

# The Kingsdon Chronicle

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## **Capt. H.A. (Florrie) Ford R.N. Rtd.**

**Kingsdon is in mourning following the sad death on Thursday 25th September of a much loved resident.**

**Anthony Ford, Florrie to many of his friends, will be sadly missed by all in Kingsdon.**

**Florrie's funeral will take place at All Saints Church, Kingsdon on Friday, 3rd October at 3.30pm.**

**Pam and Family have requested no flowers please but donations to: Royal Naval Benevolent Trust.**

There will be a full report in next months issue of the Chronicle

## **Kingsdon Parish Council**

### **Notes from the Planning Meeting held on 28th August.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th August were read and agreed

Matters arising: Application re Springfield Farm - the application has not been adhered to in that the wall is too high, wrong material used for the gate posts and a post box had been built into the wall.

Boschetto, North Town - Development of roof over garage does not conform to regulations.

**Planning Application:** Old Rectory Cottage Top Street Kingsdon Somerton Somerset TA11 7JU

**Proposal:** Alterations and extensions to dwelling house (GR 351594/126106)

The proposal was discussed and agreed by a majority decision.

**A.O.B.** Langlands Farm Development application had been delegated by the Local Planning authority to the Ward Councillor for decision making and it has been approved.

### **Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th September**

**Present:** Councillors Tony Masters, (Chair) Mel Clode, Pat Leahy, Richard Hollaway and 13 parishioners.

**Apologies:** District Councillor John Calvert and County Councillor Pauline Clarke.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed

#### **Matters Arising:**

**Street Signs:** Tony Masters and Patrick Leahy have met with SSDC and locations of signs agreed will take 2-3 months to install.

**No 54 Bus:** Patrick Leahy has been in touch with County who are having difficulty with First Bus - a reply is awaited.

**Speeding:** An article has appeared in the Chronicle, Patrick Leahy has spoken with the Head Teacher and the PSLO has visited and will do so again. Any parishioner seeing flagrant incidents of speeding are asked to take the vehicle number but not to get involved.

**Overgrowth around village field / Manor Road** has been cut back by Steve Seal, to be asked for a quote for the rest of the field.

#### **Agenda Items:**

**Vice-Chair:** This was discussed and it was decided that when necessary the position would be elected on the night for that specific meeting.

**Co-opting of new Councillors:** Alison Hicks and Mike Overd were co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**Donation for the Church:** After discussion it was agreed to take no further action.

**AOB:** Some parishioners expressed their views on the street signs. Patrick Leahy outlined the SSDC position.

**Defibrillator:** The Ambulance Service had been in touch and have offered a white cabinet for housing the defibrillator, this is totally unacceptable and a green cabinet has been asked for. (This been agreed to by SW Ambulance Ser-

vice) It is hoped that the arrangements will be finalised in the next week.  
Overgrowth in Lodge Rd: There has been some clearing around the gate but still bad along the road.  
Printer: The new printer will be financed by C.C. Pauline Clarke from her fund.  
The possibility of a tennis court on the village field was discussed.

### **There then followed a planning meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 28/8 were read and agreed.  
The following planning application was then discussed and unanimously approved.

**Location:** Springfield House, Brincil Hill, Kingsdon TA11 7LA

**Proposal:** Internal alterations, refurbishment and structural repairs (GR 351235/125726)

### **SSDC Planning Decisions Report - 20th September**

**DESCRIPTION:** The erection of a two storey extension with attached garage. (GR 351869/126463)

**LOCATION:** 6 Underwood Road Kingsdon Somerton Somerset TA11 7LQ

**GRANT PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITION(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The erection of 5 new dwellings, the conversion and extension of barns to form 2 dwellings and erection of associated garaging (GR: 351885/126199)

**LOCATION:** Land At Park Farm Lower Road Kingsdon Somerton Somerset

**GRANT PERMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS**

### **SSDC New Planning Applications and Decisions Report - 27th September**

Application Number 08/04180/FUL

Address 24 North Town Kingsdon Somerton Somerset TA11 7LE

Proposal: 01The erection of a two storey extension and a replacement garage (Revised Application) (GR: 351773/126293)

Application Number 08/03326/FUL

Address Springfield House Brincil Hill Kingsdon Somerton Somerset TA11 7LA

Decision Application Permitted with Conditions

Proposal: The use of land for the siting of a temporary mobile home (GR 351235/125726)

The full details of all planning applications can be found at <http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk> and go to 'Planning Application Search'. To receive a weekly report of planning applications and decisions click on 'Register for Weekly Planning Applications in your area'

If you do not have access to the internet please contact the Chronicle who will be only to happy to provide details of planning news.

### **New Parish Councillors for Kingsdon**



Kingsdon Parish Council are pleased to announce that Alison Hicks and Mike Overd have been co-opted onto the Parish Council, which brings the number of councillors up to full strength.



### **Kingsdon Stores**

Richard Kersley wishes to announce that in a couple of weeks time an automatic cash dispensing machine will be operational in the shop . There will be **no charge** for withdrawing cash from this machine.

Richard is also negotiating to update his 'Top Up' facility in order that bills can be paid, such as council tax, energy bills etc.

**Kingsdon Stores, Top Street, Kingsdon. Tel: 01935 840241**

## KINGSDON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school term has started and we welcome the new arrivals in the Reception class. The school has a busy term ahead and the following are some dates where you may wish to join us:

- 3 October 1100 Harvest Festival, in the church
- 6 December 1200 – 1400 School Fayre, in the village hall
- 12 December 1800 School Christmas Play and Raffle draw, in the village hall
- 15 December 1730 Christmas Carols around the tree, in the school play ground
- 19 December tbc Christmas Service, in the church

At the Harvest Festival the children will bring boxes of food that will later be sold in aid of the 'Just a Drop' charity represented by Mr Jim Masters in the village. The School Fayre will have professional stalls as well as those run by the children, along with refreshments. A good opportunity to find those last minute purchases for Christmas whilst catching up on news with friends over a cup of tea! The school play has been 'standing room only' in recent years and for those venturing out to join the children and staff sing Christmas carols, a reward of mince pies and wine is on offer. And finally the term ends with a Christmas Service on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please do feel free to come to any or all of these events.

The staff would also welcome anyone who is interested in volunteering, be it on a regular or an occasional basis, to listen to children doing their reading practice. If you are interested, please contact the school secretary or any member of staff who will gladly discuss what this involves.

Subscriptions for the 100 Club are due. Contacts and further details can be found in an advert tucked within this edition of the Chronicle!

Finally the Board of Governors would like to welcome Mrs J Balhetchet as a new Community Governor.

### Kingsdon Primary School PTFA 100 Club

The P.T.F.A. would like to thank all the villagers who have so generously contributed to the 100 Club over the last school year. The money raised has been used to finance books, games and educational trips.

We are now starting the new year and if there is anyone who would like to join the club then please contact Gillian Carnall on 01935 840692 or Heather Stride on 01458 250089.

The amount involved is £12 a year which is collected in September. Each month, apart from December, there is a draw with a prize of £10. In December there are three prizes of £100, £50 and £25. If you need any further information please contact Gillian on the above number.

## Coffee Morning

In Aid of  
Vision Aid Overseas



Saturday 1st November  
from 10am till 12.30pm  
The Estate Yard,  
Manor Road, Kingsdon



Coffee  
& Tea



Bring & Buy  
a Book



Home made  
Preserves



Raffle



Further Details from Nina Carlisle—Tel 01935 840933

### Thought for the day?!

If you had purchased £1000 of Northern Rock shares one year ago it would now be worth £4.95.

With HBOS, earlier this week your £1000 would have been worth £16.50.

£1000 invested in XL Leisure would now be worth less than £5.

If you bought £1000 worth of Tennents Lager one year ago, drank it all, then took the empty cans to an aluminium recycling plant, you would get £214.

So based on the above statistics the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and re-cycle.

### Kingsdon Chronicle News

The new printer has now been installed. I will report in the next issue as to how it has worked.

**Chronicle Accounts:** As soon as the next bank statement is received I will submit the first years accounts for the Chronicle to Martin Singleton for auditing. The balance sheet will then be published in the following issue.

Anyone wishing to see the full accounts are welcome to come to 4 Manor Close where they can be inspected.

*Wally Elliott*

## Farewell to Kingsdon Manor School

There was a good turn out of school staff, both past and present together with old friends for a farewell garden party hosted by Kingsdon Cricket Club. Whilst it was a sad occasion for many it did give a chance for old friends to meet and reminisce over a glass of wine and a cream tea.



Apart from the closing of the school it was also the 25th anniversary of the cricket club, which was celebrated with the finale to the season, the annual President's XI versus the Chairman's XI match.



As the future of the club, work is well underway with the preparations of a new pitch off Underwood Road. It is quite possible however, next season's fixtures may well be played at the Manor on our old pitch which would give more time for work on the new one. This is the wish of the caretaking staff looking after the old school buildings as this would ensure the field would be maintained in a reasonable condition. The decision by the Secretary of State to Bristol City Council's application for change of use for the playing field, when it is made, will no doubt dictate our future. Irrespective of where we play, the financial implications are a heavy burden on our resources so it was very pleasing that the garden party and cricket match raised over £500 for club funds, thanks to the organisation and hard work of so many members and friends.

## More Manor Memories

The doors of Kingsdon Manor School have now closed - an end of its association with the village and an end of an era in which the school gave regular work, on the doorstep, to many of us in the village. I would like to mention a few of these people, who worked at the Manor in 1963 when I first started there.

The school cooks were a married couple - Mr. and Mrs. Kay - who lived in the Gardener's Cottage just outside the school grounds. Meals were cooked on a large solid fuel range. Food was wholesome, but by today's standards not very exciting! Rice pudding was their speciality, made in a huge boiler and dished up most days. When Mr. and Mrs. Austin, the new headmaster and his wife, arrived at the school for the first time, they were greeted by the staff in the front hall. Mrs. Kay introduced herself as the cook, mentioning with great pride "We do a lovely rice pudding". Unfortunately Mr. Austin responded rather bluntly: "We don't like rice pudding"!

Mr. Taswell, the gardener who also kept the Kingsdon Inn, would come into the Kitchen every morning to take orders for the vegetables needed for the day. He would be back later with a trug full of carrots, cabbages and potatoes from the lovely walled garden with its espalier peaches and pears.

In the Sewing Room Miss Walsh was in charge. She was the Under Matron, a gruff Irish lady who did all the boys' washing and would take charge of things when the Headmaster's wife, who was also the Matron, was away. If you were foolish enough to engage her in conversation it would always end with a tirade against Dr. Paisley! At that time up to 60 boys were resident in the school for the whole term, weekends included, with only occasional visits home and there was therefore an awful lot of washing, ironing and mending to be done!

Mrs. Bassham, Winslow's mother, also worked in the Sewing Room. She was a lady we all held in great esteem, who would remain cool and collected amid piles of darning, thick grey socks, pants waiting to have seats repaired and clothes waiting to have rips mended. Some days Winslow would be brought down to sit quietly and wait for his mother to finish work. In the end, to keep him happy, we told him there were goldfish in the Bendix washing machine and he would gaze at the window of the machine, soap suds whipping round, to try and find the fish -all meant in good fun!

During the six weeks when the boys had gone home for the summer holidays we would start spring cleaning. Jessie Miller, who lived in the cottage on Church Path, and her friend Louise from Somerton, worked on the Top Floor, but we all mucked in during this time. Curtains were taken down to be washed, mats taken up, beaten and scrubbed in the yard, floors washed - even wooden ones - then waxed. We worked our way down from the Top Floor through the building and finally dealt with the black and white chequered stone floor in the front hall. From the front door, three abreast on hands and knees with scrubbing brushes and buckets, we worked our way through the hall. It was, surprisingly, a fun time too and at lunch time we would retire to our own nicely furnished staff room. Practical jokes were played on unsuspecting folk and often we would encourage Ida Hodges (mother of Dave) to get up on the table and recite "The Village Blacksmith" from start to finish, with all the actions - worthy of an Oscar! Joyce Cripps would be getting on with her knitting and sometimes an hour would pass and Mrs. Morris would walk by and tap the door "Come along ladies"! But she knew we would catch up and have the place spotless and smelling fresh for the boys' return at the start of the Autumn Term.

I think I know the moment we entered the twentieth century: it was when a rep. from the cleaning product supplier came and introduced us to a plastic bottle with a nozzle and trigger and a clean-everything liquid. We were not convinced, but finally gave up the buckets and brushes!

*Connie Burgess*

# **Musical Evening For Lupus Awareness Month**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008  
Kingsdon Village Hall**

**doors open 7.00p.m for 7.30p.m**

**A Musical Evening with the duo**

## **CRISIS**

**music to suit all tastes  
from Rock to Irish Folk Songs  
Beatles to Ballads**

**Raffle**

**Tea and Coffee during interval  
but please bring own alcohol and glasses**

**Tickets £7, concessions and Lupus members £5.50**

**ring 01935 840132 to book**

**All monies raised to go to the Western Lupus Group  
supporting people with  
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus  
Hard to say, harder to live with**



## **What is Lupus?**

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus is, at present, an incurable illness of the immune system. It is a condition in which the body's defence mechanism begins to attack itself through an excess of antibodies in the blood stream causing symptoms such as joint pain, heart, lung and kidney disorders, increased risk of miscarriage, fatigue and many others.

The majority of Lupus patients are female, but men and young children can be affected. There are over 200 people with Lupus that we know of in this immediate area, and possibly more.

**October is Lupus Awareness Month** when we, in the Western Lupus Group, step up our campaign for fund raising to enable us to support people with Lupus, their families and carers, and to raise awareness and much needed funds for specialised clinics and ongoing research.

To have Lupus is to live a life of constant hospital visits and medication, and in some cases to have a shortened life expectancy. Lupus is neither infectious nor contagious. The cause is not known, though research has provided evidence implicating heredity, hormones and infections, including viruses. The disease lies dormant in the body until some trigger from outside sets the process in motion, these can include puberty, menopause, childbirth, sunlight, stress and trauma, or a prolonged course of medication.

So please lend us your support and join us in the Village Hall for an evening full of music and fun on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. Give me a ring on **840132** to get your tickets.

**Systemic Lupus Erythematosus  
Hard to say, harder to live with**

We look forward to hearing from you.  
Linda Rumbles

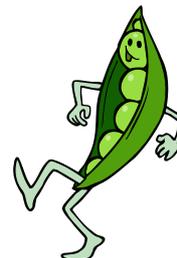
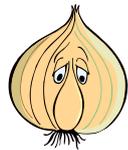
# Christmas Greetings



If you would like to place a Christmas Greeting in the Chronicle instead of sending out local cards, thereby helping to save the unnecessary waste of card and paper, then please send in your messages with your own design or we can design one for you. Last year many people also gave to their favourite charity with the money saved by using this service.

## 96 Happy Birthday Greetings 96

# Yvonne Barbor



### Family Harvest Service

All Saints Church, Kingsdon on Sunday 5th October at 11am  
All are welcome with your Harvest Produce (Vegetables, Preserves etc)  
All proceeds from the sale of Harvest Produce after the service will go to

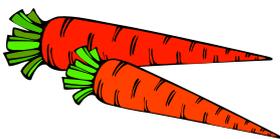


Reg. Charity No. 1100505

### Kingsdon Harvest Supper

will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 5th October at 7pm  
Tickets: Adults - £3.50, Children - £2.50

Available from Shirley Singleton Tel 01935 841162 and Jackie Ellis Tel 01935 840344.  
All are welcome - Please do support this annual event



# Christmas and New Year at The Kingsdon Inn



Algy and his staff look forward to welcoming everyone to The Kingsdon Inn for the 2008 Festive Season . Christmas Lunch and Dinner menus are available on request and bookings are now

being taken, so get your parties organised and book early to avoid disappointment !

We are holding a special New Years Eve dinner with fireworks and all are welcome

## Christmas and New Year's Eve Opening Times



Up to and including Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) Business as usual

Christmas Day - 12 Noon to 1.30pm - Bar service only.  
Closed Christmas Day Evening

Boxing Day - 12 Noon to 3pm - Lunch Served 12 noon to 2pm.  
Closed Boxing Day Evening

27th to 30th December Business as usual

New Year's Eve Lunch Time - 12 noon to 3pm - Lunch served 12 noon to 2pm  
New Year's Eve - Set Dinner (Bookings Only served from 7pm till 9.30pm) See below for details

New Year's Day Lunch Time 12 noon to 3pm - Lunch served 12 noon to 2pm  
Closed New Year's Day Evening

January 2nd onwards - Business as usual



## NEW YEARS EVE MENU

7pm till 9.30pm

A Glass of Bubbly on Arrival

Fresh Cream of Asparagus Soup  
Spicy Meatballs in a Rich Tomato & Pepper Sauce  
Mussels in White Wine, Cream & Garlic  
Leek & Goats Cheese Terrine

Escalope of Veal in a White Wine, Cream & Mushroom Sauce  
Seared Sea Bass Fillet on an Orange Citrus and Spring Onion Sauce  
Chicken Cordon-Bleu  
Grilled Rib-Eye Steak with Mushrooms  
Vegetarian Option on Request

Choice of Desserts

Coffee and Mints

### Fireworks at Midnight

Price £30.00

Please note that this menu needs to be pre-booked and a non-refundable deposit of £5.00 per head payable within 7 days of booking is required for each booking. Cheques payable to the Kingsdon Inn,

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





## *THE KINGSDON INN*

### *CHRISTMAS MENUS 2008*

available from 1st December

#### *LUNCH*

Cream of Leek & Potato Soup  
Farmhouse Pork & Chicken Liver Pate  
Crayfish Cocktail  
Terrine of Leeks & Goats Cheese

Roast Local Turkey with Chipolata Sausage Bacon Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce  
Seafood Mornay

Braised Lamb Shank with Onion Gravy  
Deep Fried Brie & Onion Marmalade

Selection of Desserts

Coffee and Mince Pies

Price £15.00

#### *Evening*

Cream of Tomato & Red Pepper Soup  
Smoked Salmon & Prawn Roulade  
Button Mushroom in a Cream & Stilton Sauce  
Smoked Chicken & Avocado Salad

Roast Local Turkey & Trimmings  
Poached Fillet of Cod in a Tomato, Herb & Garlic Sauce  
Medallions of Pork in a Cider, Cream & Mushroom Sauce  
Grilled Rump Steak with Mushrooms  
Potato & Leek Bake

Selection of Desserts

Coffee and Mince Pies

Price £22.50

Please note these menus need to be pre-booked and a non-refundable deposit of £5.00 per head is required with each booking. Cheques payable to the Kingsdon Inn. Deposit to be received at least 7 working days from date of booking.

Our normal Lunch and Dinner menus are also available



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

### **Muriel Pring**

The family of the late Muriel Pring wish to express their thanks to everyone who attended All Saints Church for the Service of Thanksgiving.

The collection and other donations amounted to £404, which has been forwarded to Arthritis Research Campaign .

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

This is a general warning that there have been a number of thefts from sheds and outbuildings in the Castle Cary and Hinton St George areas recently. It may well be our area next. You are strongly advised to review your security and to consider marking property accordingly.....

In addition, Fundraising is also being undertaken within this area on behalf of UK registered charities including British Red Cross, RSPCA, and the National Deaf Children's Society.

Fundraisers who may be calling door to door in this area do not collect cash and they wear photo ID.

If you have any uncertainty about their validity there is a free phone helpline 0800 031 9811 Mon-Fri 0900-2100 and 0900-1730 Sat. Remember to report all suspicious callers immediately to the police on 0845 456 7000, or use the 999 system if necessary

### **Kingsdon Ladies Club**

Lynne Davies welcomed 15 members and 1 visitor to the September meeting. Birthday girls were Angie Saunders and Julie South. It was announced that the Harvest Supper is to go ahead on Sunday 5th October at 7pm. Tickets were now on sale.

The guest speaker for the evening, Mr Watson had brought his wonderful extensive collection of Mother of Pearl. He invited members to take part in opening his many boxes of treasures. Shirley Wilson gave the vote of thanks.

Refreshments were provided by Ann Leahy. The flutter prize was won by Angie Saunders. The meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next meeting will be on 14th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, when the guest speaker will be Mr Nick Webber whose topic is entitled 'A Gift from the Gods'

New members or visitors are very welcome.



## **Lytes Cary Manor- Events in October**

### **National Garden Scheme Open day**

4 October 11am - 5pm

Come and enjoy Lytes Cary's Arts and Crafts-style garden with its intimate combination of outdoor rooms, topiary, statues and colourful herbaceous borders. All garden proceeds given in support of the National Garden Scheme.

Admission: Normal Admission Charges Apply. - Booking Not Needed. - Suitable for Groups

Contact details Tel 01458 224471 Email: [lytescarymanor@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lytescarymanor@nationaltrust.org.uk)

### **Somerton Police Station**

**Tel: 0845 456 7000**

Senior Inspector Andy Pritchard Ext: 62025

Neighbourhood Sergeant Ed Hawkins Ext: 62029

Neighbourhood Constable Lee Giles Ext: 62022

PCSO Support for Northstone Karen Pack Ext: 62022

**Somerton Enquiry Office:** Monday and Tuesday 8am - 4pm, Friday 8am - 3.30pm

## Kingsdon Information

### All Saints Church

**Priest in Charge**

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

**Assistant Priest**

Revd Wendy Griffiths Tel 01458 224097

**Curate**

Revd Bruce Faulkner

**Church Wardens**

David Beswick. Tel 01935 840795

Norma Black Tel 01935 840727

**Parochial Church Council**

**Secretary** Sir Donald Limon Tel 01935 840450

**Treasurer** Alan Carnall Tel 01935 840692

**Tower Captain** Jackie Ellis Tel 01935 840344

### **Church Services for October**

5th 11am Family Harvest Service

12th 11am Holy Communion

19th 11am Holy Communion      6pm Evensong

26th 11am Holy Communion

### **Church Rotas for October**

**Brass:** Pamela Ford

**Flowers:** Liz Biesty & Jenny Gamblin

### Kingsdon C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Christine Dawson

Secretary: Mrs Carolyn Brannan

For a prospectus or to arrange a visit please telephone or use the e-mail link below:

Kingsdon C of E Primary School,  
Kingsdon, Somerset, TA11 7JX

Tel: 01935 840406 Fax: 01935 841765

Email: office@kingsdon.somerset.sch.uk

Chair of Governors: Alan Carnall

Tel: 01935 840692

#### **PTFA**

Jane Overd - Chair Tel: 01935 940172

Katie Campbell - Vice Chair

Jane Martin - Treasurer

Clare Ridewood - Secretary

### Kingsdon Cricket Club

**Chairman:** Ian Birrell, Watersmeet, Huish Episcopi, Langport Tel 01458 250246

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

### 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 Yvonne Barbor, Farm Cottage, Kingsdon. TA11 7JU Tel 01935 841070

### Kingsdon Table Tennis Club

On the 26th August we celebrated ten years of playing table tennis in our Village Hall on Tuesday evenings (apart from the 2nd Tuesday in the month) between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. If you are interested then please contact Shirley or Martin Singleton on 841162 or just come along.

### Kingsdon Village Hall

For all information and bookings contact:-  
Martin Singleton, Mountsandel Lodge, Mow Barton Rd.  
Kingsdon. TA11 7LG Tel. 01935 841162

### Bookings for October

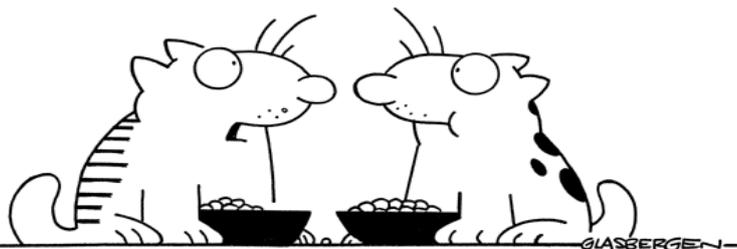
Tai Chi	Mondays at 9.45am (not 27th)
Kingsdon School	Mondays at 1.15pm (not 27th)
Short Mat Bowls Club	Mondays 7pm - 9pm
Short Mat Bowls Club	Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon
Table Tennis Club	Tuesdays at 7.30pm (not 14th)
Yeovil District Canine Society	Wednesdays at 8pm
Art Club	Thursdays at 10am (not 27th)
Private music Session	Saturday 4th 11am - 3pm
Harvest Supper	Sunday 5th at 7pm
Seniors club	Wednesday 8th at 3pm
Musical Evening for Lupus	Friday 10th 7pm for 7.30pm
Practical Study Group	Wednesday 15th at 10am

### 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 please 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

### Fractured Medical Terms

Artery - The study of paintings.  
Barium - What you do when CPR fails.  
Caesarean Section - A district in Rome.  
Colic - A sheep dog  
Coma - A punctuation mark  
Congenital - Friendly  
Dilate - To live long.  
Fester - Quicker  
G.I. Series - Baseball game between soldiers.  
Grippe - A suitcase  
Hangnail - A coat hook.  
Medical Staff - A doctor's cane.  
Morbid - A higher offer.  
Nitrate - Lower than the day rate.  
Node - Was aware of.  
Outpatient - A person who has fainted.  
Post operative - A letter carrier.  
Protein - In favour of young people.  
Secretion - Hiding anything.  
Serology - Study of English Knighthood.  
Tablet - A small table.  
Tumour - An extra pair.  
Urine - Opposite of 'You're out'  
Varicose veins - Veins very close.



**"Did you ever notice there's a million cats named 'Mittens', but none named 'Scarf', 'Hat' or 'Snowsuit?'"**

A lady manager of a big reputed office noticed a new man one day and told him to come to her office. "What is your name?" was the first thing she asked the new guy. "John" the new guy replied. She scowled back, "Look.... I don't know what kind of a namby-pamby place you worked before, but I don't call anyone by their first name. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a break down of authority. I refer to my employees by their last name only.... Smith, Baker, Jones.... that's all. I am to be referred to only as Mrs. Robertson. Now that we've got that straight, what is your last name?"  
The new guy sighed, "Darling... my name is John Darling."  
"Okay, John. The next thing I want to tell you is....."

### Run of the mill newspaper articles!

- 1) Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, 'We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house.' (The Daily Telegraph)
- 2) Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like. (The Guardian)
- 3) A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coast guard spokesman commented, 'This sort of thing is all too common'. (The Times)
- 4) At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coastguard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff. (The Aberdeen Evening Express)
- 5) Mrs. Irene Graham of Thorpe Avenue, Boscombe, delighted the audience with her reminiscence of the German prisoner of war who was sent each week to do her garden. He was repatriated at the end of 1945, she recalled. 'He'd always seemed a nice friendly chap, but when the crocuses came up in the middle of our lawn in February 1946, they spelt out 'Heil Hitler.' (Bournemouth Evening Echo)

### A list of actual announcements that London Tube train drivers have made to their passengers..

- 1) 'Ladies and Gentlemen, I do apologize for the delay to your service. I know you're all dying to get home, unless, of course, you happen to be married to my ex-wife, in which case you'll want to cross over to the West-bound and go in the opposite direction.'
- 2) 'Your delay this evening is caused by the line controller suffering from E & B syndrome: not knowing his elbow from his backside.. I'll let you know any further information as soon as I'm given any. '
- 3) 'Do you want the good news first or the bad news? The good news is that last Friday was my birthday and I hit the town and had a great time. The bad news is that there is a points failure somewhere between Stratford and EastHam, which means we probably won't reach our destination.'
- 4) 'Ladies and gentlemen, we apologize for the delay, but there is a security alert at Victoria station and we are therefore stuck here for the foreseeable future, so let's take our minds off it and pass some time together. All together now.... 'Ten green bottles, hanging on a wall.....!'
- 5) 'We are now travelling through Baker Street ... As you can see, Baker Street is closed. It would have been nice if they had actually told me, so I could tell you earlier, but no, they don't think about things like that'.
- 6) 'Beggars are operating on this train. Please do NOT encourage these professional beggars. If you have any spare change, please give it to a registered charity. Failing that, give it to me. '

The following is an email I have received from Peter Crowter after his visit to Kingsdon for the garden party

Wally

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to meet up with old friends from Kingsdon. We had a very good lunch It was really great having a chance to chat and laugh with old friends from so many years ago.

I can't imagine there could have been anywhere in the world better than Kingsdon for a boy to grow up in in the 40's & 50's. Although part of it was wartime it was such a safe environment and from about the age of five we had complete freedom and the village was our playground. For me it was paradise.

Yesterday was obviously tinged with sadness for you with the prospect of losing such an attractive venue for your cricket club. Looking on the bright side, there must be a reasonably good chance that you will be able to come to an arrangement with the new owners of the manor.

Yesterday I was shown a report of your Golden Jubilee celebrations. I attach a poem about Kingsdon's celebration of the Coronation.

Once again, thank you Wally,

Peter & Anne

## **KINGSDON'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS**

by Peter Crowter

I finished cleaning out the pigs and giving them clean bed  
When I met Pat who told me that he'd heard the King was dead  
'That means that young Elizabeth will sit upon the throne  
I wonder if she knows, I s'pect they've got her on the phone.'

They said that Coronation Day was going to be in May  
They are going to televise it so we heard the palace say  
My mother said , 'Here Joe, you're going to have to buy a telly'  
Wilf Chapman out at Charlton said I've got one I can sell 'ee

My boss bought one before us t'was the first one that I saw  
Along with half a dozen blokes we stood and watched with awe  
T'was dustbin day so farmer said 'Come yer and look you lot'  
We all watched Andy Pandy and stood rooted to the spot.

The village thought they'd celebrate young Lizzie's special day  
We had a weekly meeting so each one could have there say  
Football and sports and a free lunch, a dance and lots of beer.  
A bonfire high on Kingsdon Hill, yes that's a good idea.

Most people then had second thoughts, the days are long in May  
'It don't get dark till very late, up there's a longish way  
We climb the hill, we watch the fire then down the hill we prance  
But that's no good, by then we could have missed most of the dance'

The meeting then decided to forget about the fire  
Except for Harry Parkinson, who thought that would be dire  
He said the site he'd chosen was an ancient Beacon Hill  
'That fact was most important, and have the fire we will!

He was heavily outvoted, but still he wouldn't stop  
With only three supporters wouldn't let the matter drop  
He fell out with the chairman who had been his lifelong friend  
And to the local paper he did protest letters send

He disrupted many meetings though he knew his case was thin  
He had so few supporters that he finally gave in  
He paid the price for after that a burden he did carry  
For many years, he suffered jeers, they called him 'Bonfire Harry'

When all the dust had settled things went rapidly ahead  
What nearly was disaster was a huge success instead  
A whole days entertainment that went on from morn till late  
Kingsdon's best day ever, I can confidently state

We started with a football match, the ladies versus men  
The kids had sports and fancy dress and luncheon followed then  
We all sat in a big marquee the food and beer were free  
And more fun in the afternoon and then we had our tea

And while all this was going on some people found the time  
(Cos if they missed the crowning t'would be nothing but a crime)  
To rush off home and see the Queen on twelve inch black and white  
Oh gosh it was exciting and a really lovely sight.

The dance was very popular and me and Don were queer  
Because it was the first time ever that we'd swallowed lots of beer  
The pub was out of bounds to us, the landlord wasn't green  
Fred Taswell knew that me and Don were only seventeen

The folk who lived in Kingsdon on that Coronation Day  
'T'was a day we all remember', I am sure they all will say  
'There never was a day like that when we had so much fun  
God bless the Queen, God bless the Queen, God bless us everyone.

**Kingsdon All Saints Church**

# **Bacon Buttie Morning**

**Kingsdon Village Hall**

**on**

**Saturday, 15th November**

**11am - 2pm**

**Raffle and Bring & Buy Stall**

## **Late News**

**Kingsdon Defibrillator** The final costing has been received for our own Automatic External Defibrillator. The South Western Ambulance Service has agreed with our request for a green cabinet, supplied by Clive Setter from Chew Valley, who gave the demonstration here in Kingsdon earlier this year. This cabinet together with the defibrillator will cost £2306.26. Whilst a kind resident has offered to pay for this, contributions towards this cost will be most welcome. Please make cheques payable to Kingsdon Golden Jubilee Fund. To date £500 has been donated.

*Wally Elliott*