nord, Nord, France in 1920

following the end of World War I. This was initially referred to as an adoption of the French town, with formal twinning charters not being exchanged until 1986. Also Keighley is not a city! Coventry was the world's first 'twin' city when it formed a twinning relationship with the Russian city of Stalingrad (now Volgograd) during World War II. The relationship developed through ordinary people in Coventry, who wanted to show their support for the Soviet Red Army during the Battle of Stalingrad.

Towns & Cities Quiz - Answers

1	Interment slower than a gallop (10)	Canterbury	60	Deep water holes (5)	Wells
2	Scorched (9)	Blackburn	61	The only UK city entirely within a national park (2-6)	St. David's
3	Offal in a puddle (9)	Liverpool	62	Sooner have cured pork? (9)	Rotherham
4	S.W. Gin (8)	Plymouth	63	Bottom of the Bank and prod the fire (11)	Basingstoke
5	Did farmers ship their beef from here (9)	Stockport	64	Youngest capital city of G.B. (7)	Cardiff
6	The bishops seat at 290 (11)	Westminster	65	Seagulls F.C. (8-3-4)	Brighton and Hove
7	My families mother? (6)	Armagh	66	Oriental birthplace (10)	Eastbourne
8	Is this James's other name? (8)	Basildon	67	Gyppeswyk (7)	Ipswich
9	Put on a small wheel (9)	Doncaster	68	The yew at the head of the strand (5)	Newry
10	In this place is Henry's car (8)	Hereford	69	Sunny fuselage (8)	Solihull
11	Lorraine Chase's favourite airport (5)	Luton	70	Della's a shareholder (7)	Norwich
12	Tear into (5)	Ripon	71	Local area network sugar (9)	Lancaster
13	Beasts cross here (6)	Oxford	72	A little extra help (7)	Halifax
14	Emu's partner (4)	Hull	73	Forbid the alternate-world setting by John Norman (6)	Bangor
15	Harry's cousin (6)	Dudley	74	Nerviness arrangement (9)	Inverness
16	Home of Oliver (4)	Bath	75	The latest on the left side (7)	Newport
			76	Where Sarumite's come from (9)	Salisbury
			77	A cook in a meadow (9)	Sheffield
17	A small brook that is all talk (11)	Bournemouth	78	Venue for the 2008 Open (9)	Southport
18	HMS Snap was built here (4-5)	Lyme Regis	79	Inform the crossing (7)	Telford
19	Jack The sea wolf (6)	London	80	The latest rook (9)	Newcastle
20	Bowl at the batsman's toes to do this (4)	York	81	Dddleifsreuh (anag) (12)	Huddersfield
21	Type of carbon on the chilly pasture (6-9)	Sutton Coldfield	82	Slay the newly wed woman in the Orient (4-8)	East Kilbride
22	Ballad for its own goal (7)	Reading	83	Heavy fire residue produce in meadow (6-2-10)	Ashton-in-Makerfield
23	The maiden city (11)	Londonderry	84	First city in the world to twin with another city (8)	Coventry
24	Third smallest city in England (3)	Ely	85	Crocodile? (6)	Dundee
25	What one should do with the Hatchet (4)	Bury	86	Merchants association cross the stream (9)	Guildford
26	Destroys the pig (7)	Wrexham	87	Farm buildings in the meadow (8)	Barnsley
27	Granite city (8)	Aberdeen	88	Sponsored by Investec (5)	Derby
28	Milton & Coleridge's Alma Mater (9)	Cambridge	89	Home of the Rood Eye (7)	Chester
29	Way out for her (6)	Exeter	90	Porte Dubris (5)	Dover
30	Dr. Foster never went there again (10)	Gloucester	91	Mountain pass camp (10)	Colchester
31	Roofed gate to the meadow (9)	Lichfield	92	A type of nail crosses a stream (8)	Bradford
32	Produce a small rock (9)	Maldstone	93	Quarter of a pint in the pig meat (10)	Gillingham
33	A city united (10)	Manchester	94	Mock the heavyweight (7)	Taunton
34	Pushed forward (7)	Preston	95	The windowpane leaves (7)	Glasgow
35	Steer 180 to the end of the pier (8)	Southend	96	from the front (5)	Leeds
36	Pig meat written in a major key (6)	Durham	97	Barum (10)	Barnstaple
37	Jeeves and (9)	Worcester	98	Shout at the inland water (7)	Hoylake
38	Elyn's chapel was here (2-6)	St. Helens	99	Ancient pork (6)	Oldham
39	The taming of these interred (10)	Shrewsbury	100	The latest rook (9)	Newcastle
40	Harbour entrance (10)	Portsmouth	101	Town centre (13)	Middlesbrough
41	Which crossing (7)	Wafford	102	Rocky people (9)	Johnstone
42	Mouth of the river Ystwyth (11)	Aberystwyth	103	A cook in a meadow (9)	Sheffield
43	A magic city on line in Alabama (10)	Birmingham	104	Nautical mile rings for pork (10)	Nottingham
44	Safe-blower less man in town (12)	Peterborough	105	Ancient Mariner and albatross on The Esplanade (7)	Watchet
45	John Bunyan's deep bog of despond (6)	Slough	106	Break apart the earth's surface (10)	Sunderland
46	Field entrances for the school boss (9)	Gateshead	107	Split the hill (8)	Clevedon
47	Arouse the lea (9)	Wakefield	108	Points at the fruit (8)	Amesbury
48	Conflict with a heavy surround (10)	Warrington	109	The latest on the left side (7)	Newport
49	Founded by King Wulfhere of Mercia (13)	Wolverhampton	110	Join trick (7)	Lincoln
50	1st Compass point to pig town (11)	Northampton	111	Named after the first British Christian martyr (2-6)	St. Albans
51	Red (9)	Leicester	112	A base exclamation of surprise (6)	Harlow
52	Home of QM2 (11)	Southampton	113	Do this to get steam up (5)	Stoke
53	Lido (5)	Poole	114	Frequently demands payment causes to excite (7)	Dunster
54	Is Elizabeth on fire? (7)	Lisburn	115	Area for plants in shallow water (7)	Bedford
55	Quick Ring (7)	Belfast	116	Pig hill (7)	Swindon
56	Salubritas et Eruditio (10)	Cheltenham	117	Changing the pork (10)	Altrincham
57	Droplet-shaped vegetable motif of Persian and Indian origin (7)	Paisley	118	Inform the crossing (7)	Telford
58	Honest use of paddle (5)	Truro	119	Escutcheons at 180 (5-7)	South Shields
59	The fifth tone crossing? (7)	Salford	120	Locals make it sound like one of the short, stiff, coarse hairs of certain animals (7)	Bristol

The Humour Page

Wally & Marilyn have fun in retirement.

Working people frequently ask us retired people what we do to make our days interesting. Well, for example, the other day Marilyn and I went into town and went into a shop. We were only in there for about 5 minutes. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and said, 'Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?' He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tyres. So Marilyn called him a little Hitler. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windscreen with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Personally, we didn't care. We had gone into town by bus. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age!

The Shoebox

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her wardrobe that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about. For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totalling £95,000. He asked her about the contents. 'When we were to be married,' she said, 'my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll.' The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness. 'Honey,' he said, 'that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?' 'Oh,' she said, 'that's the money I made from selling the dolls.'

**Dear Lord, I pray for...
Wisdom to understand my man
Love to forgive him and
Patience for his moods
Because Lord, if I pray for Strength,
I'll beat him to death, because I don't have time
to learn to crochet.**

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

A wee Scottish joke!

Over a remote Scottish island a helicopter lost power and was forced to make an emergency landing. Luckily there was a small cottage nearby. The pilot walked over to it and knocked on the door. "Is there a mechanic in the area?" he asked the woman who answered the door. She scratched her head and thought for a few seconds. "No," she finally said, pointing down the road, "but we do have a McAndrew and a McKay."

The New Pastor...

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10.'

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.'

Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'

Father Knows Best...

A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book, and noticed he had his collar on backwards. The little boy asked why he wore his collar that way. The man, who was a priest, said, "I am a Father." The little boy replied, "My daddy doesn't wear his collar like that." The priest looked up from his book and answered, "I am the Father of many." The boy said, "My dad has 4 boys, 4 girls and two grandchildren and he doesn't wear his collar that way." The priest, getting impatient, said, "I am the Father of hundreds," and went back to reading his book. The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and said: "Maybe you should wear your pants backwards instead of your collar".

Kingsdon Spring Rainbow Quiz

**In aid of Kingsdon's
2012 Diamond Jubilee
Celebrations Fund**

1st Prize

**£50 Kingsdon Inn Voucher
Quiz Sheets - £1**

**Available from the Kingsdon Inn,
Kingsdon Stores or 4 Manor Close.**

**Find the answer to the
120 clues**

All answers contain a colour

Examples

Clue:- Prime Minister (6 5) - Answer - Gordon Brown

Clue:- Indicating nobility (4 5) - Answer - Blue blood



THE KINGSDON INN

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
Smoked Salmon & Prawn Salad
Choice of Desserts**

**1 Course £8.95
2 Courses £12.95
3 Courses £14.95**

TABLES REQUIRE TO BE BOOKED

**The Kingsdon Inn, Kingsdon, Nr Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7LG
Tel: 01935 840543 enquiries@kingsdoninn.co.uk www.kingsdoninn.co.uk**

The Kingsdon Inn Staff wanted

**The Kingsdon Inn requires Bar staff, Wait-
ing staff and Washing-up staff.**

**Please phone Algy on 01935 840543 for more
details.**

Mr and Mrs Lockhart of 13 Chapel Hill,
Kingsdon have kindly donated a fir tree to the
village.

The Parish Council have agreed it would be
nice to put it on the green triangle by the school,
and it could become the Village Christmas Tree.
Plans are in hand for the planting to take place.

Message from Peter Crowter

I was interested to see 32 Top Street featured in the Chronicle. This was the first house we lived in in Kingsdon. We lived in rooms with the Parker family and the address then was just 32 Kingsdon. I wrote a poem about it some time ago with the intention of sending it to you at some stage. Perhaps you would like it now? I bet there have been some changes since we lived there as in those days it was pretty primitive, but we loved it.

THE COUNTRY COTTAGE (32 Top St.)

by Peter Crowter

(From Sussex to Somerset at the start of World War 2)

The heady scent of apples and a shiny flagstone floor
Was the first thing that I noticed as we ventured in the door
Oil lamps, where's the toilet gosh, will we get used to this?
Our Brighton house with all mod cons we're surely going to miss

Crumbs, there's no hot water and we can't switch on the light
When it gets dark we're never going to find our way at night
If you want to boil a kettle then you put it on the hearth
And worse of all the lav's a long way up the garden path

The lav was a two-holer and I couldn't find the chain
They called it an earth closet and it didn't have a drain
'Long drop no splash dad called it', t'were not a pretty sight
If down the hole you shone your torch when you were there at night

We had one room to live in and one more to go to bed
Of course we had no bathroom just a jug and bowl instead
Once a week on Friday nights we had a proper soak
A tin bath in the living room, we thought it quite a joke
A primus stove was in our room to cook and water boil
And all the lighting that we had was lamps that worked with oil
To cook a proper meal mum had to share the kitchen range
And her washing in a copper it was really very strange

Life was not so easy now especially for mum
Do you think she's going to wish that we had never come?
No longer has she got a home that she can call her own
When dad's not here to help her, she has got to cope alone

I think it took a little while for mum to settle down
She must have wished that she still had her modern house in town
But just a minute, do we see a smile upon her face?
Do you think she really likes this country cottage place?

Mum and dad found village life much nicer than the town
Though many think of Brighton as a place of some renown
For quality of life with Kingsdon it could not compare
And so began for all of us a life-long love affair.

The cottage and the countryside bewitched us with their charms
The bluebell woods, the nightingales, the orchards and the farms
The city with it's milling folk and all the noise and fuss
Is there for those who want it but it 'aint the place for us.

Message from John Southgate, 20 Kingsdon.

Barnaby wishes to thank all his friends and well-wishers for their concern and sympathy over his recent injury. He would also like to thank Mimi for her lovely picture and letter.



As emergency relief agencies still desperately attempt to get the essential supplies through that are needed in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, Just a Drop is calling for donations to provide ongoing support for villages and communities.

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.

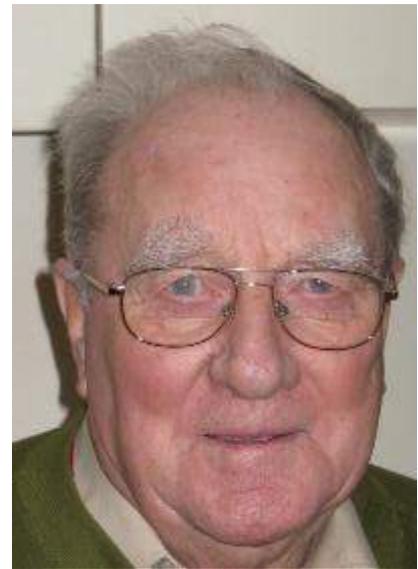
What is the plan of action?

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*



**Captain Jim Masters MBE
Project Officer**

On Tuesday 30th March there is to be a charity evening for the appeal at the Kingsdon Inn, when Anthony Sycamore will perform his own inimitable style of Jazz on the keyboard. Anthony, who lives at The Tall House, Kingsdon was featured in last month's issue of the Chronicle when he played at the Inn for Burns Night.

During the evening there will be an auction of donated items.

One such item will be a 'Hero Bear' dressed in the 'Help for Heroes' rugby shirt.

If you would like to bid for Hero but cannot make it on the night, then send your bid in a sealed envelope marked 'Just a Drop Auction' to Wally Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon.

Donations may also be given by visiting the Just a Drop web site at: www.justadrop.org or sent to Jim Masters at 3 Manor Road, Kingsdon.



The Kingsdon Inn
presents a
Charity Supper
and Jazz Night starring
Kingsdon's own
master of the keyboard



Tuesday 30th March
in aid of the 'Just-a-Drop'
appeal for Haiti

Normal Evening Menu will be served for this event.
To ensure you have a good table, early booking is advised,
phone the Kingsdon Inn Tel 01935 840543

A Kingsdon Chronicle promotion

Lenten Lunch

Kingsdon Village Hall

Wednesday 24th March 2010

In aid of 'Just a Drop' appeal for Haiti



This will be the first Lenten Lunch to which we welcome the pupils and staff from both Compton Dundon Church of England Primary School and Kingsdon Church of England Primary School, since their federation.

Due to the increase in children attending from both schools, it has been decided to have two sittings. The schools will dine at 12 noon followed by residents and friends at 12.45pm.

Come along and enjoy some superb soups in the company of neighbours and friends, prepared for your delectation by Kingsdon's own culinarians of distinction.



Easter Remembrance Lilies

IF you wish to donate an Easter lily in memory of a loved one this Easter, please give the names and your donation by 16th March to Babs Conway, 2 Cary Way, Kingsdon. Tel 01935 841811

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Recycling and Waste

Collection dates for

March

Wheelie Bin Refuse Collection Days

Tuesday 2nd March, Tuesday 16th March and 30th March

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.

Household battery recycling

If you worry about simply throwing away old batteries from your torch, remote control or children's toy then help is at hand.

From 1st February 2010 most shops selling household batteries will provide a drop off point to collect dead ones for recycling.

Under the new EU Batteries Directive any retailer that sells more than 32kg of household batteries per year, or around 320 packs of AA batteries, will provide a collection or "take-back" point. That will include supermarkets and many larger shops and newsagents.

Please check locally for battery recycling in your neighbourhood.

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Tel 01935 840335 Email: aehicks@somerset.gov.uk

Mel Clode: Dog fouling and related items, Litter, Graffiti, Fly tipping, Fly posting, Damaged bins & Abandoned vehicles and related items - 3 Underwood Rd, Kingsdon, TA11 7LQ Tel 01935 840293 Email: melclode273@btinternet.com

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Tel 01935 840502 Email: patrickjohnleahy@hotmail.com

Dave Morris: Footpaths - 30 Kingsdon, TA11 7LQ Tel - **withheld!**

Vacancy

John Calvert District Councillor (Northstone Ward) Peacock Cottage, High St. Queen Camel. BA22 7NQ Tel 01935 850458 Email: john.calvert@southsomerset.gov.uk

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Email: jimmyzouche@hotmail.com

David Heath MP Constituency Office - 14 Catherine Hill, Frome, Somerset, BA11 1BZ Tel: 01373 473618 Fax: 01373 455152

Claire Hudson: head of office - email: hudsoncl@parliament.uk

Sally D. Smith Clerk to Kingsdon Parish Council, The Old Coach House, Top Street, Kingsdon..

TA11 7JU Tel 01935 842094 Mobile 07729 301207 Email sally@tradewindspr.co.uk

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.. TA11 7JU Tel 01935 842094 Mobile 07729 301207 Email sally@tradewindspr.co.uk

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

Kingsdon Parish Council

**The next meeting of the Council will be at 7pm Thursday 11th March
in the Village Hall**

Every one is welcome to attend

South Somerset District Council - Planning Applications received

Application: No. 10/00396/FUL

Location: 7 Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7LN

Proposal: Alterations and the erection of a single storey extension and a conservatory (Revised application) (GR 351787/126159)

Kingsdon Information

All Saints Church

Priest in Charge

Revd Alan Symonds Tel/Fax 01458 272029 (For arrangement of Baptisms, Weddings and other occasional services)

Assistant Priest

Revd Wendy Griffith Tel 01458 224087

Curate

Revd Bruce Faulkner Tel 01458 270902

Church Wardens

David Beswick. Tel 01935 840795

Norma Black Tel 01935 840727

Parochial Church Council

Secretary Sir Donald Limon Tel 01935 840450

Treasurer Alan Carnall Tel 01935 840692

Tower Captain

Jackie Ellis Tel 01935 840344

Church Services for March

7th 11am Parish Communion

14th 11am Mothering Sunday Special Service

21st 11am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong

28th 9.30am Palm Sunday Parish Communion

Lenten Lunch - 24th March in the Village Hall 12.00 - 1.30pm

Church Rotas for March

Brass: Ann Leahy

Flowers: Lent

Kingsdon C of E Primary School

Kingsdon, Somerset, TA11 7JX
Tel: 01935 840406 Fax: 01935 841765
Email: office@kingsdon.somerset.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Christine Dawson

Secretary: Mrs Carolyn Brannan

Chair of Compton Dundon and
Kingsdon Church of England
Primary School Federation
Alan Carnall. Tel: 01935 840692

PTFA

Joint Chair - Nina Abel and Karen Banks

Treasurer - Jayne Bartin

Secretary - Katie Campbell

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 March

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)
National Trust	Friday 5th 9am - 1pm
Kingsdon Ladies Club	Tuesday 9th at 7.30pm
Kingsdon Seniors Club	Wednesday 10th at 3pm
Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 11th 7pm
Practical Study Group	Wednesday 17th at 10am
Lenten Lunch	Wednesday 24th at noon

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

Kingsdon Cricket Club

Chairman: Ian Birrell, Watersmeet, Huish Episcopi, Langport TA10 9HE Tel 01458 250246

Secretary: Kathy Jamison 'Swallows' 43 Kingsdon Tel 01935 841049