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The latest member of Barry Gamblin's herd of ponies is 'Oakgrove Candie Bee', born on the 30th April. She is seen here in the Pound paddock with her mother the day after her birth.

## The June Picture Quiz

A Kingsdon Diamond Jubilee fund raising Quiz  
Identify the 50 British sitcoms from the pictures



Quiz sheets now available from  
Kingsdon Stores - Only £1 each

**First Prize - £20** (All correct entries will be entered into a draw to decide the winner)

This quiz is organised and run by Margaret Hill. Completed answer sheets to Margaret at 8 Underwood Road, Kingsdon, by 1st July 2010 - Tel 01935 840763 for more information

## Quiz in aid of 'Just-a-Drop for Haiti' - A Great Success

Once again the Kingsdon Village Hall was full for a fund raising quiz. We were lucky to have, for the first time, live music provided by Anthony Sycamore. Anthony not only played for the three music rounds, but also played during the interval, much to the delight of everyone present. The quiz winners were Nina Carlisle's team from the cricket club. During the interval the raffle was drawn, followed by an auction of donated items. By the end of the evening £565 had been raised for the appeal. I would like to thank Sara Sycamore for assisting Marilyn and myself with the preparation and serving of the hot suppers and helping with the running of the evening. A BIG THANK YOU to Anthony for his music and to everyone who donated for the raffle and auction. I must also mention my wife, Marilyn to whom I am indebted, for having to put up with being bombarded by me with hundreds of possible quiz questions and for all the administration involved in making the evening run smoothly. Below are letters of thanks from Jim Masters and the charity. *Wally Elliott*



Anthony & Sara Sycamore

The evening of the 30th of April was a bit special for me. It was the night when the fund raising, initially planned to be in the village pub before the disastrous fire caused the postponement, was to take place. Frankly I was more than a little worried that it would not feature in everyone's diaries and the hall would be half empty. How wrong could I be.

On the night the hall was full of a lot of happy people set on enjoying the occasion, whilst at the same time supporting the raising of funds for the water charity that has been my reason for living for several years now. The driving force behind the event was Wally Elliott and his team of saints. The music, the quiz, the auction and the raffle raised over £565.

Translated into work in the water starved area, that would be enough to pay for a pump and other structures at the head of a well site, with some money left over towards piping and re-building the supply system to nearby homes destroyed by the recent earthquake. Just-a-Drop has a water engineer travelling to Haiti sometime in the autumn to plan how the Just-a-Drop input will be best used.

When I handed over the contribution from the village I admit to being a bit boastful about living somewhere where people are kind and generous, who care about others. Words do not fully express my feelings.

Thank you again *Jim Masters*



Jim Masters MBE  
Project Officer  
Just-a-Drop

Dear Mr Elliott

We are enormously grateful to you and your working party for the most successful fund raising quiz and musical evening in aid of the charity Just-a-Drop.

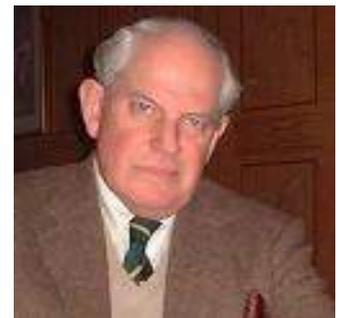
To raise £565 is really magnificent and a great tribute to the spirit in Kingsdon village. These funds are especially welcome and will do much to help us to provide clean water for some of the poor people who have suffered as a result of the earthquake in Haiti.

Thank you and your team most sincerely for this remarkable effort.

With good wishes.

**John Blashford-Snell** (Hon President of Just-a-Drop)

Col J N Blashford-Snell OBE  
Selwood House  
Motcombe  
Dorset



Colonel John Blashford-Snell OBE  
DSc(Hon) DEng(hc) FRSGS

### All Saints Church 50/50 AUCTION

The combined money raised from the auction, sale of clothes and refreshments came to £614.80, an outstanding amount. It was good to see that a large proportion of the money came from outside the village.

Very many thanks to all the people who donated items to sell and the willing band of helpers who made this slightly unknown venture such a success. A big thank you to Wally for his very professional auctioneering and for the touches of humour that kept everyone entertained. It seemed quite a lot of people enjoyed just being at the event.

## Kingsdon Seniors Club

Donald welcomed 27 members to the May meeting, where he introduced the guest speaker, Janet Dale who is the manager of Glenda Spooner Farm, which is the World Horse Welfare's recovery and rehabilitation centre here in Kingsdon. Janet introduced her talk with a video showing an overview of the work done by the charity, all over the world, in 2009. The charity began its life as the "International League for the Protection of Horses" in 1927 by Miss Ada Cole, their name being changed in 2008 to "World Horse Welfare".

The core activities of the charity are:

- welfare - rehabilitation and rehoming
- campaigning
- training courses overseas
- Education

There are 4 recovery/rehab centres, 16 full-time field officers, 2 investigation officers who have worked undercover in eastern Europe and Ireland. The UK welfare department receives over 30,000 calls a year, the office is manned by 4 staff, passing on concerns to field officers who are mainly ex-mounted policemen, to investigate the welfare of the horses. Offers of help and advice are given to the owners to help them, avoiding the need to prosecute. The RSPCA and Trading Standards become involved when there is a need to prosecute as the charity does not have the resources themselves.

Janet showed pictures of the latest arrivals at the farm, which came in at 6.15pm the evening before. They had come from Norfolk where the owner was known to the charity.

Janet explained the procedure of admissions:

- check by vet
- height/weight/teeth/feet/coat etc are all checked
- samples taken for analysis
- carry out treatment/nursing etc
- worming
- monitor closely for other problems which may become apparent and isolate from the rest of the horses for 3 weeks.

When the whole team is satisfied the horse is ready to be rehomed, its' details are displayed on the website; assessment of applicants is completed and the most suitable home is chosen, which could involve several visits to the farm and a field officer completing a home check. There is also a leaving check done by the vet.

Many of the problems arise through ignorance, so campaigns to make people aware of issues are set up and work alongside the new Welfare Act 2007 in order for the improvement of equine health and welfare strategy to raise standards across the whole equine industry in Great Britain.

One issue is that of live transport for slaughter, Janet had cards for members to send supporting this particular concern.

The World Horse Welfare was the charity of the year at the Badminton Horse Trials 2010.

Since 1985 courses have been set up all over the world, it is currently working in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Romania, Lesotho and Soweto and Senegal. Five year courses train students in all aspects of equine welfare using local materials to provide the resources for the animals.

Glenda Spooner Farm is open to the public on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, from 2pm until 4. We also number a range of events throughout the year.

### Events in June

On Saturday and Sunday 12-13th - Langport Two Day Festival of Walking: The Somerset Levels and Moors Strollers are running 5, 10, 20 and 42km walks through the beautiful Somerset countryside, with the 42km stopping off at Glenda Spooner Farm. Why not get sponsored to complete the walk and help horses at the same time? For more Information and a Booking Form contact Hans Rennie, Golden Ramblers, Dray Road, Odcombe, Somerset BA22 8UF, Tel: 01935 864523, email: slams1@btinternet.com



**Janet Dale**

## Visits planned for Pat's Field Garden in Dorset

Pat Bowcock, one of Margaret Bowcocks' daughters, bought an empty water meadow in Dorset ten years ago and with the help of family and many volunteers has created a most interesting project.

There are three main parts of interest.

1. The water system for watering the garden and polytunnel with sluice gates and solar panels.
2. The garden with the full poly pens, 47 raised beds, fruit bushes, trees and a new woodland area.
3. Pat's way of life in her field, which takes one back to the old days without mains water or electricity

There has been much interest in this project from many parts of the world including the Worldwide Fund for Nature.

Visits are planned for:- Wednesday 16th June (Fully booked)  
Sunday 25th July  
Sunday 1st August

The charge for the tour, lasting about one to one and a half hours plus sandwiches, cakes and tea, is £5 per head. If you haven't given your name at Seniors or Ladies Club, please ring Margaret on 01935 841179 with your chosen date for a visit and other details.



## Recipes Wanted for Kingsdon C of E Primary School Recipe Book

Belinda Moger would welcome your favourite recipes, for starters, main courses and yummy puddings and cakes for inclusion in a Kingsdon School cookery book. The book is planned to go on sale later in the year. Please give your recipes to the Kingsdon stores or Belinda who lives next door by 20th June. Thank you for your cooperation. *Belinda*



## **Lytes Cary Manor**

### **Opening Hours**

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## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Half Term Sow and Grow**

Hands on fun foodie activities and give-aways for children.

Normal Admission Charges Apply - Booking Not Needed - Accompanied children welcome

### **Garden Care Talks and Tours**

A series of three garden care talks and tours, the first is on Thursday 10th June entitled Late Spring at 6.00.

There will be an introduction given by the gardener in charge Damian Mitchell with hints and tips about what to do in your garden at this time of year, what we are doing here at Lytes Cary and then a behind the scenes tour followed by a hot drink and cake.

The cost is £5.00 or £12.00 for the three talks, the next talk is on 29th July and the final talk 7th October.

### **Hedgerow Harvesting Workshop**

12 June 11am - 5pm (Workshops at 11.30 and 2.30)

Learn to make elderflower cordial and take home some hedgerow produce.

Booking Essential: Pricing - All Tickets £5

### **Green Lytes**

25 June 11:30am and 2:30pm.

A day dedicated to greener gardening. Come and learn about the organic methods we use and take home some tips for making your garden greener. Admission Normal Admission Charges Apply

Booking Not Needed - Suitable for Groups

### **Croquet Evening**

26 June 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Enjoy the noble but ruthless family game of croquet. Expert tuition provided by Lytes Cary Croquet Club.

Part of Great Picnic Week Normal Admission Charges Apply

Booking Not Needed - Accompanied Children welcome - Meet on the Croquet Lawn

Contact Visitor Services Manager, 01458 224471,

Email: [lytescarymanor@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lytescarymanor@nationaltrust.org.uk)

Contact **Caroline Woodgate, 01458 224471, [caroline.woodgate@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:caroline.woodgate@nationaltrust.org.uk)**

## **Help Wanted at Lytes Cary**

Do you have a spare day a couple of times a month to come and help us at Lytes Cary. We are in need of room guides to welcome visitors and help them have an enjoyable visit to the house and to provide a watchful eye over the house and its contents. You will receive full training and support. Once you have volunteered for 50 hours you will get a volunteer card giving you a 20% discount in NT shops and catering outlets and free entry to NT properties. There are many other 'perks to the job' including trips and socials. So please get in touch on 01458 224471 or Email: [caroline.woodgate@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:caroline.woodgate@nationaltrust.org.uk).'

## **Bonfires and The Law**

Local councils can act if you, or others, burn dangerous materials or regularly have bonfires. If you are going to have a bonfire, warn your neighbours beforehand and follow these guidelines to avoid causing a nuisance to others.

### **Laws about nuisance caused by bonfires**

There aren't specific laws against having a bonfire, or when you can have one – but there are Acts that deal with the nuisance they can cause.

### **Burning domestic waste**

It is an offence to get rid of domestic waste in a way likely to cause pollution or harm to human health, including burning it.

Burning plastic, rubber or painted materials creates poisonous fumes. These can have damaging health effects – particularly for people with existing health problems, like asthmatics and people with heart conditions.

This is covered under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

### **Danger to traffic caused by smoke**

Under the Highways Act 1980, anyone lighting a fire and allowing smoke to drift across a road faces a fine if it endangers traffic. If this happens, call the police.

### **Think about how your bonfire may affect your neighbours**

There are ways to get rid of your garden waste without having a bonfire. If you are having a bonfire, the smoke and smell created by it can annoy your neighbours. Smoke can stop people enjoying their gardens, opening windows or hanging washing out.

If your neighbour has a bonfire and it affects you, speak to them and explain the problem. They may not be aware of the distress they are causing – and may have not thought about other ways to dispose of the waste, like composting or taking it to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Bancombe Road, Somerton, or use the Garden Waste Collection Service

All households across South Somerset are now able to opt in to a garden waste collection service. The annual charge for people joining or renewing for the year commencing April 1st 2010 will be £42.50, which is excellent value for 25 fortnightly collections each year.

The alternative option of compostable sacks is still available.

To subscribe to the garden waste collection service contact South Somerset District Council customer services on 01935 462462.

### **Compost Bins**

On average, about a third of the contents of your household bin can be easily composted, rather than sending it to landfill sites.

Low cost compost bins are available to South Somerset residents. Prices start from as low as £14.50, including delivery. For more information on home composting and compost bins available, visit the Recycle Somerset website

If you have any other queries about garden waste or composting, please contact 01935 462462 or e-mail [info@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:info@southsomerset.gov.uk)

### **Complaining to your council about bonfires**

If speaking to your neighbour fails, contact your local council's environmental health department. In most cases, officers from the council will try to deal with the problem informally.

To be considered a nuisance, bonfires need to be a regular occurrence and seriously interfere with people's well-being. If the bonfire is only occasional, eg a couple of times a year, it's unlikely to be considered a nuisance in law. If the council considers a bonfire to be a nuisance, it can issue an 'abatement notice'. This notice may mean your neighbour must stop having bonfires completely. If they do not stick to the notice ('comply') they face a fine of up to £5000 and a further £500 for each day they don't comply.

## **Kingsdon Ladies Club**

Lynne Davies welcomed 20 members to the May meeting. The guest speaker was Mr D. March who gave us a very amusing talk on many topics relating to English cheeses and tasting, and the history of cheese making from the Roman occupation to present times. At the end of the talk we were able to taste the 3 different types of cheeses.

Lynne gave the vote of thanks, followed by refreshments provided by Ann Leahy and Shirley Wilson.

The meeting closed at 9 30pm. The next meeting will be on 8th June at 7 30pm in the Village Hall when the guest speaker will be Larry & Sue Skeats - the talk is -Call My Bluff with Tools.

New members & visitors are welcome.

## KINGSDON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - June 2010

With the sold signs going up on the Manor School development, it is worth mentioning that this is not connected to Kingsdon Primary School. We in the village all know the schools were entirely separate entities but it seems there is a misunderstanding among some in the local area that have assumed when ever 'school shut' or 'school sold for development' is mentioned, it is the Primary School. If in passing you should hear this mentioned please do all you can to correct. It is vital the school is known to be 'alive and open for business' if new parents are to consider the school for their offspring.

A successful Open Day was held in May with prospective parents visiting the school. There will also be an activity day on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> July between 1100-1500. If you know of any children under the age of eleven who might enjoy the day, booking forms are available from the school reception.

If you have a favourite recipe, Belinda Mojer, would love to hear from you! She is collating a book to be sold on behalf of the school to help raise funds later this year. Please give her a copy of any recipes or drop them off in the school office when next passing.

This month we have the French Cafe on the 18<sup>th</sup> June between 1000-1130. Do come along to the school for a coffee/soft drink and croissant. It has been a very successful event over the last few years. The following day is the Summer Fete in the village hall between 1200-1400. Stalls run by professionals and children, more drinks, only this time with bacon butties!

Tickets are now on sale for the summer raffle and can be obtained at the village shop or from Penny Simpson. The first prize is a hamper filled with goods to the value of £70 along with a number of generously donated prizes from local businesses. The draw will take place at the end of the School Fete on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

The Bag to School collection is on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any good quality clothing, bedding, curtains, shoes and soft toys that you are happy to donate please pop them in a bin liner and leave at the school by 0900 on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Do pop the dates below in your diary:

<b>18 June</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>Bag to School collection</b>
<b>18 June</b>	<b>1000 - 1200</b>	<b>French Cafe, light refreshments and croissant at the school</b>
<b>19 June</b>	<b>1200 - 1400</b>	<b>Summer Fete, at the village hall</b>
<b>17 July</b>	<b>1100 - 1500</b>	<b>Activity Day</b>

## Kingsdon Cricket Club

### Match results

#### **Kingsdon - v - Pitney**

Kingsdon 169 - 8 (O. Bell 41, J. Schofield 20.) Pitney 153.

#### **Kingsdon - v - Ditcheat**

Ditcheat 153 (O. Bell 3 - 16) Kingsdon 101 (O. Bell 27)

### Kingsdon Manor Cricket Pitch

The heavy work on the new pitch is now complete thanks to Robin and Simon Attwell who did a marvellous job, clearing the tree stumps and overgrown land, as well as levelling parts of the playing area, the future car park and new entrance to the field. The Cricket Club would also like to thank them for their very generous donation to the club funds.

A lot of manual work has also been done by Ben Carlisle, Ian Birrell, Simon Rumbles, Ryan and Phil Waters to name but a few. All that is needed now is some rain to help the expensive grass seed to germinate.

### Fund Raising Event

On Saturday 3rd July, Ian and Jane will be kindly hosting a fun 'DUCK' day on the river at their home, Watersmeet, Huish Episcopi, to which every one is invited. There will be the usual games on the river and on dry land together with lots of food and drink. This year we are promised the river will flow stronger than the wind!!!

More details will be in the next Chronicle or phone Ian on 01458 250246 or Wally on 01935 841444

## THE SAGE BUSH

by Peter Crowter

Farmers don't like gardening to them it is a chore,  
You have to do a lot by hand it really is a bore.  
There's digging and there's hoeing and the weeding is a pain,  
Cause when you think you've finished then you have to start again.

The garden at Cooks Cary was a time consuming plot,  
And all the man hours spent there didn't seem to pay a lot.

Farmer had to use his men to keep it fairly neat,  
Men who should be on the farm and looking after wheat.

Grassy paths and shrubs and flowers and veg'tables as well,  
Lots of fiddly jobs to do made Farmer mad as hell.

One morning he had had enough, he really lost the plot,  
'I'm going to get the tractor in and plough the blooming lot'

'Fetch the Fergy sixty-five and the three-furrow plough.  
Don't stand there looking stupid Les, just go and do it now.'  
'Sis ain't going to like it though', replied a worried Les.  
'Well she don't do the garden, so just you do as I sez.'

The tractor in the garden made it look a monster size,  
Sis looked out the window and could not believe her eyes.  
She rushed out in the garden said 'What are you doing dad?'  
'Going to plough it up of course,' said she, 'What are you - mad?'

'The men are wasting too much time in this 'ere blooming plot,  
We're going to save a lot of time and plough the blooming lot'  
Sis argued hard with all her might but couldn't change his mind.  
'Well if you must, but promise me you'll leave that sage behind'

Grassy paths and flower beds went all beneath the plough,  
Then Les reached the sage bush and said 'What shall I do now?'  
I'm going to have a mighty job to plough my way round this'  
Farmer said, 'Just plough it out I'll put things right with Sis.'

Les shook his head and carried on the sage bush disappeared,  
A cry was heard from in the house a red-faced Sis appeared.  
'You promised me you'd leave that bush. Now look what you've done.'  
A sheepish Farmer told her, 'Well, we'll get another one.'

Now we skip a week or two, t'was time for Sunday roast,  
Farmer smelled the chicken t'was the thing that he loved most.  
'I ain't got no stuffing just an onion here instead'  
Sis just looked him in the eye and nothing more was said.

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## Humour Page

A doctor broke the bad news to a man, that his wife would have to be admitted to a psychiatric hospital. "I'm afraid her mind's completely gone," he said. "Makes sense," mumbled the man. "She's been giving me a piece of it every day for the last 15 years."

### Ten Commandments

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered: "Thou shall not kill."

### Why We Love Children

A small boy is sent to bed by his father.  
Five minutes later.....'Da-ad....'  
'What?'  
'I'm thirsty. Can you bring a drink of water?'  
'No, You had your chance. Lights out.'  
Five minutes later: 'Da-aaaad.....'  
'WHAT?'  
'I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water??'  
'I told you NO! If you ask again, I'll have to smack you!!'  
Five minutes later.....'Daaaa-aaaad.....'  
'WHAT!'  
'When you come in to smack me, can you bring a drink of water?'

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him 'How do you expect to get into Heaven?'

The boy thought it over and said, 'Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!''

A mother was six months pregnant with her third child, ~~her three year old came into the room~~ when she was just getting ready to get into the shower. She said, 'Mummy, you are getting fat!' The mother replied, 'Yes, honey, remember Mummy has a baby growing in her tummy.' 'I know,' she replied, but what's growing in your bum?'

It was that time, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon. All the children were invited to come forward. ~~One little girl was wearing~~ a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the minister leaned over and said, 'That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?' The little girl replied, directly into the minister's clip-on microphone, 'Yes, and my Mum says it's a bitch to iron.'

### Grandpa in Supermarket

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3 Year-old grandson.

It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle, biscuits in the biscuit aisle; and for fruit, cereal and pop in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, Gramps is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long . . . easy, boy."

Another outburst and she hears the granddad calmly say, "Its okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Gramps says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay, William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks, lady," said the grandfather, "but I'm William. . . . the little so and so's name is Kevin."

Billy and John were given a toboggan for their birthday. After they had been out playing in the snow, Billy was in tears.

"Now, John," said his father, "I told you to let Billy use the toboggan half the time." "And I did," said Billy; "I had it going down, and he had it going up."

A Doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa..

'The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining.. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering or years after eating it?'

After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, 'Wedding Cake.'

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## Re-cycling and Waste Collection dates for June

**Wheelie Bin Refuse Collection Days**  
Tuesday 8th June & Tuesday 22nd June

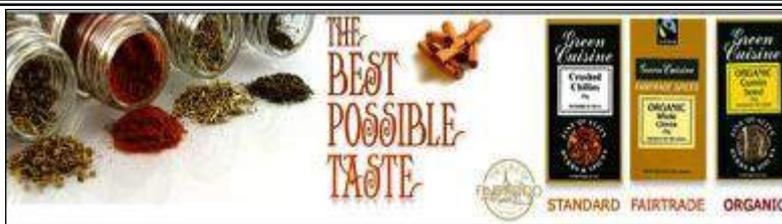
**Recycling and Food Waste Collection Days**  
Every Tuesdays as normal except collections due on **1st June** which will be one day later on the **2nd June**

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

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**Angela Saunders:** Vice-Chairman - School Governor - Chatsworth, Top Street, Kingsdon, TA11 7JU  
Tel 01935 840130 Email: angiesaunders@btinternet.com

**Mel Clode:** Dog fouling and related items, Litter, Graffiti, Fly tipping, Fly posting, Damaged bins & Abandoned vehicles and related items - 3 Underwood Rd, Kingsdon, TA11 7LQ Tel 01935 840293  
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**Richard Hollaway:** Village Hall & facilities - Kingsdon Court, Rocky Hill, Kingsdon, TA11 7LB  
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**Patrick Leahy:** Highways & Field Maintenance - The Tithe Barn, Middle Street, Kingsdon, TA11 7LE  
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**Dave Morris:** Footpaths & Trees - 30 Kingsdon, TA11 7LQ Tel - **withheld!**

**John Calvert** District Councillor (Northstone Ward) Peacock Cottage, High St. Queen Camel. BA22 7NQ  
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**Sally D. Smith** Clerk to Kingsdon Parish Council, The Old Coach House, Top Street, Kingsdon..  
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## **South Somerset D.C. Planning Applications received and decisions made**

**Application Number:** 10/01035/FUL

**Location:** 31 Top Street, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset. TA11 7JU

**Proposal:** Demolition of single storey structure and the erection of a two storey extension to dwellinghouse.

**Decision:** Application Permitted with Conditions

**Application Number:** 10/01369/FUL

**Location:** Heron View, Underwood Road, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset. TA11 7LF

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension, new bay window with dormer, demolition of garage and side porch.

**Application Status:** Pending consideration.

### **MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 13th 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00pm**

**Present:** Mr A Masters (Chairman); Messrs P Leahy, D. Morris, R. Hollaway, M. Clode and Mrs A Saunders (Parish Councillors); Mr J Calvert (District Councillor); Mr J Zouche (County Councillor); Mrs S Smith (Parish Clerk) plus 14 Parishioners.

The minutes of the previous planning meeting had been circulated and were agreed and signed.

**Application No:** 10/01218/FUL

Applicant: Mr Anthony Tyler

Glenda Spooner Farm, Brincil Hill, Kingsdon TA11 7LA

Retention of portakabin as an interim visitor's centre (renewal of planning permission 07/01856/FUL).

The Council confirmed this was a renewal.

Proposed by Mr M Clode that the application be approved.

Seconded by Mrs A Saunders.

**Passed unanimously.**

**Application No:** 10.01369/FUL

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Ray Hayward

Heron View, Underwood Road, Kingsdon. TA11 7LF.

Erection of a single storey rear extension, new bay window with dormer, demolition of garage and side porch.

Cllr Mr D Morris declared an interest and could not therefore comment as a councillor. As a parishioner he commented that he had no problems with the application although there was some detailing lacking from the plans.

Proposed by Mr R Holloway that the application be approved.  
Seconded by Mr M Clode.

**Passed unanimously.**

Mr P Leahy said he had received several negative comments on a new porch added to a house on Chapel Hill. He had checked with Council and confirmed that it is permissible to erect an addition of up to 3 square metres without planning permission.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

## **MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 13th 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.15pm**

**Present:** Mr A Masters (Chairman); Messrs P Leahy, D. Morris, R. Holloway, M. Clode and Mrs A Saunders (Parish Councillors); Mr J Calvert (District Councillor); Mr J Zouche (County Councillor); Mrs S Smith (Parish Clerk) plus 14 Parishioners.

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish meeting held on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 were read, agreed and signed. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **Chairman's Report**

Mr A Masters presented an overview of activity during the year. He said that since the Kingsdon Chronicle had proven so effective in publicizing Council activities on a regular basis, his report would be confined to basic headings.

He confirmed the precept had been set at £3000 for the year, an increase of £500 to cater for wall repairs, Church grant and general cost increases. A grant of £300 had been made to the church for the maintenance of church grounds and there would be consideration given to increase this on a yearly basis to £500. There was £2000 still available in the bank for children's projects and the letting of 29 allotments had brought in £203 revenue. A donation of £192 had been given by a Parishioner for the rent of the recreation field.

Other topics dealt with throughout the year included 15 planning applications; the bus service, trees on Mow Barton Road; gritting icy roads; the maintenance of the recreation field; archiving council records; allocation of senior citizens' bungalows; the state of the road verges; fouling of roads by dogs; parking of vehicles along public roads and on verges; footpaths; BT to retain phone kiosk as a working phone and the site of the cricket pitch on Manor School grounds.

On behalf of the Kingsdon Parish Council, the Chairman thanks Mr J Zouche (County Councillor) and Mr J Calvert (District Councillor) for attending the meetings and providing useful assistance.

### **County Councillor's Report**

Mr J Zouche reported that the County Council had experienced considerable change over the last year and the new administration, faced with a worsening financial situation, had introduced an emergency one-year budget and begun a rapid review of the county's priorities. He said that since last June's election the rate of debt increase had been slowed and was on target to be reduced to below the level inherited; that Council Tax had been frozen for the year and that £2.4m had been allocated to fill-in potholes which were especially bad this year due to the terrible winter weather. Mr J Zouche said the budget for the current year is over £40m less than last year's but savings had been designed to leave front line services unaffected.

Mr P Leahy asked for a confirmation of the front line services offered by the County Council. Mr J Zouche said that there was joint work with police, but the main services were social services and schools. Mr P Leahy asked him if budget cuts might cause closure or amalgamations of village schools. Mr J Zouche said he was a great supporter of county rural schools but the cost of administration can be much higher than for larger schools. Mr P Leahy stated that the Parish had fought a hard battle to retain Kingsdon School and Mr J Zouche said he fully understood that.

### **District Councillor's Report**

Mr J Calvert said the District spends around £20 million a year which is covered 60% by funding from central government and 40% by council tax together with car parking charges etc. Out of this £17 million is spent on wages and therefore it was difficult to make cuts. He said alliances were a good way forward and discussions between South Somerset and East Devon to merge were progressing slowly. Mr P Leahy said a Unitary Review had already taken place with the idea of abolishing District Councils and this had been opposed. Mr J Calvert said joint services was a good way to save money but the proposed arrangement with East Devon was not an amalgamation. There would still be a South Somerset District Council with its own Chairman.

Mr R Holloway asked why moving the concept forward was taking so long and Mr J Calvert confirmed a level of frustration at the speed of progress.

A Parishioner pointed out a waste in money because one refuse van actually passed her house but

was not authorized to pick up her waste and so another van is sent from Martock to cover her property. A Parishioner said it was now difficult to get out onto Rocky Hill safely because roadside growth obscured vision. Mr P Leahy said cuts were only undertaken once a year but he would contact Highways to see what could be done to make this junction safer.

There was also comment on the growth and untidiness of the south side of Lodge Road. Mr W Elliott said he would give the name and number of the new owners of Manor School to Mr P Leahy who would contact them to see what could be done.

A Parishioner who had a question on the Tai Chi group on using the School Field was directed to contact the school for permission.

The question of the verges was raised. One Parishioner said a removal company had ruined a corner of Chapel Hill and had reported it but had no response. Damage from parking was also discussed. Mr D Morris said this is a continuing problem, but by banning cars from some verges, it just meant the vehicles would be parked elsewhere. It was agreed to bring the subject of verges and parking up at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **School Governor's Report**

Mrs A Saunders said thanks were due to Mr Mike Overd who for some years was the Council's school governor. She reported on the hard work undertaken by the School Governors on federation. This was achieved in January 2010 and Kingsdon School is now federated with Compton Dundon. The system is working well but there have been some changes to the school's swimming routine and due to financial constraints, Reception to Year 2 pupils will no longer have swimming lessons. However, the school still exceeds its statutory obligation to ensure all year 6 pupils can swim when they leave the school.

She reported on rumours concerning the closure of the school and confirmed this was not the case. However, there was concern over a drop in numbers from September and villagers were asked to inform any parents who might be considering sending their children to the school that there was an open day coming up. There was to be a French café morning soon and a school fete in July and the village was urged to support both events. She said everyone had fought very hard to keep the school and it now needed full support.

**The Village Hall and Neighbourhood Watch reports** were rescheduled for the next Parish Council Meeting in July.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.10pm.

## **MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 13th 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.15pm**

**Present:** Mr A Masters (Chairman); Messrs P Leahy, D. Morris, R. Hollaway, M. Clode and Mrs A Saunders (Parish Councillors); Mr J Calvert (District Councillor); Mr J Zouche (County Councillor); Mrs S Smith (Parish Clerk) plus 14 Parishioners.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

#### **Chairman of the Council**

Mr P Leahy said he would like to see a rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair and this was generally agreed to be a good thing. There were no nominations for this post. Mr A Masters was asked if he was happy to continue and he agreed.

**Proposed** by Mr M Clode that A Masters be appointed Chairman of Kingsdon Parish Council.

**Seconded** by Mr D Morris.

**The motion was carried** 4 – 1.

#### **Vice Chairman of the Council**

There were no nominations. Mrs A Saunders was asked if she would agree to take on the role and she agreed accordingly.

**Proposed** by Mr P Leahy that Mrs A Saunders be appointed Vice Chairman of Kingsdon Parish Council

**Seconded** by Mr R Hollaway.

**The motion was passed unanimously.**

### **Councillors Areas of Responsibilities**

The following positions were agreed:

School Governor – Mrs A Saunders

Village Hall representative – Mr R Hollaway

Footpaths – Mr D Morris

Trees – Mr D Morris

Field Maintenance – Mr P Leahy

Roads – Mr P Leahy

Environmental representative – Mr M Clode.

### **Dates of future meetings.**

It was agreed the dates of future meetings would continue to be held bi-monthly on the second Thursday of every

month. For the following year, the dates of the Parish Council meetings would be:

## 2010

Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>

## 2011

Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Financial Report

The Clerk Mrs S Smith had distributed an overview to Councillors and gave a brief report. The finances of the Parish Council were in good shape with end of March balances in the Community Account 70554340 standing at £319 75p (*compared with £160 29p last year*); in the Business Premium Savings Account standing at £4,365 53p (*compared with £2,762 95p last year*) and the balance in the Special Children's Account remaining at £2,000. Mrs Smith said the 2010 Precept had now been received lifting the Premium Account balance to £7,365 33p.

There was a question over bank charges and Mrs Smith said during her takeover from the previous Clerk, there had been a gap in activity and the account had been overdrawn by £130 for two months. This was rectified quickly and she was following up with the bank to explain these charges and applying for a refund.

There was a question on why the village needed three accounts and it was explained that the money in the Children's Account had to be held separately.

It was confirmed that expenditure last year was less than the previous year. However, some increases in expenditure would have to be faced this year, including a rise in insurance and village maintenance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

### MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.30pm

**Present:** Mr A Masters (Chairman); Messrs P Leahy, D. Morris, R. Hollaway, M. Clode and Mrs A Saunders (Parish Councillors); Mrs S Smith (Parish Clerk) plus 13 Parishioners.

The minutes of the previous Parish meeting had been read and were approved and signed.

The Chairman confirmed he had received notification of the resignation of Councillor Mrs A Hicks.

### PCSO Report

This was given early in the evening to enable PCSO Fiona Wilson to depart.

Police Community Support Officer Fiona Wilson gave a brief summary of local crimes committed during the previous two months. She said they were targeting rural crimes as a priority and also promoting Farm Watch. She said they could now provide padlocks which gave off a large siren when cut. These cost £10 and were available through her.

PCSO Wilson said Parishioners could join them for 30 minutes or an hour to understand more fully the work they did and what they were trying to achieve. She said she had had meetings with Cllr Mr M Clode over inappropriate parking in the village and had spoken to a few drivers. She said that while there was the potential of a £30 fine or even the risk of a tow-away; this could be extreme action for people who had parked their cars in the same place for years. Mr M Clode said there was also a problem of fly-tipping in certain areas but the PCSO said that was a council matter.

She confirmed that to report a problem that had already occurred, the number to call was 0845 456 700. She reiterated that during a crime, 999 is the emergency number to use.

### Matters arising from Previous Minutes.

#### Grit Bins

Mr P Leahy said County Councillor Mr J Zouche now had a cheque to give us which would bring the total received for the grit bins up to £750. He explained that we could order 5 bins at £740 but when we got the VAT back on the order, we would have some savings. If we ordered 6 bins, 2 large and 4 small, the total would be £874. However, we would receive £130 back in VAT bringing the total back to £744, just under the amount received from the Council.

**Proposed** by Mr M Clode that 6 grit bins be purchased.

**Seconded** by Mrs A Saunders.

#### The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr P Leahy said the bins came in various colours but green was probably the most appropriate and this was agreed.

A Parishioner asked where the bins would go and Mr P Leahy said the positioning would be as follows:

- 1 large on the corner of Quarry Lane and Kingsdon Hill
- 1 large outside the school behind the telephone box
- 1 small at the end of Lodge Road by the stop sign
- 1 small opposite the pub down on Frog Lane

- 1 small at the top of Lotment Hill on the left before the junction
- 1 small at the bottom of Lotment Hill on the corner.

Mr P Leahy said he had had a meeting with Highways in the village to confirm the best positioning which were approved.

### **Repairs and liabilities to the playing area on the Village Green**

Mr R Hollaway had distributed a report to the Councillors prior to the meeting. He confirmed that renewal date for insurance was 1<sup>st</sup> June. He reported that coverage for the playground was currently for around £3000 for equipment, but the main concern was over liability, currently for up to £5 million. He said Allianz, the broker who looked after a large number of councils across the country as well as Kingsdon, said the site should be inspected at least once a year by either the local District Council or an alternative agency, which could be expensive. We also had to find a volunteer to inspect the site on a weekly basis and keep a log book confirming the inspection.

Mr A Masters said we had received an offer of an annual inspection from SSDC and it was agreed this should be taken up.

Mr P Leahy also asked whether we had to go through an official maintenance agency to organize repairs or could they be undertaken by Parishioners. There was some discussion over the area under the title play area. It was confirmed that activity in the rest of the field was covered by our public liability insurance.

Mr P Leahy agreed to contact the SSDC to arrange an inspection and to check on the maintenance requirements. It was noted that this needed to be done as quickly as possible, hopefully to be completed before the insurance policy renewal due on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Trees**

The Chairman Mr A Masters said he had spoken to Mr Scriven who had suggested a meeting in Autumn, with the possibility of crowning the two trees at the bottom of Mow Barton Lane and then planting additional trees in between to replace the removal of the trees if and when necessary.

There was considerable discussion over the potential removal of the trees. Mr P Leahy emphasized that if the two trees were removed, the trees would be replanted with any tree that we wanted. Mr D Morris asked if the question of the trees had been brought up at all before the developer came to the village, and it was confirmed that it hadn't. He then asked why the developer did not come to the meeting and negotiate through Mr P Leahy. Mr P Leahy said the developer did not feel comfortable at the meeting, but added that there could be a potential for the developer to contribute towards other aspects of maintaining the village, perhaps the walls. Mr R Hollaway said on a quid pro quo basis we might be able to get something beneficial for the village. A Parishioner emphasized strongly that the trees were there before the developer bought the site. There was a comment that if the trees were removed, this could lead to more parking. A Parishioner said she had carefully checked the trees and because of the location, there was no shade problem at all for the new houses from the trees.

Mr M Clode said a vote had been taken in the autumn and that unless there was new evidence, this subject could not be revisited. It was discussed that new evidence was available in that ownership of the trees had now been confirmed as belonging to the County Council, who now had full responsibility for maintenance.

The Chairman read out further correspondence re maintenance of the trees and it was suggested that an autumn meeting would be the time to re-examine the question of the trees.

**Proposed** by Mr R Hollaway that the trees be put on the Agenda for an autumn meeting.

**Seconded** by Mr P Leahy.

**This motion was carried** and the Clerk said she would put it on the Agenda for the September meeting.

### **Other business**

#### **Maintenance**

Mr P Leahy reported that the triangle outside the school used to be cut by a local resident who was no longer able to do this. Consequently the area was now very untidy. Mr R Hollaway confirmed it looked a mess. It was also mentioned that the tree that had been planted in the middle of the triangle had been planted in the incorrect position and that it could not be used as a village Xmas tree because lighting to it would have to go over the road which would not be acceptable. The potential height of the tree was discussed. It was agreed that this would be looked at later in the year with regard to moving the tree before the growing season.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Mr R Hollaway proposed a vote of thanks to Mr W Elliott for the way he has been maintaining the village field and it was agreed it was looking better than ever.

The quotes from both Mr W Elliott for village field maintenance and from Mr S Seal for edges and verges were agreed.

It was reported that Mr D Black, who had been maintaining the village pound, was no longer able to do so. The Clerk agreed to write to Mr D Black to thank him for all his work over the years.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr S Seal to get a quote for maintaining both the triangle area outside the school and also the village pound. It was thought that bi-weekly maintenance might be required at the height of the growing season.

Mr W Elliott had reported that the goal posts in the recreation area of the village field were unstable and also very heavy if they fell on a child. It was agreed to try to source replacement posts. Mr P Leahy said it could

be good to put up a volleyball net as well in the area. Mr P Leahy agreed to look into costs for both new goal posts and a volley ball net. It was suggested that these could be funded with money from the Parish's Children's Fund.

**Design Plan**

The Chairman read out a letter that had been received from Jason Tinley from the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) saying he was creating a Community Planning database and would like a copy of the Parish plan. The Chairman said Mr Tinley had been contacted for more information and the response was far from clear.

**Proposed** by Mr M Clode that Mr Tinley be invited to the next meeting to explain more fully what it was about.

**Seconded** by Mr R Hollaway.

**The motion was carried unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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**Name the Bouquet**



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### All Saints Church

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Jackie Ellis Tel 01935 840344

**Church Services for June**

6th 11am Family Service

13th 11am Holy Communion

20th 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong

27th 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion in Charlton Adam (No service in Kingsdon)

**Church Rotas for June**

**Brass: Jill Waters**

**Flowers: Sue Mackay & Kate Quinlan**

**Kingsdon C of E Primary School**

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Email: office@kingsdon.somerset.sch.uk

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Secretary: Mrs Carolyn Brannan

Chair of Compton Dundon and  
Kingsdon Church of England  
Primary School Federation  
Alan Carnall. Tel: 01935 840692

**PTFA**

Chair - Karen Banks  
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Secretary - Katie Campbell

**Kingsdon Table Tennis Club**

The Table Tennis Club play in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings (apart from the 2nd Tuesday in the month) between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. If you are interested then please contact Shirley or Martin Singleton on 841162 or just come along.

**Kingsdon Village Hall**

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

**Bookings for June**

Tai Chi	Mondays 10.30am –12 noon (term time)
Kingsdon School	Mondays 1.45pm - 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 8th)
Yeovil Dist. Canine Soc.	Wednesdays at 8pm
Art Club	Thursdays 10am-12 (term time)
Yeovil Dist.Canine Soc.	Thursdays at 8pm
Kingsdon Ladies Club	Tuesday 8th at 7.30pm
Kingsdon Seniors Club	Wednesday 9th at 3pm
Practical Study Group	Wednesday 16th at 10am
<b>Kingsdon School Fete</b>	<b>Saturday 19th All Day</b>

**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 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

**Kingsdon Cricket Club**

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

**Secretary:** Kathy Jamison 'Swallows' 43 Kingsdon  
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