

The Kingsdon Chronicle

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This is an experimental copy of what is hoped will become a permanent journal which would contain news and information concerning Kingsdon that would not normally be found in the Tidings. It has come about as a result of the Parish Council's concern that it was difficult to communicate matters and issues that had arisen at council meetings to everyone in the village. It is proposed that there would be an issue every 2 months.

Items covered could be :-

Reports of Parish Council Meetings and Planning Meetings., a diary of events for the village and subsequent reports of the events. There would also be announcements both personal and for groups. (i.e. Engagements, weddings, exam results, birthdays etc), Lost / Found and items for sale. Advertising could be by any person or company. Letters from parishioners - Have your say or moan about things affecting the village, for example Neighbourhood Watch passing on warnings from the Police etc. Well, what do you think? Would you like to see such a publication?

The cost of production is perhaps the most important matter needing consideration. To achieve its objective to communicate to all, it is essential that each issue should be free to all parishioners.

If there is sufficient support following this issue then the Jubilee Fund could be used to purchase a copier, paper and ink. It is hoped that revenue from advertising would eventually cover production costs, with any shortfall being met by the parish council.

A copy would also be available on the internet. This would be a totally **independent** publication.

I would appreciate your comments, good bad or indifferent, please phone, email or drop me a note if you would like to have your say. I have agreed in principle to act as Editor and oversee printing. Sir Donald Limon has agreed to be my proof reader and cheque signatory.

The next issue of The Chronicle will be a Christmas Edition. Please submit items and greetings etc a.s.a.p. as I envisage there will be quite a demand for space.

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Yvonne Barbor

The Chronicle on behalf of all her friends in Kingsdon sends best wishes to Yvonne Barbor who will be celebrating her 95th birthday with her family and friends in the village hall on Saturday 27th October

Welcome to the first issue of our village magazine. Hopefully, if enough interest is shown, we can make it a regular feature of life here. Its history is simple, its reason is obvious - communication. What is going on, why its going on and where its going on. So with our first issue lets see what we have.

As many will have noticed, we have a brand new feature in Top Street, next to the church gates. It's green, it's steel and it's glass. Our new bus shelter has been in residence for a short while and is proving popular in use. Initially doubts were expressed as to the need and, of course, the siting of it; but it does seem to be settling in to its role. Some have said it should be on the opposite side of the road; but there was insufficient space for it there. For those who don't know, the shelter has a long history. There had been suggestions for one for over 30 years, during which time bus services declined to the point where we had 3 services a day run by Southern National. Fortunately, they were taken over by First Bus who now provide an hourly service for most of the day. This has naturally seen a climb in the number of people using the services; it fits in with the concerns on the part of government at national and county levels of 'carbon footprint' and the wish to reduce car usage. It was therefore felt by the parish council that the time had come for more encouragement of the service provided by First Bus. There is really little excuse for all of us over the age of 60 not to use it, as we are provided with a free bus pass. So feel free to try our new amenity and remember that you helped to pay for it, so you may as well get some use out of it.



Alex Davidson

4.10.07

80 years young

**All the staff at
the Chronicle
send their best
wishes**

For many of you March 9th was an interesting day. It was on this day that the parish council presented the *Kingsdon Village Design Statement* to parishioners in the village hall. 85 of you attended and you all gave your responses to it either written or verbally. The purpose of the statement is apparent from its title. What came out of it is currently being incorporated into a final document - I know it takes time though!

What it should provide us with is a document to use in planning the future of the village - keeping it within bounds and as far as possible keeping the character of it intact. We none of us want to live in the past, but neither do we wish to live in a Metropolis city. That's why you chose to live here. We hope it will afford us protection from the excesses of planning and carry weight with the planners who will note that we take a responsible attitude toward the environment in which we live. We hope so, as it cost the P.C. a lot of money that we don't want to see wasted.

Whilst on the subject of planning & regulations perhaps this is a good time to remind us all that a good proportion of the village is in a conservation area and indeed a number of buildings are also Grade 2 listed. This is not as onerous as it sounds, but can we remind you that if you live within the area then any alterations to your property will need permission; this includes the lopping of trees and even some hedges. The P.C. is hoping to have an advice session with planners from S.S.D.C. at a future meeting. So if you are interested check the P.C. notice board outside the school. We always advertise our meetings there and all of them are open for you to attend. Nothing is ever done behind closed doors; in fact, we would welcome all parishioners to the meetings and remember that if you have an issue regarding the village that you feel is not being attended to, we have parishioners time when you speak and air your concerns. (Patrick Leahy)

Fire damage at The Kingsdon Inn

It could have been an awful lot worse. But thanks to the smoke alarms which alerted landlord Martin the main damage was confined to the serving area behind the bar.

However, nearly all the interior of the property will require redecorating. As can be seen from the photograph, the builders have already stripped out all the damaged woodwork, ceilings and the walls are back to the stonework

Martin and Linda are now looking forward to reopening, hopefully towards the end of October, with the same menus and drinks as before the fire.

This has been a prime example of the need for smoke detectors in the home, it is certain that without them the Kingsdon Inn would be no more.



Closure of Kingsdon Manor School



Jenny Oetegenn
12.10.07

Hollie, Bella and Ellie and all your family and friends in Kingsdon send their love and best wishes for your birthday.

Bristol City Council have announced their intention to close the Manor School as from 31st August 2008. In order to close the school the city council who own the school and grounds are required by law to consult on the proposal. A consultation meeting will take place on 8th October at Kingsdon Manor School with the Staff and Governors. A further meeting will take place on 11th October at the Council House, Bristol with Parents, Carers and the Public. The Consultation Document and response forms are available on the internet at - www.bristol-cyps.org.uk

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Chronicle Delivery/Collection and Advertising Charges

This issue has been delivered to your door at the cost of my shoe leather. For a small charge all future copies could be delivered or you can collect your free copy from the Village Post Office/Stores or The Kingsdon Inn. You can of course view each future issue on the internet. My proposed delivery charge would be a minimum of £1 per annum, if you are feeling generous however, then a donation towards production costs would also guarantee delivery. The charge for advertising would depend on the size of the article. To have a greeting message inserted such as the birthday message above would be a minimum of 50p. I can take the photograph for you or send one with your message which I would return to you.

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Christmas is coming at Kingsdon Post Office / Stores

Shop locally, we have a good selection of cards, wrapping paper & gifts at competitive prices.

Come to Kingsdon Post Office / Stores - **USE US OR LOSE US**

Winter is on its way

We stock fire lighter, candles, kindling wood, not forgetting something also to warm the inner man! We also have wild bird seed for our garden visitors

Kingsdon Parish Council - Notes from the meeting held on 13th September 2007:
 A planning application to erect a two storey extension at the rear of 35 School Road was accepted. The Kingsdon Design Statement is being amended to incorporate parishioners comments prior to submission to District Council. Enquiries are in hand to have the old barn at Park Farm listed. An offer by R. Watton (District Planner) to talk on Grade 2 listed buildings at the next meeting was accepted. Following a curt response by Highways to the councils concerns and suggestions to road safety improvements, District Councillor J. Calvert agreed to pursue the matter. J, Calvert reported that he has a budget of £2,500 for capital expenditure that parishes in his ward can bid for. He also reported that Somerset Waste Partnership is conducting a trial for salvaging plastics and cardboard. It was reported that the bus shelter was installed and much appreciated by bus passengers.
 Reporting of problems with Dog Fouling, Litter, Graffiti, Fly Tipping, Fly Posting, Abandoned Vehicles, Damaged Bins and other environmental issues then contact Parish Councillor Mel Clode on 01935 840293, email mel@clode2739.fsnet.co.uk who will endeavour to resolve the problems.
 In the next issue:- Who is who on the parish council and their responsibilities.

Kingsdon Ladies Club

The club meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. For the October meeting the guest speaker will be Lesley Tucker who will talk on ‘The Honey Bee & the Craft of Bee Keeping’
 In November there will be a talk by Mr D. Gill entitled ‘I crossed the road and it changed my life’
 December will be the Christmas Meal
 New members are always welcome, just turn up or phone Lynn Davies 01935 840660 or Jackie Ellis 01935 840344

Country String Band at Kingsdon Village Hall - Saturday 1st December
Buffalo Gals - A feast of fiddle & banjo- led tunes & songs



The Buffalo Gals revel in the high lonesome sound of the South Appalachian Mountains and provide a delightful musical and visual experience driven by all the spirit and energy of the time honoured American country string band tradition. Led by Kate Lissauer, a champion American fiddler and dynamic singer, they mix ballads, blues and spirituals with soaring harmonies and dazzling displays of percussive step-dancing.
 Tickets will be on sale in November

Kingsdon Harvest Supper

Will be held on Sunday 7th October at 7pm in the village hall. Tickets are available from Jackie Ellis 840344 and Shirley Singleton 841162. Adults £3.50 Children £2.50

Kingsdon Seniors Club

Meetings are held in the village hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 3pm.
Meetings and Outings Programmes:-
Wednesday 10th October - A short AGM followed by a talk by Miss Michele Evans on ‘St. Margaret’s Hospice’
Wednesday 14th November - Revd. Robin Ray, ‘The Hoods of Butleigh’. Christmas lunch to be paid for and menu chosen.
Wednesday 5th December - Christmas Lunch at Kingsdon Inn, 12.30pm. Menu: Starter - Prawn Cocktail or Cream of Parsnip soup. Main Course - Roast local Turkey with all the trimmings or Boiled Ham with parsley sauce or Grilled Haddock Fillet with herb crust or Nut Roast with tomato and basil sauce. Selection of Desserts, coffee and mince pies.

Coffee Morning

In Aid of

Vision Aid Overseas



Saturday 13th October
from 10am

The Estate Yard,
Manor Road, Kingsdon

Announcement As from the weekend 28th September the Household Recycling centre in Somerton will be closed for 3 weeks for essential maintenance work following some minor accidents.

September Rainfall for Manor Close, Kingsdon - 1.1 inches / 27.94 mm