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**We wish all our Readers
a Happy New Year**

Betty says a Fond Farewell to her Cottage



Betty Hawes paid a final visit to her cottage at 21 Kingsdon on Friday 28th December. The cottage that has been sold, was her home from 1979.

Betty now lives at Keinton Mandeville but will maintain her links with Kingsdon. She is the President of Kingsdon Seniors Club and it is her intention to attend the monthly meetings when ever possible thanks to the assistance of Jenny Scanlon and Chisletts Taxis



Christmas Eve at the Inn

The Kingsdon Inn girls, Pippa, Becky, Hannah and Caroline, seen here, must be congratulated on their fancy dresses for the occasion. They were kept busy by a good turn out of residents, as is the norm on Christmas Eve. Well done to them and the other girls for the friendly smiling service they have given us locals during 2007



Rumour has it that there was a  full moon seen in the bar and later the said full mooner had to be extricated from his rose bushes, muttering something that sounded like "My wife is going to kill me." Well, no murder has been reported in Kingsdon so one can assume he has been spared. He lives to drink another day!

KATHIE JAMISON MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Kathie Jamison who reaches a milestone birthday on 3 January 2008. Fearing for his own safety Glenn is unable to reveal exactly which one this is!

We at the Chronicle know but are much too gentlemanly to reveal this fact.



Kingsdon Carol Singers

£312 was collected by the carol singers for Yeovil Hospital League of Friends.

Many thanks to the Singers and those who gave so generously.

Wishing you all a Healthy, Happy
& Prosperous 2008

Jenny Gamblin

The Humour Page

Children Quote

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up.

Blonde paint job

A blonde, wanting to earn some money, decided to hire herself out as a handyman-type and started canvassing a wealthy neighbourhood. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do. "Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?" The blonde said, "How about 50 dollars?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders that she might need were in the garage. The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, "Does she realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?" The man replied, "She should. She was standing on the porch."

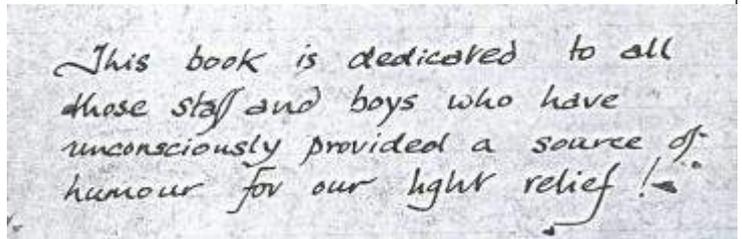
A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already?" he asked. "Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats.

"Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50. "And by the way," the blonde added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."

Howlers and Bloomers

Back in 1985 the then Headteacher of Kingsdon Manor, Paul McLaughlin introduced a journal known as 'The Howlers & Bloomers Book' The front cover contained the following inscription:



This book is dedicated to all those staff and boys who have unconsciously provided a source of humour for our light relief!

On my retirement from the Manor I was presented with a copy of the Howlers and Bloomers book. I hope by printing some of the entries it will also put a smile on the faces of the readers of The Chronicle. Names have been changed to protect the guilty!

At an interview for a care staff post

Headmaster: "Have you experience working with disturbed children"

Interviewee: " Yes, I was a youth leader with a Church Youth Fellowship Group for 2 years"

Boy to Matron: " Please Miss, is this PARALYSED milk?"

Letter from parent giving his son permission to smoke: '...cigarettes are an important part of everyday luxury'

Boy to teacher with hearing loss: "Sorry I called you a Deaf B*****d sir"

Teacher: " That's all right son, I didn't hear you"

Boy in school office to sign a thank you card:

Boy "What do I do miss?"

Secretary " Just sign anywhere"

Boy after thinking for some minutes " How do you spell 'anywhere' miss"?

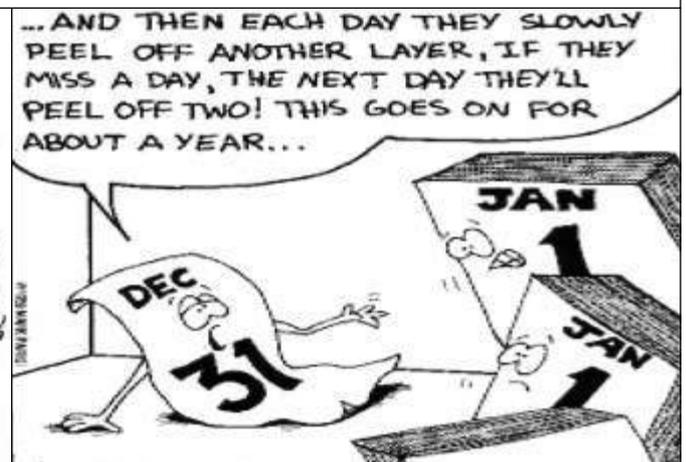
This is for those who did not see the Michael Parkinson farewell TV show. One of his guests was comedian Billy Conolly who recalled when, in his early days, he got a week's work in a Glasgow theatre. As he was broke, he booked into a cheap B&B in a run down part of Glasgow.

On arrival, the landlady asked him if he had a good memory for faces? Billy thought a moment, nodded then said he had but enquired " why do you wish to know"

The landlady replied "Because there isn't a mirror in the bathroom".



"It looks as if he has got 60% Burns"



Recovery for Paul

Paul White of 2 Manor Close, Kingsdon, proprietor of Bancombe Recovery and Auto Services has struggled on despite the burglary at his Motor and Cycle Shop at Unit 5, Bancombe Road Trading Estate, Somerton.

In the burglary £18,500 worth of tools were stolen together with a customers classic Morris 1000 van valued at £9,000 which was subsequently found burnt out at Lydford. There was also over £1,000 worth of damage caused. To date no information concerning the culprits has been forthcoming.

Paul is a former AA patrolman who operates a 24 hour recovery service, his workshop is equipped for full vehicle and cycle servicing and car sales together with a comprehensive cycle showroom



Paul seen working hard whilst most of us enjoy the Christmas holidays

The burnt out Morris 1000 van



So if your car or bike is in need of a good service, or you are in the market for a new bike or used car then give Paul a ring on 01458 274411 or 07884262101 and support a local business man. And don't forget, if you are unfortunate to breakdown and need recovery, Paul has just the recovery vehicle for the job.

The Woodland Trust Christmas Card Recycling Scheme

Help us reach our 2008 target of recycling 100 million cards to plant 24,000 trees. Please take your old Christmas cards to the village shop and pop them in the card recycling box, thank you for your support.

Goff Rumbles



Shred your used Christmas Tree

South Somerset District Council's Streetscene Team will be on hand with a shredder at various locations on eight days in January, and are encouraging people to bring their used trees in so that they can be recycled. They can also be put in the green waste skip at the Somerton recycling Depot.

Below is where and when the shredder will be operating.

All Saints Church, Kingsdon - Services

January

6th	11am	Family Service
13th	11am	Holy Communion
20th	11am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Evensong
27th	11am	Holy Communion

February

3rd	11am	Family Service
10th	11am	Holy Communion
17th	11am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Evensong
24th	11am	Holy Communion

Date	Time	Place
Saturday 5 January	8am to 1 pm	Lyde Road recycling site, Yeovil
Monday 7 January	8am to 12 pm	West Street Car Park, Ilminster
Monday 7 January	1pm to 4pm	Cockle Moor Car Park, Langport
Tuesday 8 January	8am to 12pm	Memorial Car Park, Wincanton
Tuesday 8 January	1pm to 4pm	Prigg Lane Car Park, South Petherton
Wednesday 9 January	8am to 12 pm	West Street, Crewkerne
Wednesday 9 January	1pm to 4pm	Crowshute Car Park, Chard

Kingsdon Christmas Photo Quiz

**The Answers The full size photographs are available on request
The winners were John & Joan Yates of Paddock View, 1 Kingsdon with 100%**

1	1 & 2 Manor Close	26	Old Rectory Cottage
2	Kings House Middle St.	27	50 Kingsdon
3	Rear of Mountsandel Lodge	28	Inglenook 56 Kingsdon
4	Side window Park Cottage	29	Manor Cottage
5	Rear of Park Farm	30	Stoneleigh Farmhouse
6	1 Manor Barns	31	Church Path Cottage
7	Path light Manor Farm House	32	Swallows 43 Kingsdon
8	Court Cottage	33	35 Kingsdon
9	3 Manor Barns	34	Cottage Barn
10	Post box Manor Park Villa	35	Keepers Cottage
11	West Barn	36	40 Kingsdon
12	4 Council House Henley Rd	37	Langlands Farm
13	Garden 3 Underwood Rd.	38	Kingsdon Inn
14	1 Council Houses Henley Rd	39	25 Kingsdon
15	Park Farm	40	Drewenna Manor Rd
16	April Cottage	41	2 Manor Barns
17	Farthings	42	Manor School from Manor Rd
18	Rear garden 3 Cary Way	43	Lane to Estate Yard etc.
19	21 Kingsdon	44	Sunny Side Farm
20	Rear of Holly House	45	Homelea
21	The Old Rectory Cottage	46	Bondip Kingsdon Nursery Gdn
22	29 & 30 Kingsdon (Underwood Rd)	47	5 Manor Close
23	Arnor Top St.	48	42 Kingsdon as seen from Manor Rd
24	Bemvindo Top St.	49	4 Manor Close
25	8 Underwood Rd	50	Paddock View 1 Kingsdon

January Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on 10th January at 7pm in the village hall.

Estate Agent Clive Setter from Chew Magna will be visiting to talk about Defibrillators. Clive was instrumental in the design and implementation of the Chew Valley Defibrillator Project so who better to give a demonstration with the demonstrator defibrillator and answer any questions. I know a lot of people are concerned that you have to be highly trained to use them and also how are they maintained and financed? Where would we put them? I do hope as many residents as possible will attend. Who knows how many lives they could save in the future if installed in Kingsdon. I trust our council will give him due time for this as he will be driving down after work and be returning back home to Chew Magna afterwards!

I am told that on the agenda once again will be a discussion on the 'Kingsdon Design Plan'. Having already been approved by the residents of Kingsdon, and voted on at an earlier meeting, I and others believed it had been agreed. Since when, the minutes have had to be re-written to prove us wrong. It would seem that a revised version, unseen by residents, is to be put forward for adoption by the council. I presume this is how some councillors interpret how democracy in action works!!

The author of the original plan, Ben Carlisle, made it perfectly clear that the document, after adoption by the council, could be amended at any time thereafter, so why the procrastination? Those residents interviewed regarding this are somewhat puzzled as to why their views previously expressed are not being acted on by those who are supposed to represent them! Rest assured the Chronicle will fight on behalf of those residents incensed by any proposal to change the original design plan, to one that represents the sole opinion of a couple of councillors. This document is not the property of Kingsdon Parish Council but that of the residents who have, en masse, approved it, and who do not like being treated as mere subordinates.

Engagement

The engagement is announced between Ben Brettell, son of David & Wendy Brettell, Park Cottage, Frog Lane, Kingsdon and Nicola McCulloch from Kent.

Both are 27 and live in Bristol.

Ben works for Hargreaves Lansdown, Stockbrokers & Financial Consultants as a Private Client Manager for markets and currency.

Nicola is a Trainee Accountant with Grant Thornton UK LLP.



The Lord's Larder

Joyce Limon and Norma Black would like to thank every one who contributed money or food towards the Lord's Larder this Christmas.

Kingsdon Post Office / Stores

Richard, Angela & Angela wish to thank everyone who sent them Christmas Cards and Seasonal Greetings. They wish all their customers and Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year

New Year's Eve at The Kingsdon Inn

There was a full house at the Inn for the New Year's Eve Dinner. As usual we were given great service from the girls. Midnight was announced by a firework display, with Martin keeping a close watch on the thatch!

As can be seen from the pictures, a good time was had by all.

One Kingsdon resident who had decided to have an early night was awoken by the fireworks, "I wouldn't have minded but I was having a really nice dream"!!! said Alex





The above two photographs prove the use of the instruction "Say Cheese" Can you guess which table were told to say cheese - no prizes for getting this one right! In this case the photo top left does disprove the theory that the camera never lies, they were actually having a good time!



TAKE ART
THEATRE COMES TO KINGSDON VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.30PM



"THE MAD WOMAN IN THE ATTIC"
 performed by the Boiling Kettle Theatre.

In an attempt to get to grips with new technology, Granny produces some surprising results... The Mad Woman in the Attic is funny, poignant play that challenges preconceptions about senior citizens in a world dominated by youth culture. It will strike a chord with any one who's going grey and will give their young friends and relatives a whole new perspective!

Tickets from Martin Singleton 01935-841162 or Anny Leahy 01935-840502
 Adults £6 Concessions £5 Children (Suitable for over 12yrs) £5 Families £18.

The Village Hall are paying the full fee for this production so please give it your support.

Somerton Benefice - Clergy Deployment

It is very nearly a year since Revd Jim Hill retired. He is, incidentally, doing well in his new abode near Bath. After prolonged negotiations with the diocesan authorities, it was agreed that his successor should be a "House for Duty Priest" and it was later agreed that the "house" should be the Parsonage in Charlton Adam, where of course Jim and his predecessors had lived. An abortive recruitment exercise was held in the summer. This was repeated in November/December, and finally, to the great relief of Revd Alan Symonds (the Priest in Charge of the Benefice) and many others, resulted in the appointment of Revd Wendy Griffiths, currently working in Wimborne. Wendy is a widow. She is expected to start work amongst us in the Spring.

Donald Limon