

# The Kingsdon Chronicle

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## Kingsdon leads the way in Somerset

At 9am on Thursday 19th February the first public automatic external defibrillator (AED) in Somerset, situated at the Kingsdon Inn, was officially brought into use.

An automated external defibrillator or AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

A group of volunteers from Kingsdon have received training in the use of an AED in conjunction with Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Early CPR is an integral part of providing lifesaving aid to people suffering sudden cardiac arrest. CPR helps to circulate oxygen-rich blood to the brain.



The volunteers (Angela & Trevor Saunders, Martin & Shirley Singleton, Sally Clapperton, Jill Waters, Heather Napier, Pippa Davey and Marilyn & Wally Elliott) are seen here during the training session given by Martyn Callow of the South Western Ambulance Service.

Wally breathes a sigh of relief as he watches the



Kingsdon defibrillator being installed into the cabinet by Martyn Callow. It has been over 3 years since he first thought of having an AED in Kingsdon, after reading an article on the dramatic increase in them being installed in public places in USA and then publishing his idea in the Kingsdon Chronicle 15 months ago.

This article was read by Clive Setter of Chew Magna in North Somerset who had already start-

ed a programme of AED installation in villages around the Chew Valley. His visit to Kingsdon and demonstration in the village hall and the subsequent messages of support for us to have our own AED was the deciding factor for Wally to go ahead with fund raising. The total cost of the cabinet and defibrillator was £2491.09

Martyn Callow hopes that with publicity of our achievement other villages will join the scheme. The second AED in Somerset is being installed in Kilve.

## Kingsdon Village Hall News

The recent 'Take Art' event featuring Song Roads with Reg Meuross & Jackie Oats proved once again to be a very successful evening. It was attended by 75 people and raised £183.25 for village hall funds. The village is indebted to Martin Singleton for arranging the 'Take Art' events

**Found property:** A pair of spectacles have been left behind in the village hall, they are bi-focal with metal frames in a blue Specsavers case. To claim - please phone Martin Singleton 01935 841163.

## THE NATIONAL TRUST Lytes Cary Manor

### NGS Open Day Spring Workshop 30th March 11am - 4pm

As part of our NGS garden open day join our gardening team for a spring planting and gardening tasks workshop.

Normal admission charges apply  
Booking essential - 01458 224471

## Thank you from Margaret

Through the Chronicle may I thank all my friends in the village who were so kind and helpful in my recent incapacity, especially Freda and John Curtis who did and still do so much for me.

Many thanks to you all - Margaret Close

## Message from Yvonne

Yvonne Barbor sends her sincere thanks to all who have sent her flowers and messages for a speedy recovery during her illness. Yvonne now feels up to receiving visitors should any of her friends in the village wish to call on her.



## Snow closes school

It has been over 20 years since Kingsdon has experienced such deep snow as was seen on 3rd February.

The conditions meant Kingsdon Primary School was closed for the day.

In brilliant sunshine the children of the village made the most of the extra holiday. Playing in the snow was the order of the day. Snow castles and snow men appeared in next to no time.

It struck home to me just how mild our winters have been for many years now, when teenagers were saying that it was the first time in their lives they had seen snow like it.



It was hard going for one little boy.

## Lenten Lunch

The Lenten lunches run by the primary school and church have proven very popular in the past and will be held this year between 1200 - 1400 on Friday the 27th March in the village hall. Do come and join the Kingsdon Primary School pupils for lunch where a selection of soups will be on offer, along with light refreshments. Money raised will be donated to charity.

## The Humour Page

### The Speech Therapist

A speech therapist was holding her weekly Stammerers Action Group which consisted of an Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman.

Right she said, I want each of you to tell me the name of the town where you were born, before you tell me take a deep breath and try to relax

So, who wants to go first?

The Englishman piped up. 'B-b-b-b-b-b-b-irmingham', he said.

'Never mind Trevor you must learn to relax' said the speech therapist, 'who's next?'

The Scotsman raised his hand and blurted out 'P-p-p-p-p-p-p-aisley'.

'You forgot to breathe in Hamish, remember that next time'.

'How about you, Paddy?'

The Irishman took a deep breath and eventually blurted out 'London'

'That's 'brilliant, Paddy' .....'-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-erry miss'

### Jigsaw Puzzle

A blonde calls her boyfriend and says, 'Please come over here and help me. I have a great jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started.'

Her boyfriend asks, 'What is it supposed to be when it's finished?'

The blonde says, 'According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster.'

Her boyfriend decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

'First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster.'

He takes her hand and says, 'Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then ....' he said with a deep sigh.

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'Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box.'

### Late again!

John was a meeter and greeter at a B&Q Superstore.

He was very good at his job, in fact he was the best one they had ever had. There was only one problem - he always seemed to be ten or fifteen minutes late in the morning. Finally the manager called him in to his office and said, "John, we have a problem. I have no complaint about your work, in fact you are really good at what you do and I only wish the rest of the staff were as smart, friendly and efficient as you are. But you really must get here on time in the morning."

John replied, "Yes I am aware of the problem and I assure you that I really do try to be punctual."

The manager said, "I believe you were in the army before you came here, John, how did you cope there? What did they say to you when you arrived quarter of an hour late in the morning?"

"Well they usually said - 'Good morning, Colonel, would you like tea or coffee?'"

### Bean Soup

When the waitress in a New York City restaurant brought him the soup of the day, the Englishman was a bit dismayed.

"Good heavens," he said, "what is this?"

"It's bean soup," she replied.

"I don't care what it's been," he replied. "What is it now?"

### Pancakes

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Two small boys, not yet old enough to be in school, were overheard talking at the zoo one day.

"My name is Billy. What's yours?" asked the first boy.

"Tommy," replied the second.

"My Daddy's an accountant. What does your Daddy do for a living?" asked Billy.

Tommy replied, "My Daddy's a lawyer."

"Honest?" asked Billy.

"No, just the regular kind," replied Tommy.

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Tel 07906 018082**

**Orders also taken by Angela  
at Kingsdon Stores**

## VISA/MASTERCARD SCAM

This is how it goes - it starts with a phone call. The caller claims to work for the Security and Fraud Department of VISA or Mastercard - gives his or her name and a badge number. You're told that your card has been "flagged up for an unusual purchase pattern" and you're asked if you've bought an expensive item from a marketing company in America recently?

When you say no, you're told they will be issuing you with a credit to your account. And they read out your address to send a statement.

By now you're lulled into a sense of security and a belief that you are in fact talking to a representative from your credit card company. They tell you there's going to be a fraud investigation into this and you should ring the 0800 number on the back of your card and you're given a 6 digit number to quote if you have any concerns.

This is when the scam starts because up till now, they've asked you for nothing.

They ask you to turn your card over and confirm the last three numbers - they say we don't need the full number, we have that on the system.

The trap is now set, because when they have these three numbers, they can then shop on the internet using your credit card, And you won't know a thing about it till you get your next statement. Many people are falling for this scam because it sounds as if the caller is acting with your interests at heart. **Be warned - Never give your card details over the phone. This scam has been going on for some years and people are still falling for it - don't let it happen to you**

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## COMMUNITY JUSTICE PANEL

Following a very successful pilot scheme that has run in the Chard / Crewkerne / Ilminster area over recent years it is proposed to establish a Community Justice Panel across South Somerset Area East. Suitable crime cases are referred to the Coordinator who arranges for victims & perpetrators to meet under controlled conditions with expert facilitation normally within two weeks of the offence. This enables the impact of the crime to be understood and any reparation is negotiated. From the pilot scheme in the Chard area, very high levels of success have been obtained with very good feedback from victims of crime and very low levels of re-offending from those who have been the perpetrators of crime. Val Keitch and Bill Geddes are seeking volunteers to get involved within the scheme. They can be contacted on 01460 260341



**THE KINGSDON INN**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009**

Cream of Tomato Soup with Basil  
Duck Liver Pate with Toast  
Seafood Salad with Marie Rose' Sauce  
Button Mushrooms with Smoked Bacon in a Creamy Sauce  
Roast Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding  
Roast Loin of Pork with Apple Sauce  
Devon Dressed Crab & Salad  
Poached Salmon Steak with White Wine and Parsley Sauce  
Walnut Leek and Stilton Pie with Salad  
Smoked Salmon & Prawn Salad

Choice of Desserts

1 Course £ 8.95

2 Courses £ 12.95

3 Courses £ 14.95

**Tables to be pre-booked**

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

**Kingsdon's Good Friday Walk in the Woods**

The annual Good Friday walk in the woods is on again this year courtesy of David & Alison Hicks. If you wish to participate then meet up the lane at 10.30 am on 10th April. If you are new to this event then just follow the crowd up the lane towards the woods. Stout walking shoes or wellies and good outdoor clothing are a prerequisite. You may bring your dog but it **MUST be kept on a lead at all times**. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult throughout the walk but need not be on a lead!

This is a charity event which relies on donations; small eggs for hiding, hot X buns and raffle prizes please. This is the first year without the goodwill of Kingsdon Manor School; so please give generously.

All profits go to St Margaret's Hospice *Babs Conway*

**'Race for Life.**

**Walk, Jog, or Run in aid of cancer research.**

Race for Life is an independent charity dedicated to cancer research. Now in its 16th year, it's the UK's largest women-only fundraising event and the sponsorship money that is raised, helps fund life-saving work into many types of cancer. Cancer research rely on the help of volunteers and the generosity of sponsors, local businesses and corporate partners to make their events a success. A great way to support Race for Life is by sponsoring. To date 4 million women have raised over £240 million for Cancer Research. On Sunday June 28th of this year, myself, Victoria and Philippa are taking part in the Race for Life and although this is for personal reasons, I also feel very strongly about trying to help with funding towards future research into cancer. This is my way of contributing. If anyone would like to sponsor the girls and me for this worthy cause we would be very grateful. I have set up a web site : (<http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/sallyclapperton1>) where sponsorship money can be promised or alternately promises can be made in person.

**With our many thanks - Sally Clapperton.**

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# **Quiz Night**

**at The Kingsdon Inn**

**for Kingsdon**

**Cricket Club funds**

**7pm Sunday 1st March**

**Entrance £5 for Quiz**

**with Supper of Cheese & Biscuits  
or Bangers & Chips**

**Teams of about 4  
(No one will be counting!)**

**Tables can be booked in advance  
with Wally on 841444  
or just come along on the night.**

**Not in a team, don't worry,  
there will be a team for you to join**

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## **The Weather in January 2009**

Mean temperatures over most of the UK were generally below the 1971-2000 normal and around 1.5°C below across much of southern England. Temperatures in Scotland were closer to average, with northern Scotland 0.5 °C above normal. Provisionally, it was the coldest January since 1997 for England and Wales and since 2001 for Scotland and Northern Ireland. Rainfall was close to average in most areas. Sunshine was above normal virtually everywhere, particularly over western and northern areas, with Wales having its sunniest January since 1963.

At 2.50am on 7th January the temperature in Yeovil dropped to -7.6c, its coldest night this winter.

At Yeovilton it was even colder at -9c.

## To all internet users - Worth the time to read and heed.

Here is a nice little titbit of information that came my way this morning. So if any of you are wondering why I didn't return something to you that said something like 'if I don't get this back I'll....' or, 'See how many flowers you can get back', or 'Forward this to 10 people in the next 5 mins..' Or 'something bad will happen to you', etc.. --

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The following is why I don't send them back.....

1) Any time you see an E-Mail that says forward this on to '10' of your friends, or sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, or whatever, it almost always has an E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails of those folks you forward to. ....

The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' E-Mails to use in SPAM E-Mails, or sell to other spammers.....

2) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. ....

All it was, and all any of this type of E-Mail is, is a way to get names and 'cookie ' tracking information for telemarketers and spammers - - to validate active E-Mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.....

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favour (PLEASE) by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-Mails in the future!.....

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of E-Mail, now you know why you get so much SPAM!.....

Do yourself a favour and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings regardless how inviting they might sound! You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT in the long run. Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later! Plus, you will be helping the spammers get rich! Let's don't make it easy for them! When you do forward emails, please delete the names of those who sent them prior to you. It is polite to type the addresses in the Bcc (blind carbon copy) line so others don't see their addresses.....

### Forgetter Be Forgotten

My forgetter's getting better,  
But my rememberer is broke.  
To you that may seem funny,  
But, to me, that is no joke

For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering  
If I really should be 'there'  
And, when I try to think it through,  
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,  
Say 'what am I here for?'  
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!  
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away  
Where it is safe, but, Gee!  
The person it is safest from  
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,  
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,  
Then, when the person walks away  
I ask myself, 'who the hell was that?'

Yes, my forgetter's getting better  
While my rememberer is broke,  
And it's driving me plumb crazy  
And that isn't any joke.

### Contrary to popular belief

Martin Singleton attended the Area East Community Forum on 10th February at Caryford Community Hall, Ansford, and was informed that Somerset is the best County in England for Waste and Recycling.

South Somerset and Taunton Deane are the best areas within Somerset and at present all the waste is being sold albeit that the prices obtained have dropped. **No waste is being stored.**

### Did you strip for our District Council Brrrrrrrr

Message received by the Chronicle:- Further to your recent enquiry regretfully due to further adverse weather condition we were unable to complete Fridays collection or get the crews back out on Saturday as previously planned, to return to the missed areas from Tuesday. We are asking that all bins are left out and we will return as soon as possible. Unfortunately at present we are unable to say exactly when that will be. We ask that you continue to **bare** with us at this difficult time.

Customer Relations  
South Somerset District Council

### Policing Kingsdon

Our new Police Community Support Officer ( PCSO) is Fiona Wilson. Fiona will be operating out of Wincanton Police Station. Her mobile phone number is 07825756280  
e-mail [Fiona.Wilson@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Fiona.Wilson@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

## THE RIVER CARY

By Peter Crowter.

She makes no pretence to be Severn or Trent;  
She's tiny and shiny and ever so bent.  
She winds through the meadows without any care  
And don't give a damn if she never gets there.  
But don't be deceived by her aimless approach;  
She's a luxury home for the dace and the roach.  
They slide under king-cup and lily and rush;  
And leeches and eels live and love in her slush.

Flash kingfishers whirr like bright coloured toys  
And bring squeals of delight from small paddling boys.  
The high stepping moorhen, retiring and shy;  
Plop under her surface, reluctant to fly.  
The lanky grey heron, a dagger on stilts;  
Spears an eel for a meal and back his head tilts.  
The swallows hold parties, they dance dive and sip;  
Her water for wine and for snacks insect dip.

The pollarded willows bend over her pools;  
To check the spar-maker has trimmed well their stools.  
The rough cider orchards decay on her banks;  
The drunken old trees lean in untidy ranks.  
The walnuts stand tall and are plundered by rooks;  
They steal the green nuts, opportunist black crooks.  
Us lads had no reason to call the rooks black;  
The nuts left to ripen we'd sneak off and crack

No socks, lifting rocks and with toes going numb;  
We stabbed slimy eels with a fork pinched from mum.  
And in the deep pool where they used to wash sheep;  
We would scatter the roach as in we did leap.  
In skin tingling waters we'd swim splash and screech;  
When stuck to our leg we had found a black leech.  
And after our dip when half dressed and half dry;  
We'd pinch farmers apples to eat and to shy.

I worked for that farmer when school days were done;  
Humped bales while Miss Cary just lazed in the sun.  
I wandered her banks on the way to count sheep  
And watched waiting pike as they lay feigning sleep.  
And on winter weekends with spinner and line;  
The freshwater shark has been duped by the shine.  
For warm sunny evenings the restful approach;  
Sit quiet on the bank, dunk a worm for a roach.

My affair with Miss Cary went on till I wed;  
It's now 50 years since I stepped in her bed.  
Disarming and charming for most of the time;  
She could be alarming when floods made her climb.  
Too idle and wayward to make a good wife;  
You can see she was certainly teeming with life.  
A kind water-lady to fauna and flower;  
I hope modern living has not turned her sour.

## A little poem sent in by Margaret Close

Just a line to say I'm living  
That I'm not among the dead  
Though I'm getting more forgetful  
And I'm mixed up in the head  
I've gotten used to my arthritis  
To my dentures I'm resigned  
I can manage my bi-focals  
Sometimes I can't remember  
When I stand beside the stairs  
If I must go up for something  
Or if I've just come down from there

And before the fridge so often  
My mind is filled with doubt -  
Have I just put the food away?  
Or have I come to get some out  
There are times when in my bedroom  
With my hairnet on my head  
I don't know if I'm getting in  
Or getting out of bed

So if it's my turn to write to you  
There's no need getting sore  
I may think that I have written  
And don't want to be a bore  
So remember, I do love you  
And wish that you were near  
But now it's nearly mail time  
So I must say 'Goodbye, Dear'.

Here I stand beside the post box  
With face so very red  
I haven't posted you my letter-  
I've opened it instead

## Kingsdon Cricket Club Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Kingsdon Inn on Sunday 8th March at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to join the club as a player, vice-president or just a supporter is welcome to come along and meet the team and find out what the future holds for the club since the closure of Kingsdon Manor School.

**Good Home wanted for a Printer Ink Cartridge**  
If your printer takes HP inkjet colour print cartridge No 57 then please phone 01935 841444 as we have one which is surplus to requirements for giving away.

## Kingsdon Seniors Club

Douglas welcomed members of Yvonne's family to the February meeting, her granddaughter, Amy, was to be the speaker. Absentees were Donald Limon recovering in Frenchay Hospital, Leslie Higson who is visiting Hawaii, Margaret Close recovering from her stay in hospital and Edna Benjamin who found the weather uninviting. Yvonne Barbor was not well enough to attend and she has handed over the secretaryship to Marilyn Elliott.

Amy Barbor explained she and her colleague had been working for Living Lens for three years; this organisation works with vulnerable groups in the community e.g.

- Young people who are likely to offend
- Immigrant groups
- Women trafficked into forced prostitution

Basing their ethos on:

- Sense of belonging
- Sense of identity
- Strength of community

We were shown several films which were made by the participants. The films are not available for general consumption, but were a tool by which the groups could be helped to express their feelings and needs. The film made by the women forced into prostitution was being used to train the Metropolitan police officers. Overseas projects included farmland changed into sand dunes and help given to grow sisal and leylandi so that the farmers had a crop.

Another project showed the work done to use an unsustainable crop – maize to make porridge (tapioca). This was done by helping them enter the modern world but keeping their own identity.

The final project was based at the Peterborough Mosque, and worked with young Muslim women who were trying to relate to the portrayal of Muslims in the media and finding their own identity in the community.

Douglas gave the vote of thanks.

Refreshments were provided by Ann Baldwin and Margaret Bowcock.

## Kingsdon Ladies Club

Lynne Davies welcomed 16 members to the monthly meeting held on 10th February.

Freda Curtis was the only birthday girl.

**Announcements:** Shirley Singleton mentioned the 'TAKE ART' evening had been a success. There is to be a free Tai Chi morning on Monday 23rd February, hoping to arouse interest and new members.

'Stories behind Inn Signs' was the subject for the guest speaker Bob Musgrave. Whilst most of them were from the London area the stories were most interesting. Lynne gave the vote of thanks.

Refreshments were provided by Marilyn St Clair and Shirley Wilson. Phyl Winsor won the flutter prize. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The Ladies Club meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the village at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are very welcome.

### Easter Lilies

#### Lilies in Memory of loved ones.

If you would like to join us, please put your donation in an envelope, mark Easter Lilies and put from whom, so the names can all go on cards together. Please deposit envelopes in Norma Black's post box by 25th March

### Donald convalesces at home

Donald and Joyce would like to thank all those who have recently sent messages and cards of support during and since his recent major operation in Frenchay Hospital.

Donald is now quietly convalescing at home.

## Will 18th April ring a bell?

A band of ringers from Devon are hoping to ring a peal on the bells of All Saints Church, Kingsdon on Saturday April 18th. Many campanologists from all parts of the country come to ring our bells - but not very often a full peal, as it takes about 3 hours. Tower captain Jackie Ellis hopes all will enjoy hearing them.

## Kingsdon Parish Council

**Planning Meeting** held on Thursday 5th February 2009

**Present:** Cllrs. Tony Masters (Chair) Richard Hollaway, Patrick Leahy, Alison Hicks & Mel Clode.

**Apologies :** Dave Morris

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.

- Matters arising:**
1. The applications for alterations at Springfield House have been approved by SSDC.
  2. Bus Shelter - The cutting back of overhanging branches has been done, a cost of £50 was agreed for future maintenance.
  3. The need for a seat at the bus stop opposite the bus shelter was discussed, to be reported on at next meeting.
  4. The new street name signs do conform to the council's choice of colour of green.

**Kingsdon Allotments** - Tony Masters introduced Elaine Spencer-White (Deputy Director of Somerset Food Links) who is conducting a feasibility study on behalf of the National Trust and funded by the National Lottery to evaluate the potential requirements for community allotments at Lytes Carey Manor. The National Trust are prepared to provide land and facilities, possibly launching food initiatives, free seeds, demonstrations, courses and getting lost skills from experienced gardeners. Whilst Kingsdon and Ilchester had allotments, there were none in other villages, particularly the Charltons due to the stony ground and therefore Lytes Carey could fulfil a need.

Tony Masters pointed out that in the event of allotments being set up at Lytes Cary, possibly providing incentives to make them attractive, some of Kingsdon's tenants could be lured away. The Council are aware of the number of allotments that are nationally lost to development should an opportunity such as under-use arise.

The Parish Council have a lease on Kingsdon's allotment, but should the owners get planning permission to develop, they have the right to evict. All plots at Kingsdon are let, mainly to parishioners who have priority, otherwise to people from Charlton Mackerel and Keinton Mandeville who can rent the surplus (other than one plot let to Kingsdon Primary School). Should the proposed project lead to closure of Kingsdon's allotment, it would be devastating to the fabric of the village which has already suffered the loss of the Post office, the closure of Kingsdon Manor School and the threat to our Primary School. It was made perfectly clear that any adverse effect on the function of Kingsdon allotments, direct or otherwise, would be unacceptable and contrary to the Kingsdon Design Statement. It would be strongly resisted.

It was stated however that in principle the provision of more allotments by the National Trust where needed, is to be commended.

### Planning applications

Application No. 09/00335/R3C

**Proposal:** The retention of a temporary Elliott building unit E679

**Location:** Kingsdon Primary School, School Road, Kingsdon, Somerton Somerset TA11 7JX

Application approved.

Application No. 09/00142/FUL

**Proposal:** The erection of a single storey rear extension to a dwelling house.

**Location:** Hill House, Rocky Hill, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset TA11 7LB.

Application approved.

**A.O.B.** Jenny Gamblin would be standing down as clerk to Kingsdon Parish Council as soon as a replacement could be found.

An email had been received from a parishioner suggesting that exercise equipment could be a possibility for the recreation field.

The Chronicle was asked to list parish councillors names and addresses etc.

### Notice of planning Meeting

**A planning meeting will be held on Thursday 26th February 2009 in the Village Hall at 7pm**

**Agenda:**

Application No. 09/00503/FUL

**Proposal:** The erection of an extension to agricultural building.

**Location:** Sunside Farm, Park Lane, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset TA11 7LJ

**A.O.B.:** Price for mowing playing field.

### **Planning Applications received by SSDC and decisions made.**

Application No. 00503/FUL

**Proposal:** The erection of an extension to agricultural building.

**Location:** Sunyside Farm, Park Lane, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset TA11 7LJ

Pending consideration

Application No. 05275/FUL

**Proposal:** Alterations and extensions to dwelling house.

**Location:** Old Rectory Cottage, Top Street, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset TA11 7JU

Permitted with conditions

Application No.08/05293/FUL

**Proposal:** Erection of ground floor extension to front of dwelling.

**Location:** Arnor, Top Street, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset TA11 7JU

Permitted with conditions

Application No. 05313/FUL

**Proposal:** Conversion of agricultural barn into 2 semi-detached dwellings & erection of 2 semi-detached garages.

**Location:** Langlands Farm, Frog Lane, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset TA11 7LL

Application refused

Application No 09/00335/R3C

**Proposal:** The retention of a temporary Elliott building unit E679

**Location:** Kingsdon Primary School, School Road, Kingsdon ,Somerton Somerset TA11 7JX

Permitted with conditions.

### **Kingsdon Parish Councillors and their specific topics**

Each Councillor has been identified as follows against a specific topic in order to enable parishioners to direct their concerns at a focal point to avoid duplication ***Tony Masters***

**Tony Masters:** Chairman - Jacaranda, Lotment Hill, Kingsdon, TA11 7LG Tel 01935 840801

Email: masters@jacaranda99.fsnet.co.uk

**Mel Clode:** Environmental matters - 3 Underwood Rd, Kingsdon, TA11 7LQ Tel 01935 840293

Email: mel@clode2739.fsnet.co.uk

**Alison Hicks:** Trees - Keepers Cottage, Pitts Lane, Kingsdon TA11 7LL Tel 01935 840335

Email: aehicks@somerset.gov.uk

**Richard Hollaway:** Village facilities - Kingsdon Court, Rocky Hill, Kingsdon, TA11 7LB

Tel 01935 840628 Email: richard.hollaway88@tiscali.co.uk

**Patrick Leahy:** Highways - The Tithe Barn, Middle Street, Kingsdon, TA11 7LE

Tel 01935 840502 Email: patrickjohnleahy@hotmail.com

**Dave Morris:** Footpaths - 30 Kingsdon, TA11 7LQ Tel - withheld.

**Mike Overd:** School Governor - Chalice Barn, Frog Lane, Kingsdon, TA11 7LL

Tel 01935 840172 Email: michael.overd@btpopenworld.com

### **Vacancy for Kingsdon Parish Clerk**

The post is not too demanding, it carries a small remuneration and is a great opportunity to keep abreast of Parish affairs. If you are interested please contact Tony Masters or any of the other councillors.

**Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 12th March at 7pm in the village hall**

## 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 224087

**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 March**

1st 11am Parish Communion  
8th 11am Parish Communion  
15th 11am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong  
22nd 11am Mothering Sunday - Family Service  
29th 11am Matins

**Church Rotas for March**

**Brass:** Ann Leahy

**Flowers:** Angela Sleep

**Kingsdon C of E Primary School**

, Kingsdon, Somerset, TA11 7JX  
Tel: 01935 840406 Fax: 01935 841765  
Email: office@kingsdon.somerset.sch.uk  
Headteacher: Mrs Christine Dawson  
Secretary: Mrs Carolyn Brannan

For a prospectus or to arrange a visit please telephone or use the e-mail link above.

Chair of Governors: Alan Carnall  
Tel: 01935 840692

**PTFA**

Jane Overd - Chair Tel: 01935 940172  
Katie Campbell - Vice Chair  
Jane Bartin - Treasurer  
Clare Ridewood - Secretary

**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

**Kingsdon Village Hall**

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

**Bookings for March**

Tai Chi	Mondays at 9.45am
Kingsdon School	Mondays at 1.15pm - 3-15pm (term time)
Short Mat Bowls Club	Mondays 7pm - 9pm
Short Mat Bowls Club	Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon
Table Tennis Club	Tuesdays at 7.30pm (not 10th)
Yeovil District Canine Society	Wednesdays at 8pm
Art Club	Thursdays at 10am (Term time)
Kingsdon Ladies Club	Tuesday 10th at 7.30pm
Kingsdon Seniors Club	Wednesday 11th at 3pm
Parish Council Meeting	Thursday 12th 7pm
Scottish Dancing	Saturday 14th 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Practical Study Group	Wednesday 18th 10am - 3pm
Scottish Dancing	Saturday 28th 2.30pm - 3.30pm

**Kingsdon Seniors Club**

The Seniors Club meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3pm in the Village Hall. For information contact Club Secretary Marilyn Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon. Tel 01935 841444  
email: marilyn.elliott@hotmail.co.uk

**Kingsdon Cricket Club**

**Chairman:** Ian Birrell, Watersmeet, Huish Episcopi, Langport Tel 01458 250246  
**Secretary:** Kathy Jamison 'Swallows'  
43 Kingsdon Tel 01935 841049

**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