

# The Kingsdon Chronicle

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## New House to be Thatched

A meeting of the Area East Planning Committee was held on Wednesday 13th October. On the agenda was an application submitted by the developers of Park Farm to change the roof on Plot B to tiles instead of the previously approved plans for thatch .

The meeting was attended by Kingsdon Parish Council Chairman, Tony Masters, who was able to make the council's case to Area East Planning Committee for the rejection of this application as agreed at the Parish Council Meeting. The outcome was successful, the application was rejected. The respective building has to be thatched as originally designed and not tiled . The Parish Council's case was based on the Kingsdon Design Statement ; Plot B being a landmark site warranting a landmark building . Also effecting a gateway via the approach road to Kingsdon creating a good first impression . John Calvert, Kingsdon's District Councillor backed the Parish's case.

There had been some support for the roof to be tiled as it would be lower than a thatched roof, thatch requiring a greater pitch for rain to run off. Another reason for tiling was that a prospective purchaser had stated a wish for tiles; they would not purchase if thatched.

From the plans below, the planned height of the thatched roof of Plot B can be seen in conjunction with the completed house at Plot A.

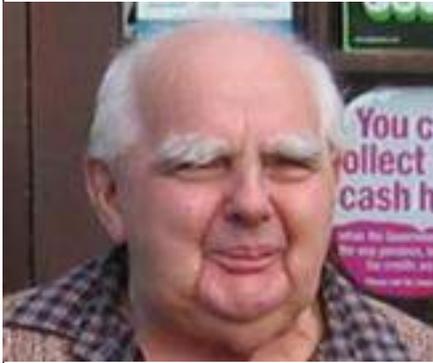


View of Plot B from Lower Road

View of plot B from Mowbarton Road



## Richard Kersley



The latest news on Richard is that he has been making satisfactory progress since moving from the High Dependency Ward to Ward 6A on 7th October. It is likely to be another month before he can start putting weight on his legs.

## Thank You Angela

The Kingsdon Stores has continued to offer the usual first class service thanks to the sterling work of Angela Attwell. She has been working harder than ever in Richard's absence, and still with a smile, despite such early starts to sort our morning

papers out at 6am every day.



## Kingsdon Cricket Club Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club is to be held on Sunday 21st November at 7.30pm in the Halfway House at Pitney.

This is an open meeting and we would love to see any one from the village who is interested in finding out how the club works and perhaps joining us as a Vice-President or even as a player.

As you will be aware, next season we will be back playing where we belong, on the Kingsdon Manor field. A lot of work has gone on there over the summer months making a new square and levelling the outfield. A car park has been made and storage containers installed for our equipment. A new pavilion is planned.

## Kingsdon Seniors' Club

Donald welcomed 26 members to the first meeting of the new season. A short A.G.M took place resulting in no changes in the committee; a short treasurer's report was given by Lesley Higson, outlining the reason for the change in the Annual Subs.

Our guest speakers, Jenny and Nick Nichols, were introduced to the meeting, their topic being "Researching the Jenners of Lytes Cary".

This research was wide-searching taking Jenny and Nick to:

- The archives of the National Trust;
- Reading hundreds of letters and documents to retrieve relevant facts, dates and people;
- Photographing the results;
- Filing the evidence in such a way it could be easily cross-referenced
- Meetings with people who might remember any members of the family, past staff of Lytes Cary or any contact who had memories which could be useful to the project;
- Meetings with the rest of the group – all of whom had their own particular interest in the project;
- A trip to India;
- Reporting back to the National Trust.

Jenny and Nick have produced a booklet which they hope will be of interest to the visitors to Lytes Cary.

Teas were provided by Pamela Ford and Freda Curtis.

## Betty Hawes 90th Birthday Congratulations



Belated Birthday congratulations go to former Kingsdon resident, Betty Hawes, who reached the grand age of 90 on 5th October.

Betty, who now lives at Keinton Mandeville is the President of Kingsdon Seniors Club



**World Horse Welfare**  
turn your passion into action

## World Horse Welfare at Glenda Spooner Farm, Kingsdon Christmas Fun Day - 27th November from 11am till 4pm

As usual there will be tours of the yard and the opportunity to walk round the farm, but we will also be doing some displays of the horses and ponies in the main arena, plus some other special displays, a tombola, second-hand tack stall, and there will be Charity Christmas Cards and gifts for sale. Hopefully there will also be a children's quiz.  
Light refreshments available (including Andy's famous fruit cake!)

## Kingsdon Church of England Primary School



At the beginning of  
comed Tallullah and  
pupils into our school.

They have settled in superbly and are enjoying our school life.

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On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September we held a very successful Macmillan coffee morning at school. Parents and villagers visited the classrooms, had some tea and cakes and a catch up with friends. Over £180 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Care. Thank you to everyone who made cakes donated money and helped to make it such a lovely atmosphere.

At the Church, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October we held our harvest festival. Bruce took a very lively service, which saw the children and parents singing lots of harvest praise, including the pumpkin song with actions! The school children also performed a play depicting a farmer harvesting his crops, with some superb acting. The Church looked wonderful, with all the produce the children brought, which was to be auctioned later on Sunday.

Amongst our varied activities, we all visited Shapwick Heath Nature Reserve for a day. Here the children joined in various nature activities, including bug bingo, creating clay faces using leaves, pebbles, conkers etc. and listening to puppet stories teaching the children about the wildlife that surrounds us.

This year, our Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December between 12noon – 2pm in the village hall. There will be professional stall holders as well as stalls run by parents and pupils. The kitchen will be producing the delicious bacon butties as usual, and the cake stall will be run by the ladies from the Church. Any donations of cakes, savouries etc. will be gratefully received on the day, the profits being shared between the Church and the school PTFA.

Raffle tickets for our Christmas Hamper will be on sale shortly, with various other super prizes to be won.

Our next Bag 2 School collection will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any good quality clothing, shoes, bedding or soft toys you no longer require, please consider popping them into a bin liner and dropping them off at the school by 9am on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Bag 2 School is a business that pays money to the PTFA for items collected and then sells them on. The previous collections we have made have raised approximately £100 for the PTFA, which has been used to continue to support and broaden the curriculum for the pupils. The junior pupils are currently studying World War II, and hope to finish this fascinating topic with a trip to show them what being an evacuee was like.

**Christmas Greetings in the Chronicle**

As in previous years the Kingsdon Chronicle offers its readers the opportunity to have Christmas Greetings posted in the Chronicle to save on sending out cards locally. Many who use this service send the money saved to their favourite charity. All greetings will appear in the Christmas issue of the Chronicle which will be published on 23rd December. If you wish to use this service please notify the Chronicle a.s.a.p. and include the message you would like to be used or let us know if you would like us to do the wording for you. *(Wally)*

# Stella Mary Thompson

19th April 1920 - 30th September 2010



The funeral service was held at All Saints Church, Kingsdon on Wednesday 13th October for Stella Mary Thompson, formerly of Stithians, Northtown, Kingsdon who passed peacefully away on 30th September.

The very moving service was conducted by Reverend Bruce Faulkner who gave the Eulogy. The poem 'Shadows' by D.H. Lawrence was read by Stella's daughter Amanda and memories of their Nan were given by Stella's grandchildren, Rebecca and Emily.

There followed a private family cremation at Yeovil

## **New Lighting at All Saints Church**

A special Dedication Service was held in the Church on Sunday, 17th October, when Evensong was sung. All three stipendiary priests attended, as well as several retired clergy who helped us so regularly at our monthly evening service. Mr David Beswick, the senior Churchwarden, gave an account of the events leading up to the installation of the Lights, which had taken several years to come to fruition. Revd Alan Symonds (Priest in Charge) spoke the words of dedication and Revd Wendy Griffith (Senior Assistant Priest) preached the sermon. The lessons were read by Revd Bruce Faulkner (Curate) and Sir Donald Limon (Church Secretary) and the Intercessions were led by Mrs 'Bel Allan. It was well attended and joyous occasion, greatly assisted by members of the Choir of St Michael's, Somerton, along with the organist, Mrs Beryl Turner.

## **Frances Sleaf's Bristol Half Marathon Run**

Dear all my kindly sponsors,

I feel I should have reported back post-run, which I've failed to do so far.

It was fine, in fact it was a really good day. I did it in less than 2 hours (1hr.57.27) which I was very pleased about. My fundraising total is currently at £1,132.50, which is far more than I'd anticipated and is just great. It's in such a good cause.

Again, thank you very much indeed for your generous support of St Margarets, and me. *Frances*

Anyone who might like to make a donation can do so at [www.justgiving.com/Frances-Sleaf](http://www.justgiving.com/Frances-Sleaf), or contact her at Oak Cottage, Kingsdon (840270).

## **Kingsdon to Bavaria Cycle Ride**

A Charity Cycle Ride in aid of SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen Families Association) by Ellie Coyle of Blue Lias, 24 North Town, Kingsdon and her friends during the summer raised over £2,180. plus £559 gift aid.

## Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning to introduce "Project Linus" and commence planning for Kingsdon's 2012 Jubilee Celebration, was held on Saturday 23rd October was a resounding success, with over 50 people attending. It was unfortunate that the visitor from 'Linus' was unable to attend due to having flu. In her absence Babs Conway and Linda Rumbles took those present through the project and gave out wool for knitting to begin.

Wally Elliott gave a briefing on the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations for Kingsdon. Copies of the report produced following the 2002 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations were circulated to give new comers to the village, and remind others, as to the activities which took place over the 4 days of celebrations. The report is intended to act as a guide to possible activities in 2012. A deposit has been paid towards a large marquee for use over the 4 days of celebrations in June 2012. Fund raising for the remainder is well in hand. An application for a lottery grant will be made in due course, which will pay towards future planned activities.

Further copies of the 2002 report are available from Kingsdon Stores or Wally at 4 Manor Close.



Winslow has his first knitting lesson!



**A further Coffee Morning will take place in the Village Hall at 10.30am Saturday 20th November for the Linus Project, and an opportunity for anyone to put forward ideas and suggestions for the 2012 celebrations.**

**Everyone is welcome, even if you missed the first meeting.**

Coffee only 50p. All proceeds from the coffee mornings will go towards the cost of hiring the hall and Jubilee funds.

## Vision Aid Overseas

I am heading off to Zambia for two weeks from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October where my team will be conducting an intensive three day training programme for six nurses, extending their range of eye care skills acquired over the last six months courtesy of previous VAO volunteer teams. They will then accompany us on outreach to gain valuable practical training. They are already competent in refraction (determining a person's spectacle prescription), but require a different set of skills to help the visually impaired. We will be visiting 'blind schools' in Lusaka and Kabwe. Because of the shortage of skilled personnel to conduct refraction, children are often mistakenly labelled as blind or partially sighted when they actually need high power spectacles to improve their vision to a near normal level.

The average cost of sending a VAO volunteer on a programme is £1500 and each team member is required to make a personal donation of £750. It has always been my goal to try to ensure that my projects are self-funding by appealing to the generosity of my family, friends, neighbours and patients. Once again you have all come up trumps! The Langport Festival of Walking 'half marathon' raised over **£900** in sponsorship, the Book Sale **£325**, the Spectacular Quiz raised **£550** and the Julian Dawson Concert **£350**. Long Sutton Church, Somerton Bowls Club, Burrel's Whist Club (Janet), Somerton and Langport Inner Wheel and several generous donors have brought the total to over **£3500** with more promised.

I would like to say a really heartfelt thank you to all who have donated their time, support, raffle prizes and plain hard cash and I can promise that the money will be spent wisely.

**Nina Carlisle**

PS The Spectacular Quiz was won by Jean Padfield (a David Kneebone Opticians client) and the answers can be found in the Kingsdon Stores.

## A massive thank you to all my relatives and friends

It is now 2 months since being told I was in need of a triple bypass operation. During that time I have been totally amazed and overwhelmed by the messages of support and wishes of good luck from so many people, either in the form of visits, gifts, cards, emails, letters and phone calls. I cannot thank you all enough for such kindness and moral support. It really has helped me through this difficult time. I will be honest when I say there were days when I was frightened of what was to come, there have been days when I have felt very low and depressed, this both before and after the operation. I will not mention names except for two people, firstly Marilyn who was at my bedside every second of visiting time for the whole of my stay at the BHI. She was kindly given accommodation by her old school friend Naomi and her husband George at Filton. Secondly, my brother James who travelled up from Taunton almost everyday by train to also be with me and support Marilyn during the time between the afternoon and evening visiting.

### Me and my Heart

11th July and the 'Tea at Three' charity event at West Barn in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice was in hind sight, a life changing event for me. After helping to arrange the garden furniture and in particular the heavy metal sun shade stands, I was left somewhat breathless, but more significantly, with a tightness of my chest. 'It's muscular' was my initial reaction as the pain subsided. Later on that day as I helped to put away the sun shade stands the tightness across my chest returned with a vengeance. Damned muscle was my thought again as I sat and rested. A little voice however was telling me differently.

A few days later it was noticeable that I was becoming out of breath very quickly with the tightness of the chest coming on with only the minimum of physical activity. I now accepted that all was not well with my poor abused body.

Following a visit to my GP, I was referred to the coronary unit at Yeovil Hospital and a short session on their treadmill confirmed my fears, I was suffering from angina.

There followed a four week wait before an angiogram could be performed at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton. During this time I was using a Nitrolingual pump spray that is sprayed under the tongue, this area of the mouth has a large supply of blood vessels which allows the medicine to be rapidly absorbed. Glyceryl trinitrate taken in this way is used to give rapid relief from the pain of an angina attack. I was warned that if the pain did not subside after two doses of the spray then an ambulance was to be called.

I got through the next 4 weeks with the undoubted help of the spray, and with much trepidation of the forthcoming angiogram.

On 1st September my angiogram was performed by consultant cardiologist, Dr Brigden. The procedure allowed him to look inside my coronary arteries and find out where and how severe any narrowed areas were. I was given a local anaesthetic in the groin, where a catheter (a thin, flexible tube) was passed into the artery. Using an x-ray, the catheter could be directed through my blood vessels and into my heart. A special dye was then passed through the catheter and a series of x-rays were taken. I felt a not unpleasant hot, flushing sensation from the dye. The dye showed up that I had two narrowed areas and a one complete blockage in my arteries. The whole procedure being virtually painless. Dr Brigden briefed me afterwards, telling me he was surprised I had not suffered a heart attack due to the poor condition of the arteries, and he would be writing to the Bristol Heart Institute with an urgent request for me to undergo a triple by-pass operation.

I returned home later that day only to experience a severe angina attack, which persisted despite the use of my pump spray. Marilyn was quickly on the phone to the ambulance service. During the short wait for their arrival I felt extremely unwell, not helped by the expectation of an imminent heart attack. From Marilyn's expression, that was her thought as well. There followed an unscheduled overnight stay at Yeovil Hospital. Following tests which showed no damage had been caused by the angiogram, I was allowed home by Dr Brigden with strict instructions to take things very gently. He told me that he would include in the letter to Bristol just how urgent my case was.

Within a few days I had received a phone call from the Bristol Heart Institute informing me that I was to be admitted to ward 52 on 17<sup>th</sup> September for an operation on 21<sup>st</sup> September, and that it would be performed by Professor Raimondo Ascione MD, ChM, FRCS, FETCS, Professor of Cardiac Surgery & Translational Research at Bristol Heart Institute. It was most gratifying to learn that I was to be operated on by one of the most respected and highly acclaimed surgeons in his field.

During the days leading up to my admission to the BHI I was very aware how poorly I was. Walking just a few yards became hard work and frequently accompanied by pain. Needless to say I led a very quiet life until my admission to Hospital.



## The Bristol Heart Institute (BHI)



The doors of the brand new Bristol Heart Institute were opened on May 19th 2009 - a state of the art £57m centre which unites cardiology and cardiac surgery as well as cardiac imaging and cardiac research.

The BHI has been designed in partnership with patients, staff and the public and delivers a full range of diagnostic and interventional treatments for heart conditions, including primary angioplasty, to the people of Bristol, the South West and beyond.

Located behind the Bristol Royal Infirmary, the new building is landscaped into the leafy hillside facing Kingsdown and has been designed with the patient in mind. Over the preceding three years, patients had been involved in every stage of the design to make things easier for those who will be treated there, including clearer information and simpler systems.

It was here that I was admitted on 17th September, 4 days prior to my operation.

The over the weekend stay was to ensure no-one else could use my bed in an emergency, and perhaps thereby putting back my operation.

During this time apart

from tests the operation was explained in some detail. The coronary arteries supply blood to the heart muscle. If they become blocked then angina or a heart attack may occur. A heart bypass or coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) is a major operation to unblock these arteries. The surgeon uses a blood vessel taken from the chest, leg or arm to bypass a narrowed or blocked coronary artery and improve blood flow to the heart. CABG is performed as open heart surgery,

Approximately 80 per cent of the people who have a heart bypass are men over 60 and more than 30,000 CABG operations are carried out every year in the UK with an average success rate of about 90% .

CABG surgery is carried out under general anaesthetic and usually takes from three to six hours , depending partly on the number of grafts you need. Some people have more than one narrowed artery and so need more than one graft. A triple bypass, for example, involves three grafts to bypass three different narrowed arteries. The surgeon will carry out all the grafts in the same CABG operation, as this is the most efficient approach.

When you are fully under the anaesthetic, the surgeon will make an incision down the centre of your chest, cut through your breastbone and expose the heart itself. A leg vein or an internal mammary artery is then taken to provide an alternative route for the blood to flow through. One end of the section of blood vessel is attached to your aorta (the heart's main artery) and the other end is attached to the coronary artery, beyond the narrowed area.

Your heart is stopped while the CABG operation is carried out, and a heart-lung machine is used to keep your blood circulating (this is known as on-pump surgery). Sometimes the operation is carried out without a heart-lung machine with the heart still pumping (off-pump surgery or beating-heart surgery) as was my case.

At the end of the operation the divided sternum is wired together. This wire stays with me for the rest of my life. I am told it will not set off the security alarms at airports!

Operation day. I am pleased to say, I do not remember much about it! I was given a pre-med at about 11am and taken down about midday and then had the best sleep I had experienced for ages. As my friends know, sleep does not come easily for me, no matter what.

The next I remember was feeling as if I was choking on saliva, whilst not being able to talk due to all the tubes that I seemed to have sprouted from my mouth and body, I was able to get the message across and a suction tube was inserted into my mouth, and down a bit further to clear the gurgling mess.

The next day I was out of intensive care and in the high dependency unit, a vague recollection of some tubes being removed but had an oxygen mask on and there was little pain. Later I was invited for a walk by a pretty physio. Not wanting to miss such an opportunity, off we went hand in hand around the ward. That's far enough I was told, I had walked more than was normal for post op day 1.



I was more comfortable in my bedside chair than lying down so that is how I spent the next 36 hours. The staff soon got to know about my non sleeping habit so the next day when I returned to the ward I was given a single room. After visiting I spent the nights listening to the radio. At home I usually listen to radio 4. Whilst in hospital the main topic on 4 was about two brothers vying for some top job. Unfortunately even that didn't put me to sleep! Once Marilyn and James left at 8pm I virtually clock watched, counting the hours to the next afternoon's visiting time.

Post op day 3, referred to as the blues day, a time when one is liable to depression as the effects of the anaesthetics wear off. This was also the day when the catheter was to be removed. I had been warned by a friend who had been through this op some 10 years ago that this was the most painful part of the whole procedure. As I lay there having said good-bye to my modesty, the young nurse set about removing the tube. There was a warm flush sensation, followed by what felt like tickling, "that's it, all done" said the nurse, and what a sigh of relief I gave.

That evening I was asked if I would like to try a sleeping pill. Try anything once I thought, so at 10.30pm that evening I popped a strange purple pill. Within minutes I was gone. Next thing I remember is waking and looking at the clock to see it was 2.15am. But where was I? Looking round, I appeared to be in a ladies hair dressing salon. Panic, and a feeling I must get out of here set in. I was out of bed, dressed and bag packed in seconds. I hurried down the corridor to the nurses station and told the night staff my predicament. "Come and sit down and have a cup of tea" was the response. It didn't take long before the world became normal again., and I returned to my room. At 3.30am I sent a text message to Marilyn - 'I've tried to do a runner' she woke at the sound of her phone and thought it was one of my jokes. The following morning the staff told me that it was not unusual for that sleeping pill to have side effects. One patient had left the ward thinking he was a dog! There were other stories of the effects of this pill which are not suitable for the Chronicle! The next couple of nights they tried me on Temazepam, it may as well have been smarties for all the effect it had.

Then came the words I had been waiting to hear, " You can go home tomorrow". And so one week after the operation I was on my way, complete with pillow across my chest under the seat belt and praying Marilyn would avoid the potholes and sharp braking!

Whilst it was great to be home I was still in a lot of pain, I was coughing a lot and each time I felt my chest was opening up. I had had this in Hospital but in fear of not being allowed home I had concealed my discomfort. A trip to my GP showed I had a lower lung infection, antibiotics were prescribed which within the week had virtually solved the problem

So what does the future hold? Slow walking around the village, increasing the distance gradually has been the order of the day so far, that is when I have not been near crippled by a bout of gout. On 4th November I commence attending the Cardiac rehab at Yeovil Hospital, which will be twice a week and on 9th November I return to Bristol for a check up. I am quite confident that I shall be able to lead a near normal life by Christmas. This will be due in a big way to my nurse, chauffeur, cook, cleaner, secretary, and general dogsbody, who has looked after me from the outset and whom I will never be able to thank enough. Without Marilyn I doubt if I would be here to tell the tale.

Once again I would like to say

Thank you, thank you  
to all my Friends

# It's Bacon Butty time again



**Saturday 13th**

**November**

**11am - 2pm**

**Kingsdon Village Hall**



**Your lunch in a**

**bun with a cuppa**

**Bring and Buy sale**

**Raffle**

**(Donations gratefully received)**

**Joyce Limon & Norma Black**

**Appeal on behalf of**

**The Lord's Larder**

**Kingsdon will once again be sending non perishable foods for Christmas. Please help us to help those in great need who live in Yeovil & District. We will collect or you can deliver to**

**Joyce Limon at West Barn (840450)**

**or Norma at Park Villa (840727)**

**by Monday 13th December at the very latest.**

**Dry goods and in-date cans please**

**(but not baked beans)**

**Thank You**

## The Kingsdon Inn

It is all systems go for the December re-opening of the Kingsdon Inn.

The scaffolding is at last coming down following the completion of the thatching and chimney alterations.

The inside work is progressing at a pace.

The Chronicle is delighted to announce that a new chef has been appointed. I am sure a lot of people will be pleased to learn that Duncan Gordon is returning to the Kingsdon Inn. It was 11th March 1989 that the first meals were served at the Inn, prepared by Duncan in what is now the Old Kitchen dining room. It wasn't long afterwards that the Kingsdon Inn became a byword for the place to eat in Somerset, and beyond, due to his culinary skills.



### Christmas & New Years Eve Menus

Please note that these menus need to be pre-booked and a non refundable deposit of £5 per head is required for each booking.

Cheques payable to the Kingsdon Inn.  
Deposits to be received at least 7 days from the date of booking.

Between 4th and 24th December the usual Kingsdon Inn lunch-time and evening menus will also be available

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## THE KINGSDON INN

### Christmas Party Menu

*Available Lunch Time & Evenings  
4th - 24th December*

*Cream of Leek, Potato & Chestnut Soup  
Grilled Goats Cheese & Toasted Pine Nut Salad  
Smooth Chicken Liver & Herb Pate  
Smoked Salmon & Crayfish Salad*

*Roast Local Turkey with Chipolata Sausages, Bacon  
Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce  
Loin of Pork with Calvados Cream & Apple  
Haddock and Pancetta Fish Cakes with Dill Mayonnaise  
Baked Field Mushrooms topped with Ratatouille  
& Shaved Parmesan  
Grilled Rib Eye Steak & Béarnaise Sauce*

*Selection of Desserts*

*Price £19.50*

### New Year's Eve Menu

*7pm arrival until late*

*A Glass of Bubbly on Arrival*

*Celeriac & Stilton Soup (v)  
Layers of Crab & Avocado Mousse with a Tomato  
& Basil Sauce  
Smoked Salmon & Tiger Prawn Salad  
A Smooth Duck Liver & Herb Pate  
Grilled Goats Cheese with Caramelised Onion Confit (v)*

*Pan Fried Loin of Venison with a Damson  
& Port Wine Sauce  
Grilled Sirloin Steak with a Béarnaise Sauce  
Tenderloin of Pork with a Citrus & Herb Stuffing  
Duo of Salmon & Sole with a Crayfish Sauce  
Half Roast Duck with Scrumpy Sauce  
Wild Mushroom & Cherry Tomato Baked in  
Filo Pastry (v)*

*Choice of Desserts  
Coffee*

*Price £35*

## **The Kingsdon Inn Staff Wanted**

A lunch time 'Washer-Up' is required, Monday to Friday, when the Inn re-opens in early December.

For more details contact Algy Napier, Tel 01935 840543



## **Tips for Handling Nuisance Telephone Calls**

Three Little Words That Work if you get one of those marketing calls!!

(1) The three little words are: 'Hold On, Please...' Saying this, while putting down your phone and walking off (instead of hanging-up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that boiler room sales would grind to a halt. Then when you eventually hear the phone company's 'beep- beep-beep' tone, you know it's time to go back and hang up your handset, which has efficiently completed its task. These three little words will help eliminate telephone soliciting..

(2) Do you ever get those annoying phone calls with no one on the other end? This is a telemarketing technique where a machine makes phone calls and records the time of day when a person answers the phone.. This technique is used to determine the best time of day for a 'real' sales person to call back and get someone at home. What you can do after answering, if you notice there is no one there, is to immediately start hitting your # button on the phone, 6 or 7 times as quickly as possible. This confuses the machine that dialled the call, and it kicks your number out of their system. Gosh, what a shame not to have your name in their system any longer!!!

## **How to avoid getting Spam / Junk emails and being conned by sob stories!**

(1) Any time you see an email that says "forward this on to '10' (or however many) of your friends", "sign this petition", or "you'll get bad luck" or "you'll get good luck" or "you'll see something funny on your screen after you send it" or whatever --- it almost always has an email tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and emails of those people you forward to. The sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' email addresses to use in SPAM emails or sell to other spammers.

Even when you get emails that demand you send the email on if you're not ashamed of God/Jesus --- that is email tracking, and they are playing on our conscience. These people don't care how they get your email addresses -- just as long as they get them. Also, emails that talk about a missing child or a child with an incurable disease "how would you feel if that was your child" --- email tracking. Ignore them and don't participate!

(2) Almost all emails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the child in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of email is, is a way to get names and 'cookie' tracking information for telemarketers and spammers -- to validate active email accounts for their own profitable purposes.

You can do your Friends and Family members a GREAT favour by sending this information to them. You will be providing a service to your friends. And you will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam emails in the future!

And do yourself a favour and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listing regardless how inviting they might sound! Or make you feel guilty if you don't! It's all about getting email addresses and nothing more. You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT! Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later and very possibly a virus attached! Plus, we are helping the spammers get rich! Let's not make it easy for them!



### Just a Drop Initial visit to Haiti

Remember the Haiti earthquake disaster? It is as long ago as last January, but the efforts to get things back to normal go on. At the time Just a Drop (JaD), the water charity, decided that they would wait until things settled down and then play a role in the rebuilding of the basic water, based needs of the population.

To this end a water engineer travelled out and drew up a plan of action that will now be put into action.

There will be a system of cooperation with local and other bodies to oversee the work to ensure that JaD's criteria are met.

The work will be concentrated of a number of schools in the general area of Port au Prince. In all seven schools were visited, all having been damaged by the earthquake. The aim now is to replace the unsafe water supplies and collapsed or even nonexistent toilet facilities. In all cases the current water supplies are described in the engineer's report as "basic but inadequate"; and in none of the sites is the supply regular for suitable for drinking.

Work will be concentrated on providing water tanks, installing pumps to lift water from wells and the provision of pipelines. These lines will get water to latrines, kitchens and shower facilities.

A full copy of the Engineer's report is held by Jim Masters and is available if anyone would wish to read it.

On 30th April this year a fund raising quiz was held in Kingsdon Village Hall for Just a Drop which raised £565 towards the work being planned in Haiti. Another £100 was raised at the Harvest Supper.

### **Kingsdon Ladies Club**

Lynne Davis welcomed 17 members and 1 guest to the monthly meeting held on 12th October. Birthday posies were presented to Ann Baldwin, Marilyn St Clair, Phyl Winsor, Jane Lockhart and Jackie Ellis.

It was agreed the Harvest Supper was a great success this year with 77 attending. The auction of produce raised £100 for 'Just a Drop'.

Menus are out to decide where to go for our Christmas Dinner in December.

The guest speakers were Chris Flower and Simon Jones from Lawrences Auctioneers of Crewkerne, who entertained us for the evening with their knowledge of antiques. There was also a quiz for the meeting to show its skills, which caused a lot of head scratching. Lyn Attwell won with a score of 20/40. Members also brought some items along for discussion and valuation. A great evening was had by all.

Refreshments were provided by Jean Toole and Marilyn St Clair. The meeting closed at 10pm.

The November meeting will be held on the 9th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The guest speaker will be Linda from Blooming Linda's Florists of Somerton who will be demonstrating Christmas arrangements. Linda is always very popular, so if any new members or visitors would like to attend they would be very welcome.

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HOPPING MAD  
by Peter Crowter

I was playing in an orchard with a little girl called Pam,  
We were picking blackberries but not for making jam.  
And then we plucked an apple and we took a great big bite,  
Beneath the rosy skin it was all glistening and white.  
And then we got a blackberry, we used it like a brush,  
To paint the snowy apple with a tangy purple blush.

The bramble juice and apple went together very well,  
We thought the taste was lovely and we also liked the smell.  
Bits of us were covered with a pretty purple stain,  
We were having lots of fun and then down came the rain.  
We stood beneath an apple tree and sheltered in the lew,  
But as the rain got heavier it started coming through.

Higher in the orchard we could see a wooden shed,  
We thought we'd run towards it and then shelter there instead.  
We dashed inside and all at once were greeted by a smell,  
There wasn't any doubt there had been pigs in there as well.  
Upon the floor there was some straw that wasn't very clean,  
And as our eyes got used to gloom then something else was seen

Some tiny creatures small and black were hopping on our knees,  
The bedding straw beneath our feet was full of hungry fleas.  
We tried to brush them off our legs but we were losing ground,  
We thought we'd better hop it, t'wasn't safe to hang around.  
We dashed off to our homes and it was never mind the rain,  
We shouted to each other, 'Well, we won't go there again.'

I reached my house, opened the door and quietly slipped inside,  
'Are you wet?' said mother. 'Oh no,' I swiftly lied.  
She got on with her knitting and I got myself a book,  
I sat down in a chair to read when mother shouted 'Look!  
There's something hopping on the mat, just there look, can you see,  
It's small and black and goodness me I think it is a flea?

'There's another and another! Where have you been my lad?  
I told her in a pig sty and that made her hopping mad,  
'You'll have to get those clothes off and I'll put you in the bath.'  
Our cottage had no bathroom, just a tin tub on the hearth.  
She poured in lots of Dettol, which had such a nasty smell,  
She shoved me in the water then with all my clothes as well.

'I've heard of a flea circus, this is really, really mad,  
You really are a stupid boy, wait till I tell your dad'  
Fleas are not good swimmers and quite a few got drowned,  
But others jumped to safety, there were still a lot around.  
Stuff called Keetings powder was the only way to go,  
Mum sprinkled all the carpet and it looked a bit like snow.

Fleas are very tiny and they do not make a sound,  
It's very hard to find them if they want to go to ground.  
Each time that mum decided that at last the house was clear,  
She would be disappointed 'cause another would appear.  
It must have been a month or two before our mum was sure,  
She'd killed the last survivor and there really were no more.



**Recycling and Waste  
Collection dates for November**

**Wheelie Bin Refuse Collection Days -**  
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**You have been given an additional box because cardboard  
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Tuesday 2nd November**

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Why only plastic bottles? - Most UK reprocessors can currently only sort and recycle plastic bottles and not other plastic containers. This situation is starting to slowly change and SWP will keep this under review.

Revised collection dates for the Christmas period will be in the next issue of the Chronicle and displayed in Kingsdon Stores

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### Johnny again

A teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where first pig was trying to gather the building materials for his home. She read, *'And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said: "Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?"* The teacher paused then asked the class: *"And what do you think the man said?"* Little Johnny raised his hand and said very matter-of-factly... *'I think the man would have said - "Well, I'll be \*\*\*\*\*!! A talking pig!"*

As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers. I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?' He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.' I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.' Eric grinned.... 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?' 'No,' I replied. 'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.' So I wrote down: ID10T - I used to like Eric, the little \*\*\*\*\*.

### The Bible in a Nutshell as written by a child

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat. Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbour's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.') During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead. Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum to rule over the earth. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

A duck walks into a pub and orders a pint of lager and a ham sandwich. The landlord looks at him and says, "But you're a duck." "I see your eyes are working," replies the duck. "And you talk!" exclaims the landlord. "I see your ears are working," says the duck, "Now can I have my beer and my sandwich please? I'm working on the building site across the road," explains the duck.

Then the duck drinks his beer, eats his sandwich and leaves. This continues for 2 weeks. Then one day the circus comes to town. The ringleader of the circus comes into the pub and the landlord says to him, "You're with the circus aren't you? I know this duck that would be just brilliant in your circus, he talks, drinks beer and everything!" "Sounds marvellous," says the ringleader, "get him to give me a call." So the next day when the duck comes into the pub the landlord says, "Hey Mr. Duck, I reckon I can line you up with a top job, paying really good money!" "Yeah?" asks the duck. "Sounds great, where is it?" "At the circus," says the landlord. "The circus?" the duck enquires. "That's right," replies the landlord.

"The circus? That place with the big tent? With all the animals? With the big canvas roof with the hole in the middle," asks the duck. "That's right!" says the landlord. The duck pauses for a moment with a confused look on his face and replies: "What the heck would they want with a plasterer?"

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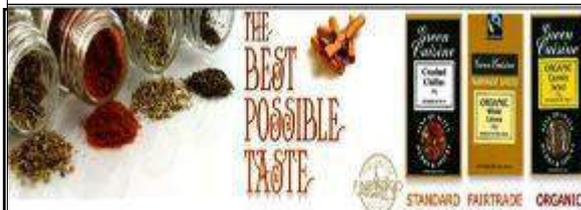
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## Minutes of the Kingsdon Parish Council Planning Meeting Friday October 1st 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

**Present:** Mr A Masters (Chairman); Messrs R Hollaway, D. Morris, M. Clode and Mrs A Saunders (Parish Councillors); Mrs S Smith (Parish Clerk) plus 4 Parishioners.

Apologies were given on behalf of Mr J Calvert (District Councillor) and Mr J Zouche (County Councillor).

The minutes of the previous planning meeting had been circulated and were agreed and signed.

### Matters arising from minutes:

Mr T Masters said Cllr J Calvert had taken up Kingsdon Parish Council's observations and decisions re Application No 02733/S73 not to support the change of the approved roof construction on a new build property at Park Farm, Lower Road, Kingsdon from thatch to clay tile. The matter had now been referred to a meeting of the Area East Committee on October 13<sup>th</sup>. No councillor was available on that day to attend, but Mr T Masters said he would write a full letter detailing the reasons behind the Kingsdon Parish Council's observations.

### Matters arising:

#### 1) Application No 10/03502/CON Applicant: Mr and Mrs Stephen Damant

The erection of a two storey extension and replacement rear extension to dwelling house at 24 North Town, Kingsdon.

**Observations:** Mrs Saunders said she could not see any real problems as it was not a listed building. Mr M Clode mentioned the aspect of a zinc roof, but confirmed it would be around the back of the property and therefore not easily visible.

**Proposed** by Mr M Clode that the application be passed; seconded by Mr R Hollaway.  
The motion was carried.

**2) Application No 10/03884/FUL and Application No 10/03821/LBC.  
Applicant: Gamebird Inns Ltd.**

Alterations to roof to raise the water table to south east gable at Kingsdon Inn, Lower Road, Kingsdon.

**Observations:** Mr T Masters explained more fully about the water table aspects of the property.

**Proposed** by Mr D Morris that the application be passed; seconded by Mrs A Saunders.  
The motion was carried.

**Other business**

**Damage from parking on village verges.** Mr T Masters said he had been in contact with Cllr J Zouche and learned that there was little that could be done by the County Council. However, Cllr J Zouche said the County Council would be willing to consider any proposal made by Kingsdon Parish council once they had obtained any necessary funding.

There was much discussion on this as it was seen to be a growing problem in the village. Mr R Hollaway suggested a letter should be written to Mr Glover, the developer of Park Farm, to gain assurance that he would safeguard the verges on his development before leaving the site. This was agreed to be a good idea.

**Village Walls.** Mr D Morris outlined the Workstar services provided by Mr Gary Alleyne which has been discussed fully at the previous Parish Council meeting in September. Mr D Morris said a meeting had been arranged with Mr Alleyne on site, but had had to be cancelled. Another date for a meeting had already been arranged.

**Inspection of play area in village field.** Mr T Masters confirmed he had created a report form and parishioner Mr M Conway had already started to undertake this work. A question was raised on whether the inspection had to be carried out by a Parish Councillor and Mr R Hollaway said this was not the case.

**Grit bins.** Parishioner Mr P Leahy reported a few problems with the new grit bins, mainly on the latches and the base for the bins. It was agreed concrete pads for the bins would be inappropriate for Kingsdon and it was mentioned that careful filling is important to keep the bins in shape.

**Dog fouling.** There was growing concern over the amount of dog waste that was being left around the village without being cleared up by the owners. Mr M Clode said he would put up additional notices to try and remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8pm.

**These minutes have yet to be approved**

**South Somerset District Council  
Planning Application Decisions 13th & 18th October 2010**

**Application No:** 10/02733/S73

**Proposal:** Application to vary condition 02 of decision notice 09/04074/S73 dated 18/01/2010 i.e: Alterations to Plot B to change the approved roof construction from thatch to clay tile and move the domestic refuse store. (GR: 351885/126199)

**Address:** Land At Park Farm, Lower Road, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset.

**Decision:** Application Refused

**Application Nos:** 10/03501.FUL 10/03502/CON

**Proposal;** The erection of a two storey extension and replacement rear extension to dwellinghouse.

**Address:** 24 North Town, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset. TA11 7LE

**Decision:** Application permitted with conditions

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**Church Services for November**

7th	11am	Holy Communion	
14th	10.55am	Remembrance service	
21st	11am	Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
28th	9.30am	Holy Communion	

### Church Rotas for November

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**Bookings for November**

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Kingsdon School	Monday 1.45pm to 3.13pm (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)
Y. Dist Canine Soc.	Wednesdays at 8pm
Art Club	Thursdays 10am-12 (Term time)
Scottish Dancing	Thursdays 7.45pm – 9.45pm (Not 11th)
Screen Bites	Friday 5th at 7pm
Private Function	Saturday 6th
Ladies Club	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm
Seniors Club	Wednesday 10th 2.45pm
Parish Council	Thursday 11th at 7pm
Bacon Butties	Saturday 13th 11am - 2pm
Practical Study Group	Wednesday 17th at 10am
Jubilee Meeting	Saturday 20th at 10.30am

**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  
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**Kingsdon Ladies Club**

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