

The Kingsdon Chronicle

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28th September 2011

Kingsdon All Saints Church

'It's that Bacon Butty time again'

**Saturday 1st October 10.30am - 2pm
Kingsdon Village Hall**



**Your lunch in a bun
with a cuppa**



**Raffle
Bring & Buy**

also

**Project Linus Meeting
and**

Kingsdon Jubilee Celebrations Planning Meeting

Come along and see the progress of our knitters with their Project Linus.

It will also be an opportunity to see the latest plans for our Queen's Jubilee Celebrations here in Kingsdon, and also have your say as to what you would like to see included during the four days, 2nd - 5th June 2012, set aside for the celebrations.

All this and a Bacon Butty.

WANTED

Raffle prizes please - to Martin and Shirley Singleton and
Items for the Bring & Buy stall to Freda Curtis

Contrary to some press reports there will be a small charge for Bacon Butties and Tea or Coffee!

Harvest Supper

Sunday 2nd October at 7pm in Kingsdon Village Hall

Adults £3.50 Children £2.50

Get your tickets from Jackie Ellis Tel: 840344 or Ann Leahy Tel: 840502

Available from Monday 19th September

Please do come and support this annual event

There will be a wheel barrow collection on 2nd Oct. of items for the Harvest Festival produce sale for those not going to the Church Service. Please phone Norma on 840727 to arrange a pick up.

Hubert Stanley Pring
17th December 1921 ~ 14th September 2011



A Service of Thanksgiving for the Saints Church, Kingsdon on Monday conducted the service and gave the reading from John Ch 14, the same reading that was given at Muriel's funeral.

Another reading was given by Tris Hann. Tributes were given by his sons, Rod & Chris Pring.

Stan was born at No 4 Kingsdon and lived there until he married Muriel in 1946. His father was an Estate Carpenter and that's where Stan inherited his woodworking and gardening skills. After national service in the RAF, during which he spent time in Canada and Burma, he returned to Kingsdon and joined British railways as a clerk at Martock Railway Station. Later he went to work as an accountant/book-keeper for William Sparrow & Sons at Bower Hinton and stayed there until he retired. He was an active bell ringer at All Saints, Kingsdon, as was his father and grandfather (and also his two sons) ! He was tower captain for several years. He was also a Parish Councillor, albeit for a short time. He always loved his gardening and up until a few years ago managed to keep many villagers supplied with tomatoes and fuchsias !!

The collection was towards a Memorial Bench for Stan hopefully situated on the village field close to No.4 Kingsdon where he was born and also for the Kingsdon Diamond Jubilee Fund.

The service ended with "Sunset" played by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force

After the service refreshments were served in the Village Hall.

Rod, Chris and family would like to thank everyone for attending the service and for all the cards, letters and messages of sympathy.

life of Stan Pring was held at All Saints Church, Kingsdon on Monday 26th September. Rev. Alan Symonds

Message from Dr. Joanne Nicholl

I am now an associate governor of Charlton Mackrell school and as the only governor who is also a resident of Kingsdon and has 2 children at the school, I have volunteered to be the villages link with the governors. Obviously head Teacher Gilly Kempton, will let you know what the children are up to, but if any of the villagers wish to raise something at a governors meeting then I am very happy for them to contact me to discuss it. My contact details are: Dr. Jo Nicholl, Sakura, Chapel Hill, Kingsdon, TA11 7LN. Tel: 01935 841446 or email: jonicholl26@googlemail.com

Just to let you know that all the children from Kingsdon school have settle in really well to their new schools and there were lots of proud parents when the reports came out at the end of last term.

I am sure the chronicle will join the parents and pupils of both former Kingsdon school and Charlton Mackrell in expressing our sadness at the news of the death of Mrs Julie Moseley's (former senior teacher at Kingsdon) husband from cancer . We would like to send her and her children all our love and best wishes and would like her to know that we are all thinking of them at this very difficult time.

Christmas Greetings in the Chronicle

It is that time of year again when thoughts start to turn to Winter and in particular, Christmas. In previous years readers have been able to have a Christmas greeting published in the Chronicle thereby saving on sending cards to their friends in Kingsdon. This year there will be an opportunity to have an individual message inserted for which there will be a small charge of 50p or you can have a free message inserted on a communal Christmas page. If you would like to avail yourself of this service please contact Wally at 4 Manor Close, Tel 841444 email wallyelliott@hotmail.com



Seaside Quiz

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**Find the names of 120 Seaside venues
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Example:-

Clue - 'Dark Puddle (9)'

Answer - 'Blackpool'

Seaside Quiz

It has been brought to my attention that I have stupidly duplicated the answer to the following questions in the latest quiz

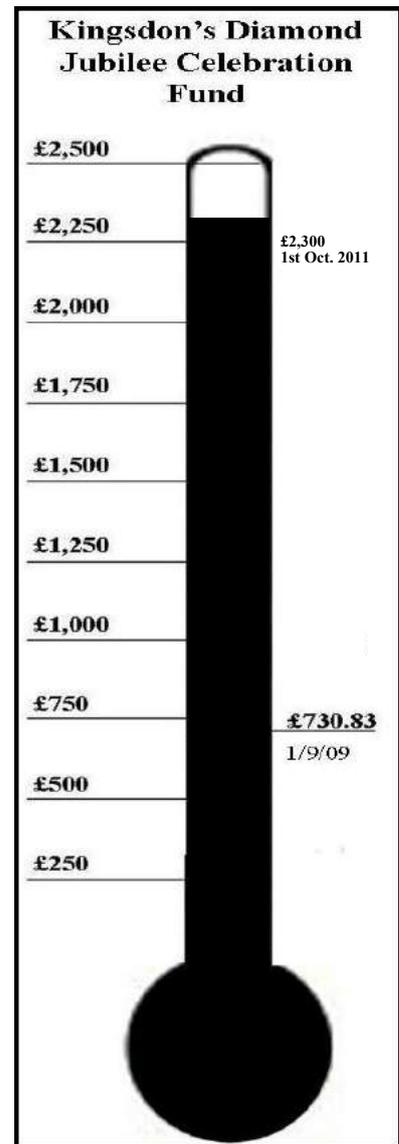
Q 6 and Q 86 have the same answer

Q 7 and Q 108 have the same answer

Q 12 and Q 59 have the same answer

I hope this hasn't caused you too much stress and anguish. *(Wally)*

Kingsdon Jubilee Fund



At time go-to

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press, 56 residents of Kingsdon have signed up as members of the fund. If you would like to find out more about the fund then come along to the 'Bacon Butty' morning on 1st October when all will be explained. Phone 01935 841444 for application forms. There is a nominal charge of 20p for joining.

TEA & CHAT

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WEDDING MARCH.

On 15th October, our Daughter Victoria (Tors) is getting married at 3pm in Kingsdon Village Church. She will, in traditional fashion leave our house in Cary Way and **walk** through the village (weather permitting) via middle street and up to the church.

Having been born and raised in the village, there are those of you who might like the opportunity to wish her well along the way. This would help to make her day very special. **Sally.**

Lupus Autumn Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

10a.m – 12 noon Saturday 8th October

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Thank You

Joyce Limon would like to thank everyone who have sent kind messages following Donald's re-admission to hospital and to say how much this is appreciated by Donald, who sends his love to all his friends in Kingsdon.

Kingsdon Ladies Club

Lynne Davies welcomed 20 members to the monthly meeting held in the village hall on Tuesday 13th September. Birthday posies were given to Joyce Limon, Angie Saunders and Lynne Attwell. Tickets for the Harvest Supper, to be held on Sunday 2nd October at 7pm in the village hall, were on sale from Jackie Ellis and Ann Leahy.

The Guest Speaker, Jonathan Weeks was very amusing, playing his many medieval instruments. Mainly woodwind made from reeds or animal bones and bagpipes and a hurdy-gurdy. Lynne gave the vote of thanks

Refreshments were provided by Joyce Limon and Phyl Winsor. Ann Leahy won the flutter prize. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th October at 7.30pm in the village hall. The Speaker will be local authoress, Jackie Gingell who will talk on 'How to Write and Publish a book' Her debut novel is Ee Eye Addyeo (The Farmer Wants a Wife) . Jackie writes in a humorous risqué vein chronicling the idiosyncrasies of village life. Her friends, family and colleagues live in fear of finding themselves featured in her writing.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

The Kingsdon Community Centre Committee Meeting

"The Kingsdon Community Centre Committee met on 13th September. A report was made to the committee regarding the outcome of a meeting with Jimmy Zouche our County Councillor and the next steps to follow this up were agreed. Final figures for the village questionnaire are that 160 villages (64%) responded with 81% responding YES, to the question 'Should the school be owned and run by the village?' All other % results remained the same as previously published in the Kingsdon Chronicle. Other issues discussed included registration of the project with Village SOS, potential sources of funding and detail relating to the construction of the Business Plan. Complete minutes will be posted online on the Kingsdon page of www.ukvillages.co.uk website no later than 2 October 2011, or paper copies can be supplied on request from Chairman, Patrick Leahy."

COME ON SAM

by Peter Crowter

Farmer's son lived up the road and Bob had his own farm.
One day he marched down to our yard, his face showed some alarm,
'Listen lads I need some help, there ain't no time to lose.
My ram's escaped and trying hard to get in with my ewes.

I do not want him poking them not for a month or so,
I want my lambs born in the spring not freezing in the snow.

Me and Charlie went with Bob and soon we all did see,
Way across the field the ram was where he shouldn't be,
Looking through the gate with lust to ewes he couldn't reach,
Pacing up and down the hedge to find a place to breach.

'Hurry up then lads' says Bob, 'Before he finds a way.
If he gets in with those darn ewes he's going to want to stay.

We trapped him in a corner and we grabbed him by the wool,
What we didn't realise was he was so powerful.

We'd only walked a little way p'raps twenty yards or so,
He took off like a rocket and we had to let him go.

Back to his ewes he galloped, with us in hot pursuit.
'You won't escape us next time, you blooming randy brute'.

Once again we caught him, and determined to succeed,
Bob tied some twine around his neck to use it as a lead.

If he struggles this time then it's bound to be in vain,
But he threw us to one side and got away again.

We caught him for the third time and Bob was hopping mad,
'Two strings we'll have, one each side, get out of that my lad'.

As we tied a second string we saw a puff of smoke,
Farmer striding down the hill, he thought it were a joke.

'Three blokes to lead a blooming sheep, what do you think you're at?
Take off thik string, I'll lead the sod or eat my blooming hat'.

'Father, you'll be sorry but don't say you ain't been told'.
'Cut one string off' said Farmer, 'And then let go your hold.'

Farmer took the other string and wound it round his hand.
'Right then lads release him then when you get my command.

'Ok boys then let him go,' we did just what he said,
The ram stood for a second and just shook his handsome head.
'Come on Sam,' said Farmer and he took off like a shot,
Such a sight you've never seen and one we ain't forgot.

Farmer held him on the right but he went t'other side,
Farmer spun round like a top our smiles we couldn't hide.
The string was wound around his hand he could not let it go,
On his back he landed and the ram gave him a tow.
His Woodbine popped out of his mouth his cap flew off his head,
The ram just kept on running and he pulled him like a sled.

Farmer let go of the string, his pride was dealt a bruise,
The ram then did a u-turn and ran back to see his ewes.

Farmer got his fag and cap and said, 'He's bloody strong'.
Bob said, 'You should have listened cause I told 'ee all along'.

And so for the third time, our efforts were in vain,
We had to turn around and go and catch the sod again.



Another set of twins for Kingsdon, this time at Park Farm House

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Thank You

On behalf of our son Richard, We would like to thank the many people who sent best wishes to him following his recent splenectomy operation. He is now home awaiting further tests. *Marilyn & Wally*



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A middle-aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, two months and eight days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction and tummy tuck. Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well look even nicer. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, an ambulance killed her. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40 years? Why didn't you pull me out of the path of that ambulance?" God replied, "Girl, I didn't recognize you"



Two little old ladies were attending a rather long church service. One leaned over and whispered, "My butt is going to sleep." "I know," replied her companion, "I heard it snore three times!"

It's 2012 and it's the Olympics in London.

A Scotsman, an Englishman and an Irishman want to get in, but they haven't got tickets.

The Scotsman picks up a manhole-cover, tucks it under his arm and walks to the gate. McTavish, Scotland," he says, "Discus," and in he walks.

The Englishman picks up a length of scaffolding and slings it over his shoulder.

"Waddington-Smythe, England," he says, "Pole vault," and in he walks.

The Irishman looks around, picks up a roll of barbed wire and tucks it under his arm. "O'Malley, Ireland," he says, "Fencing."

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses.

She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up!"

After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up.

The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?"

"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Johnny was standing and staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The young man of seven had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up and stood beside him. Gazing up at the plaque, too, he said quietly, "Good morning son."

"Good morning pastor" replied the young man, not taking his eyes off the plaque. "Sir, what is this?" Johnny asked.

"Well son, these are all the people who have died in the service," replied the pastor. Soberly, they stood together staring up at the large plaque.

Little Johnny's voice barely broke the silence when he asked quietly, "Which one sir, the 8:30 or the 10:30 service?"

Little Johnny "why is your homework in your Dads writing?" the teacher asks. "I used his pen," he replied.

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You can

SEE people

DRAW flowcharts

FEEL important

FORM subcommittees

IMPRESS your colleagues

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ALL on COMPANY TIME

MEETINGS....

THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK.

A tourist walked into a Brighton antique shop. After looking around for a while, he noticed a very life-like bronze statue of a rat. It had no price tag, but it was so striking that he decided to buy it anyway. He took it to the owner and said: 'How much is this bronze rat?' The owner replied: 'It's £12 for the rat, and £100 for the story.' The tourist gave the owner his £12 and said: 'I'll just take the rat, you can keep the story.' As he walked off down the street, he noticed that a few real rats had crawled out of the sewers and begun following him. This was a little disconcerting, so he started to walk a little faster, but within a couple of blocks the swarm of rats had grown to hundreds, and they were all squealing and screeching in a very menacing way. He increased his speed & ran on towards the beach, and as he ran, he looked behind him and saw the rats now numbered in their MILLIONS, and they were running faster & faster. By now very concerned, he ran down to the pier and threw the bronze Rat far out into the water. Amazingly, the millions of real rats jumped into the water after it and were all drowned.

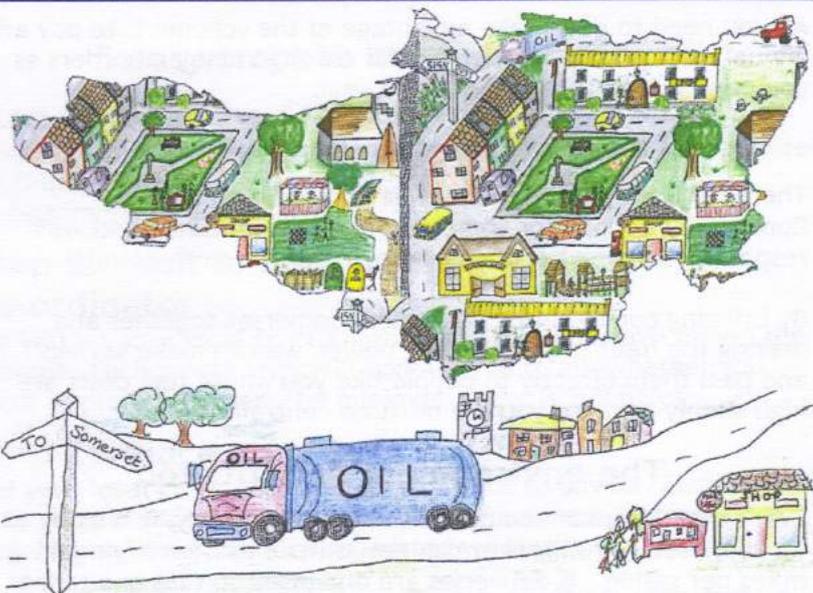
The man walked back to relate all this to the shop owner, who said: 'Ah, you've come back for the story then? ' 'No,' said the tourist, 'I came back to see if you've got a bronze Terrorist, a Manchester United supporter, a male and female Rioter, and anything French!'

Okay, so a Texan rancher on holiday in Somerset comes up on a farmer from Kingsdon. The Texan looks at the farmer and asks, "Say, how much land you think you got here?" Farmer: 'Bout 10 acres I rec'on. " Texan (boasting): Well, on my lot, it takes me all day to drive completely around my property" Kingsdon farmer: "Oh arrr, I got one of them trucks too."

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Supporting Action in Your Community

What's the scheme about?

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All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

What's the snag?

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By bringing communities throughout Somerset together and making the most of joint buying power, we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high simply because you use oil-fired central heating.

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Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel - a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying 8 miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

5 Easy Steps to Cheaper Heating

Oil

Step 1: Join the CCS Scheme

Request a membership form from Community Council for Somerset by calling 01823 331222 or apply via the CCS website www.somersetccc.org.uk/oil

Step 2: Wait to hear from your local co-ordinator

We will let your local co-ordinator know that you have joined the scheme. Each month they will contact you to ask whether you want to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres.

Step 3: Place an order

Let your local co-ordinator know you want to buy oil. Each month they submit a total village order to us. Your order increases our negotiating power, so once submitted we regard it as binding.

Step 4: Sit back whilst we negotiate the price

We negotiate the best price from a whole range of suppliers. Your local co-ordinator will advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

Step 5: Take delivery of the oil and pay the company

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Annual membership fees

Domestic: £20, Community Building: £30, Business: £100 which will cover your oil deliveries for 12 months.

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3rd - NGS

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8th – Squashes galore

Celebrate this most versatile of vegetables with growing tips, tasting sessions and recipes to take away to try at home. Get ready for Halloween and try your hand at pumpkin carving. Workshops at 12:00 and 2.30pm. £8 per person including refreshments. Booking essential.

24th- 28th (excluding Thurs 27th) - The Great Outdoors

Wrap up warm and enjoy the great outdoors with autumn themed children's activities and trails around the estate.

11:00-4:30pm. Normal admission charges apply.

22nd - 30th (excluding Thursday 27th) - Lyte walking

Estate walks that include the beautiful River Cary, a variety of wildlife and outdoor children's play area

As part of the National Trust's Walking Festival, Lytes Cary Manor will be hosting a week of walking! Come and enjoy the countryside with walks around the estate, river and our newly opened 'White Walk ', which contains a fantastic children's play area and outdoor classroom. Tracker packs and spotter sheets will also be available for families

Help Wanted at Lytes Cary

Lytes Cary Manor is always in need of volunteers to help support this special place and get involved with the day to day running of the property. We have many roles on offer including working in the house as a room guide, volunteering in the garden, helping in the shop and selling raffle tickets. Once you have volunteered for 50 hours you will be given a volunteer card that entitles you to free entry to NT properties in addition to a 20% discount in NT shops and catering outlets. There are many other benefits to volunteering including meeting new people, volunteer outings and property socials. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact the Lytes Cary office on 01458 224471

NEWS RELEASE

Rural hall committees welcome proposals to scrap the licensing of entertainment

The announcement by the Department for Culture Media and Sport of their intention to deregulate entertainment licensing in the UK is welcomed by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and the Rural Community Action Network (RCAN).

Village halls and similar rural community buildings provide a venue for the delivery of a wide range of local arts and cultural activities in rural communities. ACRE carried out a comprehensive survey in 2009 and has produced a number of Reports. In particular, 'Rural Community Buildings, Arts, Sports and Licensing Requirements', demonstrated that 80% of halls are used for arts activity contributing to the trebling of use of rural halls over the last 20 years.

75% of rural halls currently have to hold a Premises Licence which permits a variety of entertainment to be held in public. The top activities, according to ACRE'S survey, are the performance of live music and playing of recorded music, followed by the performance of dance. There is no charge for the Licence but it requires a significant amount of administration. Removing the need for the Licence will release a burden from volunteers, as well as from the local authorities administering applications. Where hall committees have to apply for Temporary Event Notices for entertainment there will be financial savings which will be very much appreciated by those raising funds for the running costs of the hall. Deborah Clarke, ACRE'S Rural Community Buildings Officer commented: "Volunteers managing rural halls have been struggling with the level of legislation and bureaucracy over the last few years and will find this initiative a move in the right direction. We are pleased that DCMS have taken action as part of the Government's Red Tape Challenge".

ACRE and RCAN will be encouraging rural communities across England to contribute positively to the consultation. For more information, please contact Deborah Clarke, Rural Community Buildings Officer, ACRE on 01285 654377, or email d.clarke@acre.org.uk

At the last Parish Council meeting two matters were identified to be brought to the attention of local residents:

- 1. Verges:** There has been discussion at the Parish Council over the legal aspects of preventing cars damaging grass verges by placing barrier rocks and other obstacles on the verge. **Residents are advised to check the specific conditions of their property** and find out whether the Highways Dept owns part or all of the verge and also to check the legality of any alterations they wish to make to their verges.
- 2. Speeding:** There have been reports of cars speeding through the village and the Parish Council believe most of the speeding drivers are known to residents in the village. The Council would like to remind everyone that **we are a country environment and care needs to be taken on our small country roads.**

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South Somerset District Council Planning Applications

Application No: 11/02891/FUL

Location: Land OS 4858 At Cooks Cary Farm, Hally Hill Lane, Kingsdon, Somerton.

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building for the housing of livestock (GR: 352462/126612)

Status: Pending Consideration

Application No 11/03076/FUL

Location: Kingsdon Cricket Club, Frog Lane, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset.

Proposal: The erection of a new cricket pavilion (GR 351729/125937)

Decision: Application permitted with conditions

Draft Minutes of the Bi-monthly Kingsdon Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 8th September 2011 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: A.Masters (Chairman), Messrs. D Morris, A Colton; Mrs A Saunders; Mrs E Owen (Parish Councillors); Mr J Zouche (County Councillor); Mrs S Smith (Parish Clerk).

There were 6 Parishioners.

Apologies: Mr R Hollaway, Mr M Clode

Minutes: The minutes of the previous bi-monthly meeting were confirmed read, approved and signed.

Matters arising:

3.1 Village Design Statement. Mrs E Owen gave a brief report re the existing Parish Design Statement and confirmed that it is now out of date. She gave a review of the new government proposals for Neighbourhood Plans, which will be required once the Localism Bill is passed. Parishioner Mr B Carlisle provided additional information including details on the new Localism Bill and the implications of the 'presumption of sustainable development'. It was agreed that it was important for the village to be as prepared as possible and that the best option would be for the Parish Council to lead on the creation of a Community Led Plan which can be converted to a Neighbourhood Plan when required.

3.2. Kingsdon Community Centre. Parishioner Mr P Leahy said he had taken over the Chairmanship of the Kingsdon Community Centre sub-committee. He said he had had a good meeting with Cllr J Zouche, there was a strong group of supporters and that it was urgent they moved on all aspects as quickly as possible. Mr P Leahy said he would report back as soon as they had something definite to report. Cllr J Zouche added to the information and said it was important that a business plan for the use of the Community Centre was presented to the County Council and had provided the Sub-Committee with the name of someone at the County Council who should be able to provide help in its preparation.

3.3 Kingsdon Chronicle. There was discussion over the publication and its cost.

Proposed by Mrs E Owen that it is a Parish Council publication and therefore VAT should be reclaimed on all expenditure. Seconded by Mr A Colton. - **Passed unanimously.**

Further discussion on the Chronicle confirmed that when it was started, the cost was expected to be covered by the Parish Council and therefore the Parish Council should be providing financial support. It was agreed to discuss this fully at the next meeting when the editor and publisher, Mr W Elliott, would be able to be present.

3.4 Parish Maps. Mrs E Owen said there hadn't been time yet to fully demonstrate the value of the mapping system but it could be very useful in the preparation of the new village plan.

3.5. Boules Court. The Chairman, Mr T Masters, had received more details giving an overview of the court and the likely cost implications. It was agreed to ask parishioner Mr B Turner if he could come to the next meeting so that the idea could be fully discussed.

4. Field Maintenance.

4.1 Village railings. The Council was awaiting a quote from a steel fabricator in Babcary who has his own welding equipment.

Proposed by Mrs E Owen that if the quote comes to less than £200 the it should be accepted. Seconded by Mr A Colton.

Passed unanimously.

4.4. Verges. Mr R Hollaway reported there had been no news as yet from Mr S Davis of the Council's Highways Dept and the suggestion was that householders use commonsense re the verges, and move rocks back a couple of feet from the very edges to ensure safety for vehicles. Mrs A Saunders pointed out that planning permissions on site lines is quite clear and there also may be conditions relating to the verges. Mr D Morris confirmed that in many cases the verge belongs to the Highways Dept and exact specifications need to be known. He also added that advice should be given to residents to check the legality of what they can do with the verges outside their homes. It was agreed that a note on this should be put in the Kingsdon Chronicle to warn all local residents to check their own situations. Mr A Colton said he had spoken to some residents of the Park Farm development and they had agreed between them to share the cutting of the grass which indicated they wouldn't be damaging the verge by parking on it.

Parishioner Mr P Leahy said it would be timely to remind people that we live in a country environment and need to watch speeding. It was agreed that most people speeding into and around the village are people known to residents.

5. Highways

5.1 Signage. Mr A Colton said he had checked out the cost of the finger type sign on Kingsdon Hill and Highways are going to repair it at their cost. He said there was no news yet on improving the signage at Lytes Cary. Cllr J Zouche said he had discussed signage with Mr S Davies in the Highways Department who had told him that currently they had limited funds available at the moment, so action should be taken quickly before this money runs out.

5.2 Snow Clearance. Cllr J Zouche reported that there had been some reorganization at the Highways Dept and Mr S Davis has reported that there were no additional snowploughs to hand out to farmers and no allocation available for local farmer Mr Attwell in Kingsdon. However, if Mr Attwell had a snow plough that could be used, then he could be added to the official list. Cllr Zouche said that the Highways Dept would be willing to looking at the cost of repairing any existing snow plough and getting it up and running again. The Clerk agreed to ask Mr Attwell if he had a snowplough and if so find out its condition. Cllr J Zouche recommended that a copy of Mr Attwell's original letter re application to be registered for snow clearance be forwarded to Mr S Davis in the Highways Dept.

6. Parish and Environmental works.

6.1 Grit Bins. Mr A Colton said he had the forms to order the new 2 x 400 litre bins for a total cost of £345.60p.

Proposed by Mrs E Owen that the two additional grit bins be ordered. Seconded by Mrs A Saunders.

Passed unanimously.

There was brief discussion confirming the siting of the bins on a really solid surface and ensuring small holes in the bottom of each bin for drainage. Cllr J Zouche said the bins will be filled up by the County Council as long as they have enough grit, so it was important to get this done as soon as possible.

6.2 Catsgore Development. It was confirmed that application for this development had been turned down which removed any implications for the village.

7. Other business.

Children's sign. It was mentioned that a sign at Languard's Farm, warning traffic that children played in the area, would be better positioned nearer the pub. It was mentioned that this was a private sign for the house.

Bus stop vegetation. Mrs E Saunders mentioned that brambles at the bus stop in Top Street had grown down to eye level. She agreed to have a word with the owners to see if the bush could be trimmed back.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

All Saints Church

Priest in Charge

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

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Revd Wendy Griffith Tel 01458 224087

Curate

Revd Bruce Faulkner Tel 01458 270902

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Parochial Church Council

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Jackie Ellis Tel 01935 840344

Church Services for October

Sunday	2nd	11am	Harvest Festival	
Sunday	9th	11am	Holy Communion	
Sunday	16th	11am	Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
Sunday	23th	9.30am	Holy Communion	
Sunday	30th	11am	Mattins	

Church Rotas for October

Brass: Pamela Ford

Flowers: Liz Biesty & Jenny Gambling

Kingsdon Village Hall

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Bookings for October 2011

Short Mat Bowls

Mondays 7pm - 9pm, Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Table Tennis Club

Tuesdays at 7.30pm (not 11th)

Yeovil District Canine Soc.

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 8pm

Art Club

Thursdays 10am - 12 (Term time)

Bacon Butties / Linus Project

Saturday 1st 10.30am

Harvest Supper

Sunday 2nd 7pm

Ladies Club

Tuesday 11th 7pm

Practical Study Group

Wednesday 19th 10am - 3pm

Seniors Club

Wednesday 26th at 3pm (Please note change to 4th Wednesday of month)

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 Cricket Club

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

President: Wally Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon, Somerton, TA11 7LW Tel 01935 841444

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

Kingsdon Seniors Club

The Seniors Club meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

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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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