A warm welcome awaits everyone to All Saints Church, Kingsdon this Christmas Tide for the following Services:

Christmas Eve Monday 24th December

Crib Service 2.30 p.m.
Family Communion 9.30 p.m.
All Saints Church

Priest in Charge: Revd Alan Symonds Tel/Fax 01458 272029 (For arrangement of Baptisms, Weddings and other occasional services)
Church Warden: Mrs Bel Allan Tel. 01935 840878
Parochial Church Council: Secretary: Nicholas J. Allan Tel 01935 840878 Treasurer: Tony Steele-Perkins 01935 840184
Tower Captain: Jackie Ellis Tel 01935 840344

Church Services for December / January

Sunday 23rd December 10 am Benefice Together Communion Somerton. Rev Alan Symonds/Rev Bruce Lyons
Monday 24th December 2.30am Crib Service Norma Black
Monday 24th December 9.30 pm Family Communion. Rev Adrian Hopwood
Sunday 30th December 10 am Benefice Together Communion Kingsdon Rev Alan Symonds
Sunday 6th January 11am Holy Communion Rev Adrian Hopwood
Sunday 13th January 9.30am Morning Prayer Jenny Gollop
Sunday 20th January 6pm Evensong Rev Alan Symonds
Sunday 27th January 9.30am Holy Communion Rev Adrian Hopwood

Kingsdon Village Hall

For all information (except bookings) contact: - David Thomson, Park Farmhouse, Lower Rd.
Kingsdon TA11 7LL Tel:01935 841453

For bookings contact Marilyn Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon, TA11 7LW Tel 01935 841444
Email marilyn.elliott@hotmail.co.uk

Bookings for January 2019

Short Mat Bowls - Mondays 7.30pm - 9pm, and Tuesdays 10am - 12noon
Table Tennis Club - Tuesdays at 7.30pm
YeoVil D. Canine Soc. - Wednesdays at 6.30pm
Art Club - Thursdays Term time
Puppy Training - Sundays 9.30am
Kingsdon Parish Council - Meeting 10th at 7.30
Practical Study Group - 16th at 10am
Kingsdon Afternoon Club - 23rd at 3pm

Kingsdon Table Tennis Club

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

Kingsdon Afternoon Club

The Afternoon Club meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3pm in the Village Hall. New members (any age) are always welcome. For information contact Richards South tel: 840912

Kingsdon Boule & Croquet Club (New Venue)

From 26th April members will meet at the Kingsdon Cricket Club ground every Thursday between 2pm and 4pm weather permitting. The club welcomes new members or just come along to enjoy a taster session followed by tea and cake in the club house. For more details contact Nina Carlisle on 01935840933 or email ninacarlisle@talktalk.net

Kingsdon Cricket Club

Chairman : Marilyn Elliott  4 Manor Close, Kingsdon, Somerton, TA11 7LW Tel 01935 841444  07990673935
Secretary: Simon Rumbles
Fixtures Secretary/ Team Selection: Ian Birrell  Watersmeet, Huish Episcopi, Langport. TA10 9HE Tel 01458 259231 07817959709
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It was a night like many others, quiet, still. The sheep were contentedly sleeping and I was struggling to stay awake myself, looking forward to the end of my spell of keeping watch. Then I became aware that the sheep were growing restless, starting to wake, some on their feet, often a sign that something was around. I stood up as well and started to peer out into the darkness, not sure which way to look. Several of my companions were now awake, we all sleep lightly when we are with the sheep, and we become attuned to their behaviour.

The night seemed to become lighter in the West, over towards the hills, and I thought I could make out a figure of someone in that direction. Someone wearing white clothes which seemed to give off light, bright, dazzling, and a voice said “do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will bring joy to all people. Today in Bethlehem a Saviour is born and you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger”.

So came my invitation to be part of that glorious celebration, to go to meet with the baby lying in a manger who is the Saviour of the world. Of course we went, how could we not? He was there, with his parents and he was in an animal feed box, a new born baby, born that very night, small, helpless, and we wondered just who he was, what would he do to live up to this beginning?

This Christmas once again we are all invited to meet the one by whom the world has been changed for ever, who offers us forgiveness and salvation. So come and meet with the baby Jesus in the manger, pause, wonder, and give thanks that he came and still is the reason for Christmas.

Have a good celebration!

Alan Symonds

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In Support of Sarah Freeman’s
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First Prize: Sunday Lunch for two at The Kingsdon Inn

Quiz Sheets available at The Kingsdon Inn and
The Kingsdon Community Shop
£1 donation in the Leukaemia Care collection pot please

The winner will be drawn at the Curry / Bingo night on Saturday 2nd February in Kingsdon Village Hall from all correct answers submitted

Quiz Part 1: Give the Name or Number of the property, part of which is shown in one of the 60 photographs taken by me using a camera with a zoom lens. All were taken stood on tarmacked roads, as shown overleaf, none from footpaths or unmade up tracks.

Example Clue

The Answer

Quiz Part 2: Name the Somerset Town or Village from the picture clues. Use your imagination and remember it may ‘sound like’ or ‘look like’ the clues.

Example:

Clue

Answer: Bridgehampton

Answer Sheets on the last pages - Please return by Friday 1st February 2019 to Wally Elliott at 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon, or leave at The Kingsdon Inn or Kingsdon Community Shop.

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**Kingsdon Community Shop**  
Christmas Draw Winners List (see back pages)  
Prizes can be collect during Shop opening hours
Kingsdon Community Shop at Christmas

Monday 24th Christmas Eve
open 7.45am to 12 noon

Pre-ordered Bread for collection after 8am

Tuesday 25th Christmas Day - Closed
Wednesday 26th Boxing Day - Closed
Thursday 27th open 8am - 4pm

There will be normal Bread deliveries on
Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Monday 31st

Tuesday January 1st New Years Day
open 9am to 11am

In an emergency over the holidays, if you run out of milk, wine or another food stuff, please phone Marilyn & Wally on 07990 673935 or Ann Leahy on 01935 840502.
If we are not in bed, we will be delighted to help!!

All the Volunteers at
Kingsdon Community Shop
wish their customers a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
CURRY & BINGO COMES TO KINGSDON

7:30pm, Saturday 2nd February
Kingsdon Village Hall

Enjoy the taste of India
(a choice of Medium & Mild curries will be available)

Licensed Bar

In support of Sarah Freeman’s
London Marathon 2019

Tickets on sale at Kingsdon Community Shop until 28th January
Please buy your tickets early to help catering

Tickets £10
16 & under £5
Anne and Stephen wish their friends and neighbours of Kingsdon a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Arthur wants to wish all his doggy and human friends a very happy Christmas. And to thank all the kind Kingsdon humans for all the help they gave my own humans when they had their falls - I could not have coped on my own - we are all very grateful. Have a lovely, accident free 2019.

Love from all at Stoneleigh. Xxx

Xmas Greetings from Alex & Joyce. With heartfelt thanks for the concern and help shown to us during the past awful year.

Please Note
There will be NO collection of Christmas cards for re-cycling at the shop this winter. The Woodland Trust etc will no longer being doing this collection.

Joyce Limon sends a Christmas wish to all her friends....
May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter & goodwill & may the year ahead be full of contentment & joy.
Have a Merry Christmas.

“May the Christmas message of peace, love and hope be with you all this festive season and your inspiration for the coming year.”
Brian & Gill Paine

Nick and Lisa Newbery
Wish all their friends in Kingsdon
A Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year

We miss you all!

Xmas Greetings from Alex & Joyce.
With heartfelt thanks for the concern and help shown to us during the past awful year.
Ann Baldwin wishes all her friends and neighbours in Kingsdon a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

MERRY XMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN KINGSDON

Nina and Ben

Alan, Gillian, Alice and Sarah Carnall would like to wish all their friends in Kingsdon a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Christmas Greetings from the Hammonds

Derek, Ruth, Eleanor & Matthew

John & Faith Barker wish all their friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard & Cathy Hollaway wish all their friends in Kingsdon a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
To My Family & Friends,
Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year
Ethel

Patrick and Ann would like to wish a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all in Kingsdon

Algy & Heather wish all their friends in Kingsdon a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Joy to all in Kingsdon this Christmas
Norma, Leonie & Joshua

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Andy, Lynn and Dotty

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Friends, Family - past & current Customers (BB Discounts) from Angela, Peter and Paul Attwell."
Martin Singleton would like to wish all his friends in Kingsdon a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Linda & Goff
Wish all in Kingsdon Joy & Happiness at Christmas and throughout the coming Year.

The Ladies of the Kingsdon Knitting Club
Wish everyone a Very Marry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Meetings will resume on Saturday 12th January 2019.

OK, we’ve picked up the gold and myrrh...what on earth is THAT?!

‘Winslow and Jennie
wish everyone in Kingsdon a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!’

Sam Elliott sends best wishes to his friends in Kingsdon.
Kingsdon 100 Club Christmas Draw was made at the Shop on 20th December by Gillian Carnall at 5.10pm

1st Prize £50 No. 6 Sarah Carnall
2nd Prize £20 No. 118 Tony Steele-Perkins
3rd Prize £15 No. 10 Joyce Lough

Letter to the Editor

Now that some of the hedges have been neatly trimmed in the area of the track leading up to Kingsdon Woods, it has become alarmingly clear to see that there must be quite a number of dog owners in Kingsdon who obviously have no social conscience.

I am appalled by the piles of dog faeces just a few inches off the tarmac track, making what otherwise could be a pleasant walk into a game of dodgems! It takes seconds to bag these piles, take them home and place in your own bin.

You chose to own a dog, your dog is responsible for using this track as a toilet, YOU are responsible for your dog. Kingsdon is a special village, let’s try and keep it that way, do your bit to help. You know who you are.
As you know, I have just returned from a VAO assignment to Sierra Leone, where our team of five volunteers conducted outreach clinics, school screening and continuation training for three Optometric Technicians currently working in the VAO supported Vision Centre in Makeni.

Sierra Leone in West Africa, is approximately the size of Ireland, and has a population of around 7 million people. Following the ravages of a brutal civil war through the 1990s it had the rather dubious accolade of being listed as the poorest country on earth. Just as it was finding its feet, it was hit by the outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in 2014. Over 11,000 people fell ill with over 40% dying within days of getting sick. VAO has worked in Sierra Leone since 1987.

Our work this year concentrated on screening primary school children as part of the Child Eye Health programme in partnership with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and others. We travelled from our base in Makeni to a different outlying village each day. There, with the help of the Makeni based Ophthalmologist and ophthalmic nurses we checked all the children in the local primary school. The problems encountered were very similar to those we see in this country so it was pleasing to be able to help those children who were unable to see the blackboard. We also examined adults with vision problems who attended the clinic. In common with many sub Saharan countries there is a high incidence of glaucoma which tends to occur at a younger age. For most, a VAO visit would be the first opportunity to have their eyes examined.

As a matter of courtesy, before setting up our clinic in each village, we were taken to meet the village Chief to ask permission. In Rogbin Town, we met Chief Anita Benthem Kargbo who was on her way to meet us with a live chicken tucked under her arm and cooking pots balanced elegantly on her head. When I asked where she was going she said ‘to cook your lunch’!

During our two weeks in SL we screened 3,262 school children and 985 adults, examined 559 people and dispensed 278 pairs of glasses.

Vision Aid Overseas receives no government funding so programmes such as these rely heavily on volunteer donations and fundraising. With your help, we raised a total of £1875.

Thank you once again for helping to make this possible.

Nina Carlisle
A QUIET NEW YEAR  
By Peter Crowter

In nineteen fifty something – well some New Year long ago 
Tom and I, I don’t know why, we had nowhere to go. 
The best bet seemed to be a pub, The Kings Arms Montecute, 
One of many that we knew and not far to commute. 
We got stuck into barley wine our favourite tipple then, 
And in between, a tot or two while waiting for Big Ben. 
We soon got in the party mood along with all the rest, 
The girls got better looking too as jollities progressed. 
And then the old year ended and our hands we did entwine, 
The chimes rang on the radio we all sang Auld Lang Syne. 
We went around and kissed the girls and all the women too, 
But all of them were spoken for so now what shall we do. 

We headed back to Yeovil to The Borough where we knew, 
After midnight had been struck they always have a do. 
Tom drove at fifteen miles an hour so slowly did we creep. 
And suddenly he stopped the car and promptly fell asleep. 
I pushed him in the other seat and drove the car instead, 
I’d only gone about a mile when Tom woke up and said, 
“I’m the one who’s driving so why are you sitting there?” 
Come on let’s have my seat back.’ I said, “I thought we’d share.” 
Tom was having none of that and off he drove again, 
Then stopped again and nodded off, he really was a pain. 
And all the way to Yeovil then we drove alternately, 
Then we parked in The Borough, well, that is eventually. 
He parked in a no parking place but no one seemed to care, 
Though I could see there were policeman scattered here and there. 
Everyone was having fun even the boys in blue, 
There was singing, there was dancing it was quite a lively do. 
I said to Tom ‘Shall we get out?’ my words were all in vain, 
He was going nowhere he was fast asleep again. 

Village Hall Working Group (VHWG). 

As most will be aware, a VHWG has been formed at the request of the Village Hall Committee. This is chaired by Duncan Moore, and there have been 3 meetings so far. However, with ongoing village events surrounding developments and possible impact on the siting, structure and functions of the VH, a questionnaire, planned to be sent to all residents and teenagers in the villages has been postponed until more information about costs, risks, and benefits of options is available. The contents need to be aligned with the VHWG terms of reference. As one of the most important remits of the VHWG is to ensure good communication with villagers, this short note reports progress to date, pending this further clarification. 

More information will be available by the next Chronicle, and if the questionnaire is launched before this, a letter explaining the background to, and aims of, the questionnaire will be put on all notice boards, and in the shop. There will also be a “wallygram” email containing the letter. 

Meanwhile, a happy and peaceful Christmas to all.
The next Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12th July 2018 in Kingsdon Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm
Draft Minutes of the Kingsdon Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 13th December 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Parishioner comment time: There were no questions concerning agenda items

Present: Mr David Beswick (Chairman); Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr P. Waters, Mr G. Osborne, Mr W. Elliott, Mrs J. Mackay, Mr I. Dibben (Parish Councillors); Mrs M. Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 17 parishioners.

1. Apologies: Mrs Jacqui Land (RFO); Mr D. Ruddle (County Councillor) and D. Norris (District Councillor).

2. Declarations of Interest: P. Waters declared an interest in cheque clearance for verges.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 8th November 2018, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by G. Osborne and seconded by W. Elliott, and unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items: None

5. Chairman’s Report: To say that the last 6 months or so have been a testing time would be something of an understatement. I have this week received a letter from Greenslade Taylor Hunt which will hopefully help us to move forward. The bottom line is that they have sought the views of the Kingsdon Estate trustees and that the additional options offered at the 24 November consultation day have been rejected. They now plan to continue with their original proposal of 28 properties and have already completed a topographical survey of the sites. They further state that if their subsequent development submission is not supported by the village, they may then decide to dispose of their various remaining land parcels, some of which have potential in their opinion and the village could then be vulnerable to a number of small scale planning applications being made for housing. They feel these would be unlikely to deliver the affordable housing and elderly persons housing that has been identified.

6. Correspondence: None

7. Finance – report and cheque signing: Finance information has been circulated to councillors. Details to follow for publication.

Somerton stationers have not cashed their cheque, no feedback from them as yet.

D. Beswick gave a summary of where we are currently, see below figures.

Cheque for cutting the verges, proposed by B. Paine, seconded by I. Dibben, all in favour.

Cheque for G. Osborne course, proposed by S. Mackay, seconded by I. Dibben, all in favour.

7.3 Budget: B. Paine has circulated drafts of the budget to councillors.

The tax base has increased due to more people living in the village.

There is a modest increase in the precept. A Band D will go up no more than 90p a year.

Loan repayment – was slightly wrong last year so needs to be tweaked up a bit.

G. Osborne/I. Dibben – footpaths budget has been cut. But we are trying to replace all the styles. They were happy with the cut.

A provision has been put forward for elections next year.

If figures are below £25000 we don’t need an external audit, which we try to avoid due to costs.

Accounting angels carry out our internal audit.

The budget will be officially approved in January and put on the website.

Grit salt will need to be paid for in the future.

7.4 RFO: We may now have a volunteer to take over the role. However, he needs to talk to Jacqui first to see what it involves before deciding.

8. Play Equipment: It has been suggested that the zip wire is taken out of action during the winter months and early spring, to give the ground chance to recover.

Is there a rubber mat underneath?

It is not wide enough.

We can’t spend maintenance money on the existing equipment but we could buy ‘new matting’, extending the facility.

The decision was to try the new matting replacement first as this will repair the ground at the same time.

9. The referendum: D. Beswick - Now that we have the Estates decision on what they want to develop, we intend to hold a village referendum early in January. The vote will be conducted by the Community Council for Somerset who do a lot of these polls across the county. It will be conducted against the latest Electoral Roll with the addition of those people more recently arrived in the village who have registered with the parish clerk. It will be a postal vote by return of prepaid envelope and the completed voting slips will be anonymous. The result should be available at the end of January. The cost of the vote will be in the region of £1105 including VAT although the final amount will depend on the number of returns and we need to approve in principal today that expenditure. We need to pay half that quoted figure when we confirm the order to proceed. Can I have a sponsor please for the full amount please?

We did approach SSDC, who would charge about £2000 and would only do a parish poll on one evening. The CCS option offers us a much wider range for people to vote.

B. Paine proposed we use Community Council for Somerset for around £1105, seconded by P. Waters, all in favour.

Questions?
I.Dibben – how will the wording be decided?
Do we or do we not support the Kingsdon Estate proposal for development?
P.Waters – can we draft up a refresher of the proposal for people?
The minutes will show the response from GTH. The referendum will come with a letter stating the proposal.

10. The Village Hall: D.Beswick - The Village Hall Working Group have requested clarification of the July vote. I have prepared the following statement to make the parish councils position absolutely clear.
Some members of Village Hall Working Group are asking for clarification with the proposal that the village voted on last July. The proposal was “The Village Hall should eventually be disposed of and the financial assets used in the development of a new hall” and the final vote was 112 for and 17 against.
The points raised now are:
The use of the word “should” could be interpreted in either a mandatory or advisory capacity.
The word “eventually” can be interpreted subjectively as “at a time in the future, yet to be determined.
The whole purpose of the vote was to unlock the option to build a new village hall should further investigation decide that that was preferable to refurbishing the existing hall, which requires a lot of work and is limited in the facilities it offered. There was little point in spending a great deal of time, effort and money on looking at a new hall option, if the village subsequently voted against the disposal of the existing hall. The overwhelming majority of those who voted allowed that process to start.
The specific questions from the Working Group are listed below with the councils answers, all of which will be published verbatim in the minutes of the meeting:
Does the parish council consider the vote of July 2018 to be:
a. Binding on the parish council and the village hall committee

   No. If the decision is taken to dispose of the village hall and build a new one, a fully costed proposal will have to be presented to the Secretary of State for Education and the Charity Commission before action can be taken and at that stage the village will need to vote on that specific proposal in accordance with the Deed of Trust.

b. A mandatory requirement compelling it to dispose of the village hall.

   No. It allows the parish council to pursue that option at the end of a full cost benefit analysis should it be the preferred way forward.

c. Precluding any options for a new village hall, including refurbishment of the existing hall, that does not involve the hall’s disposal and liquidation of the asset currently held in trust?

   No.

A parishioner query—reading declaration of trust, it should be the village hall committee who deal with voting procedure, not the parish council? This would suggest the vote taken in July is irrelevant.
D.Beswick – In July the village hall committee discussed this and requested that the Parish Council carry out the vote for them. There is also another vote happening at the end of the process and the village hall committee can do this if they wish. The Parish Council are the Custodian trustees.
Another parishioner queried why the Secretary of State for Education had to be involved.
It was confirmed that the trust deed states this which has been confirmed by our solicitor.
It is a listed asset.

11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th January 2019
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm

South Somerset District Council Planning Applications

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The Doctor asks: “What’s the problem?
The man says: “Doctor, I don’t know what to do. Every day my wife seems to lose her temper for no reason. It scares me.”
The Doctor says: “I have a cure for that. When it seems that your wife is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don’t swallow it until she either leaves the room or calms down.”
Two weeks later the man comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn.
The man says: “Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my wife started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and she calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?”
The Doctor says: “The water itself does nothing. It’s keeping your mouth shut that does the trick.”

As little Johnny’s mother was tucking him in after reading a bedtime story, she made the remark that God made eyes to see, ears to hear, noses to smell, and feet to run.
“Why do you think that?” inquired his mother.
“Because it's the other way around, my nose runs and my feet smell.”

A 71 year old man is having a drink in a Chicago bar. Suddenly a gorgeous 19 year old girl enters and sits down a few seats away. The girl is so attractive that he just can’t take his eyes off her. After a short while the girl notices him staring, and approaches him. Before the man has time to apologize, the girl looks him deep in the eyes and says to him in a sultry tone:
“I’ll do anything you’d like. Anything you can imagine in your wildest dreams, it doesn’t matter how extreme or unusual it is, I’m game. I want 100 dollars, and there’s another condition.”
Completely stunned by the sudden turn of events, the man asks her what her condition is.
“You have to tell me what you want me to do in just three words.” The man takes a moment to consider the offer from the beautiful woman. He then whips out his wallet and puts 10 ten-dollar bills in her outstretched hand.
He then looks her square in the eye, and says slowly and clearly:
“Paint my house.”
Christmas Tree Crossword

ACROSS
2. If you see Santa by mistake, this is what you must not take! (4)
4. Presents lying here for you – and perhaps the cat is too! (3)
5. In a carol we enjoy, this child is known as - - - - - - (5,3)
8. One thing for certain, Christmas Day, is never in the month of - - (3)
9. Your Christmas cake for certain, is not as pretty without this! (5)
10. 24 hours, all year its true – could be Christmas or New Year too! (3)
11. Had enough of Christmas cooking? Then for these you may be looking! (5)
13. He said there was no room to start, then this chap softened his heart. (9)
15. Tie this on presents and take care – or you could put it in your hair. (3)
16. It may sound like the noise that bells make, but its on your orange, no mistake. (4)
17. Do not bar this on Christmas Day, if you want Santa to come your way. (5)

DOWN
1. The time before the big days here – open each door as it comes near (6)
3. He’s the chap you need to hire, for a high voice in the choir (5)
4. If you’ve planned your Christmas right, then it may be - - - - and bright (5)
6. It is, so many people say, great fun to ride on an open - - - - (6)
7. A member of the heavenly host - Gabriel we’ve heard of most! (5)
8. A traditional Christmas is nice, its true – but some like it - - - - (6)
12. Want a white Christmas? Well you know, you can’t have it without - - - - (4)
14. Where Santa lives, but curiously on May Day too, one of these you will see (4)
16. Crunch when you take this in the ice – but careful, falling downs not nice (4)

In some cases, the answer completes the rhyme
December / January  | Collection Dates
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Wheelie Bins  | Thursday 27th December  
| January Tuesdays 8th & 22nd
Kerbside Collection  | Thursday 27th December  
| January Wednesday 2nd, Tuesdays 8th,  
| 15th, 22nd & 29th
Green Bins  | January Tuesdays 15th & 29th

There are no garden waste collections in the two weeks after Christmas. Garden waste collections may be suspended during periods of severe weather.

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