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Kingsdon C of E VC Primary School Celebration Service 1872 - 2011

It was a glorious day for the service of celebration for the 139 years of Kingsdon Primary School. The service was taken by Rev. Bruce Faulkner and was attended by so many that extra chairs had to be brought up from the village hall. In the congregation were many ex-pupils and staff, the oldest 'Old Boy' was our own 90 year old Stan Pring. Also present was George Trinkle, head teacher from 1972 to 1975. It was a shame that Betty Burbridge could not attend owing to ill health but wonderful that Sarah, her youngest daughter travelled down from Newbury to represent her. We hope Betty will soon be able to get about without too

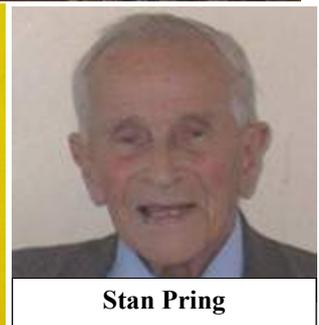
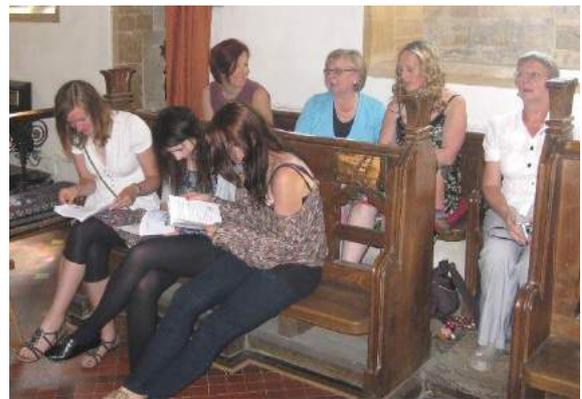
much pain.

Bruce gave a short history of the school and also read some of the amusing memories that had been sent in.

Jenny Gamblin read the reading; 'A time for everything' from Ecclesiastes 3.1-8.

The hymns chosen were all that had been popular in the school, 'Morning has broken, All things bright and beautiful, Give me joy in my heart, Lord of the dance, One more step along the world I go. The fun-filled children's praise 'Holy washing machine' and ended with O Jesus I have promised. The schools banner was received into the church, along with the school mosaic.

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Stan Pring

After the service the congregation gathered in the village hall for refreshments. On display were old school photographs and documents together with copies of the scrap books maintained by Mary Whitehead.

Thank You

It was a marvellous day thanks to the stalwart people who helped lug chairs and china up to the church or down to the hall, then back again. Also the moving of tables and chairs within the hall and returning it to ship shape fashion afterwards.

To Angela, Elaine & Mike who kept the hall manned from 9.30am onwards.

To all the cake and sandwich makers, and the providers of nibbles, they were all wonderful and very much appreciated by all who attended.

To Jackie & her bell ringers and to Jenny Gamblin for moving her sheep so Parkers field could be used as a car park. To the gang from Somerton, Ann, Roger, Jackie & Joan who kept us going with tea, coffee and squashes, not only that but doing the washing up afterwards - bless you.

And to top it all to Bruce, without you this would not have taken place. You gave us a kick start, and on Sunday an enjoyable and memorable service. Thanks also to Beryl Turner the organist. **(Freda, Babs, Penny & Norma)**

Letter from Colin Thresh



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Could I through the pages of the Chronicle Thank everyone in Kingsdon, the helpers, organisers and the Rev. Bruce Faulkner for a great day on Sunday 3rd July. What a great end to a great school. So thank you Kingsdon - still a great village with fantastic people, and to Pete, Geoff & Sylvia and my son Keith for bringing me on the 450 mile well worth trip **(Colin Thresh)**

Letter from Peter Crowter Sunday was a very enjoyable day and it was great meeting some of the folk I went to Kingsdon School with all those years ago and swap memories. I thought the Rev Bruce Faulkner did a great job at the service. The interest the children showed and their good behaviour was a testament to the entertaining way Bruce conducted the service. Also a big thanks to the ladies for all the work they put in providing the splendid refreshments. **(Peter Crow-**



George Trinkle



Kingsdon Chronicle Poet
Peter Crowter

Kingsdon Ladies Club

Report of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th July.

As it was an open meeting we had five men and two ladies as visitors. Julie South was given a posy for her birthday and a card was read out from Edna Gordon thanking the club for the flowers after her operation, she seems to be doing well.

The guest speaker, John Smith who is an archaeologist working for English Heritage, came along dressed in a Roman costume. He gave, with lots of humour, a good insight into how life was for the soldiers. He brought along many artefacts, helmets, body gear, swords, spears and smaller bits and pieces. Lynne gave the vote of thanks.

Refreshments were provided by Ann Baldwin & Marilyn St. Clair. The meeting closed at 9.45pm. There will be no meeting in August. The speaker for the next meeting, to be held in the village hall on Tuesday 14th September at 7.30pm meeting will be Jonathan Weeks with his medieval musical instruments. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Kingsdon Jubilee Fund

The following is an extract from a letter just received from HM Revenue & Customs concerning my application on behalf of the Trustees of the Kingsdon Jubilee Fund for status as a charitable Trust.

Dear Mr Elliott

The Kingsdon Jubilee Fund

On the basis of the information provided, we have accepted The Kingsdon Jubilee Fund as a charity for tax purposes under our reference XT28871 with effect from 1 April 2011.

For tax purposes, The Kingsdon Jubilee Fund is a charitable Trust.

This means that I can now crack on with an application for a lottery grant towards the cost of our celebrations next June for the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

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BEAUTY OF BATH

by Peter Crowter

Miss Chapple like her dad before had fingers that were green
Her produce was top quality, the best you've ever seen
Kingsdon folk all went to her to buy their fruit and veg
And in terms of healthy food it was the cutting edge.

Her house stood some way from the road atop a long stone path
The apple trees that grew each side were called Beauty of Bath
Behind the trees grew runner beans and cabbages galore
Every type of vegetable, asparagus and more.

Miss Chapple used to live alone until someone she knew
Sadly lost her husband and was not sure what to do

Miss Chapple said, 'Well Lucy dear the answer's plain to see,
Why don't you pack your home up and just come and live with me

Miss Chapple's house was fairly large and there was room for more
And that was fortunate for us 'cause owing to the war
We had no house to call our own and needed rooms to rent
We moved in for a year or two and happy times we spent

The ladies were a jolly pair and we had lots of fun

And I was just a teenager and treated like a son

T'was at that time that I left school, began to earn my keep
Working at Cook's Cary Farm with cows and pigs and sheep

Dad bought a house in Yeovil, it was nineteen fifty-four

I bought myself a motor-bike to travel to and fore

I met a girl from Shepton and soon Anne and I got wed

We had a cottage on the farm to house our double bed

One day we strolled to Kingsdon and I said to my new spouse
'It must have been eight years ago that we lived in that house.

How about some apples cause the ones she sells are great?

I think I'll go and buy some.' 'OK said Anne, I'll wait.'

I wandered up the garden path and knocked upon the door

'Apples' said Miss Chapple, 'I have some in my store.

No need to stand out there', she said, 'Just come along inside.'

And so I duly followed her for that's what she implied.

We marched across her dining room and in the kitchen went

And it became apparent I'd gone farther than she meant

For on the kitchen floor there was a bath all made of tin

And in it Lucy Hollard wearing nothing but her skin.

The ladies had their backs to me so luck was on my side

I hastily retreated and with much relief I sighed.

Miss Chapple brought my apples and I went back down the path

With my bag of apples that were called Beauty of Bath

Thank You

Donald Limon wants to thank the many people who sent best wishes to him following his recent operation from which he continues to recover.

Vision Aid Overseas Coffee Morning Saturday 23rd July

A big thank you to all those who supported my fund raising coffee morning on a lovely sunny morning. Thanks to the seemingly bottomless generosity of my friends and neighbours, £275 was raised to help towards the costs of the forthcoming project in Zambia.

In November I will be taking a team of seven optometrists to Mansa where we will examine the eyes of the local population, provide spectacles where appropriate and obtain treatment at Mansa hospital for those needing medical care for conditions such as cataract, trachoma and glaucoma. In addition we will be delivering refraction and low vision training to 9 ophthalmic nurses attached to Lusaka Teaching Hospital so that they will be able to continue our work when we leave. We will also oversee the installation of a Vision Centre at Mansa where technicians are being trained to make spectacles. It will be a very busy two weeks.

I hope you all enjoy the jams, jellies and chutneys – they are available for sale all year round if you run out or need an extra little stocking filler for a friend! All proceeds go to Vision Aid Overseas.

Many, many thanks

Nina

PS And thanks also to helpers Linda, Jill, Shirley, Marilyn and Ben and to my mum for keeping Baillie occupied. Thanks also (again) to Andy and Janet for the dozen cakes, which promptly sold out.

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Take part in a variety of activities that celebrate the Lytes Cary plant directory 'Lytes Herbal' including talks with our garden team and house volunteers. There will also be workshops available that allow you to make your own herbal ointments to take away.

Workshops at 2:00-4:30pm. £15.00 per person (charges apply to herbal ointment workshops only). Booking essential. *Normal admission charges apply.***Help Wanted at Lytes Cary**

Lytes Cary Manor is always in need of volunteers to help support this special place and get involved with the day to day running of the property. We have many roles on offer including working in the house as a room guide, volunteering in the garden, helping in the shop and selling raffle tickets. Once you have volunteered for 50 hours you will be given a volunteer card that entitles you to free entry to NT properties in addition to a 20% discount in NT shops and catering outlets. There are many other benefits to volunteering including meeting new people, volunteer outings and property socials. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact the Lytes Cary office on 01458 224471



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If you have a household income below £30,000 and savings below £20,000 you can get free cavity wall and loft insulation. The Energy Saving Trust advice service for the South West offers free, impartial energy efficiency advice to ensure that you are warm in the winter, saving money on your energy bills and reducing your carbon emissions. The friendly advice team in Bristol can put you in touch with local grant schemes for insulation (loft, cavity wall and solid wall) as well as giving you up to date advice on the latest developments in the small scale renewable sector, such as information on the Renewable Heat Incentive Premium Payments.

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KINGDON VILLAGE HALL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 27th May 2011 in the Village Hall, Kingsdon at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr M Singleton – Secretary, Mrs M Elliott, Mr W Elliott, Mrs A Leahy, Sir D Limon, Mr T Owen, Ms M St Clair, Mrs J Toole and 5 Kingsdon Village Residents.

Apologies: Mr M Winsor - Treasurer.

1. Introduction by The Acting Chairman: In the absence of a Chairman for in excess of two years, Mr M Singleton again agreed to stand in. He noted this was not a situation that could continue.

Mr M Singleton introduced the committee members, welcomed those present and outlined the general purpose of the meeting, and the management committee, for those new to the village.

2 Minutes of AGM held on 28th May 2020: The Acting Chairman read the minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting. It was agreed by all present that the minutes represented an accurate and true record of the meeting. A motion of acceptance was proposed by Mr W Elliott and seconded by Mrs J Toole. Motion carried.

3 Matters Arising: None.

4 Secretary's Review: Mr M Singleton gave a full overview of the year's activities including the 13 regular user groups/ bookings and the ad-hoc events organised during the period. In summary, the hall had been used on 383 occasions, an increase of 22 from the previous year. There had been some general public entertainment events and some private party bookings. One issue raised had been the general state/availability of the heating, especially by the group booked first thing on a Monday morning during the winter months.

The following work had been carried out during the year:

1. The toilets were re-decorated
2. Hall sign and main door re-varnished
3. Water heater in Kitchen renewed
4. New heater near piped fitted
5. Drain cover outside in road replaced

5 The Treasurer Report: On behalf of the Treasurer, Mr M Singleton presented the annual accounts as certified by the Independent Examiner Mr A Carnall, dated 20th May 2011. At the end of the year a positive balance of £8,931 remained to be carried forward.

Bank Account current = £ 1,288

Savings Account = £7,714

Total £9,003, less outstanding cheque @ £72. = £8,931

A discussion followed on the electricity costs and recharging process. The VAT applied is 20% when hiring out and 5% for internal hall use-age.....so some billing would be applied at 20% Vat and some at 5% VAT. A Direct Debit arrangement would save a further 2%.

6 Acting Chairman's Assessment: Mr M Singleton reported on a busy year with good regular use-age of the Village Hall facility by both local community groups and formal establishments/organisations.

The organising of formal public entertainment events by the Committee was always a concern with attendance numbers often being doubtful right up to the event....so such events always needed very serious assessment.

The matter of local involvement in the management of the Village Hall remains a matter of some concern with previous calls for volunteers being unsuccessful.

7 Question Time: Mr P Leahy referred to the removal of the Basket Ball facility during the last couple of weeks. He outlined the history of the Basket Ball Net which had been erected a good number of years ago when the youngsters had been asked what they wanted. He accepted that it needed repairs but it was a Village sports facility and not harming anyone. Mr Leahy thought that the action had been reprehensible especially given the upcoming Olympic events. It had been paid for with a grant from Sport of Somerset.

The Acting Chairman, in noting the comments, expressed his concern for the upset caused to Mr Leahy but confirmed that this decision had been formally agreed and taken by the Management Committee in January 2011. The facility had been in need of substantial repairs and had been totally unused for a number of years. There were a number of Health and Safety and Insurance concerns particularly with the car park location, the presence of motor vehicles (cars & vans) and the extreme proximity of the ever increasingly busy Lower Road (IE: new housing development/pub usage). There was therefore an increasing concern that an accident involving a child/youth would be a real potential risk, with all the consequences involved and the committee felt that this could be substantially mitigated by their actions and that it was their responsibility to act in advance, having become aware of the dangers. The decision was made to remove it.

Mr Leahy repeated his concern as it was the only sports facility in the village and that not everyone in the village was happy with the removal.. However no one present could re-call anyone using it within the last few years. Sir Donald Limon referred to the outstanding and dedicated work done by the Acting Chairman and thought that there had been plenty of previous opportunities for anyone to have expressed such views. He expressed his thanks to the Acting Chairman, long may it continue.

A number of other contributions centred on the idea of greater/wider future consultation & participation on such issues and possibly the use of The Kingsdon Chronicle for such purposes.

8. Election of Officers: The following members had confirmed their retirement at this AGM after many years of service:

Mrs A Leahy – 20 Years.

Sir Donald Limon – 11 Years.

Mrs Jean Toole – 11 Years.

The Acting Chairman proposed a motion of thanks for those retiring and for their major contributions over many years. Motion carried.

The following Officer & member nominees were duly elected unopposed:

David Thomson – Secretary

Michael Winsor - Treasurer

Ian Dibben – Assistant Treasurer, (Previously Treasurer 1992-95)

There being no further business, the Acting Chairman thanked those present and closed the meeting at 8pm.

KINGSDON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 27th May 2011 in the Village Hall , Kingsdon at 8.00pm.

Present: Mr M Singleton – Chairman, Mr D Thomson – Secretary, Mr Ian Dibben – Assistant Treasurer, Mrs M Elliot – Bookings' Secretary, Mr W Elliott, Mr T Owen – Seniors' Club, Miss M St Clair – Ladies' Club

1. Apologies: Apologies had been received from Mr M Winsor - Treasurer

2. Minutes of the Last meeting: Minutes of the last meeting 19th January 2011 were approved and signed

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Committee Room Windows - The wooden frame and seals were in need of repair, probably replacement. Much the same position as for the kitchen window. The committee room window is currently boarded up as agreed at the last meeting.

3.2 Wet Floor Signs - Three wet floor signs and colour coded mops & buckets had been purchased.

4. Take Art Events: The James Hickman and Dan Cassidy Concert had made a final profit of £235, but as with all such events the actual organising and final numbers had been quite difficult, many bookings coming at the very last minute. It was noted that this year's funding had been substantially cut-back, and many of the events listed for 2011/12 seemed unsuitable or else the dates were difficult.

5. Long Term Projects

5.1 Insulation - The Hall heating issue was discussed at some length with the conclusion that it was not appropriate to provide comprehensive 24 hour heating but to provide specific focused heating as and when required. In addition the roof and walls are unable to sustain any form of weight, so solar panels for example would be unsuitable.

It was further agreed to delay any capital decisions until such time as the issue of the School had been resolved. It was noted that the Village Hall was also The War Memorial.

A particular concern was a draught from the North Wall...some form of insulation could possibly be fitted, although damp protection would need to be considered. Some form of survey will be needed. In the meantime the stage curtains should be left open to encourage ventilation

5.2 Kitchen - It was agreed to look into an auto "cut-off" for the water, so as to limit the extent of any possible water damage.

5.3 Heating - Generally, users are happy with the heating provided...a major problem exists with the Monday morning booking group who have to contend with a Cold Hall to begin with at least. Charges for the electricity usage were carefully monitored and balanced out and were correct.

5.4 External Decoration - The exterior of the Village Hall was last painted in 2005. It was agreed on an attempt to paint the exterior on 6th August...volunteers would as always be very welcome.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Basket Ball Facility - Members expressed some surprise at the concern raised at the AGM by Mr P Leahy as this decision had been taken and publicised through the minutes of the last committee meeting. It was noted that the facility was located in an active car park, near a road and had hardly been used for a few years. It was agreed that it might be useful to publish the minutes of all future meetings in "The Kingston Chronicle" so that everyone would be able to see all the issues raised, discussed and the decisions taken.

7. Date of Next meeting - To be arranged.

There is a factory in Essex which makes the Tickle Me Elmo toys. The toy laughs when you tickle it under the arms. Well, Shelley is hired at The Tickle Me Elmo factory and she reports for her first day promptly at 8:00 am. The next day at 8:45 am there is a knock at the Personnel Manager's door. The Foreman throws open the door and begins to rant about the new employee. He complains that she is incredibly slow and the whole line is backing up, putting the entire production line behind schedule. The Personnel Manager decides he should see this for himself, so the 2 men march down to the factory floor. When they get there the line is so backed up that there are Tickle Me Elmo's all over the factory floor and they're really beginning to pile up.

At the end of the line stands Shelley surrounded by mountains of Tickle Me Elmo's. She has a roll of plush Red fabric and a huge bag of small marbles. The 2 men watch in amazement as she cuts a little piece of fabric, wraps it around two marbles and begins to carefully sew the little package between Elmo's legs. The Personnel Manager bursts into laughter. After several minutes of hysterics he pulls himself together and approaches Shelley.

'I'm sorry,' he says to her, barely able to keep a straight face, 'but I think you misunderstood the instructions I gave you yesterday...'

'Your job is to give Elmo two test tickles'.

The manager of a large office noticed a new man one day and told him to come into his office. "What is your name?" was the first thing the manager asked the new guy.

"John," the new guy replied.

The manager scowled, "Look, I don't know what kind of a namby-pamby place you worked at before, but I don't call anyone by his first name. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my employees by their last name only - Smith, Jones, Baker - that's all. I am to be referred to only as Mr. Robertson. Now that we got that straight, what is your last name?"

The new guy sighed and said, "Darling. My name is John Darling."

"Okay, John, the next thing I want to tell you is..."

"A lion will not cheat on his wife, but a Tiger Wood!"

Three handsome male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful, enticing, female Poodle. The three male dogs fall all over themselves in an effort to be the one to reach her first, but end up arriving in front of her at the same time. The males are speechless before her beauty, slobbering on themselves and hoping for just a glance from her in return. Aware of her charms and her obvious effect on the three suitors, she decides to be kind and tells them "The first one who can use the words "liver" and "cheese" together in an imaginative, intelligent sentence can go out with me." The sturdy, muscular black Lab speaks up quickly and says "I love liver and cheese." "Oh, how childish," said the Poodle. "That shows no imagination or intelligence whatsoever." She turned to the tall, shiny Golden Retriever and said "How well can you do?" "Ummmm...I HATE liver and cheese," blurts the Golden Retriever. "My, my," said the Poodle. "I guess it's hopeless. That's just as dumb as the Lab's sentence." She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, "How about you, little guy?" The last of the three, tiny in stature but big in fame and finesse, is the Taco Bell Chihuahua. He gives her a smile, a sly wink, turns to the Golden Retriever and the Lab and says... "Liver alone. Cheese mine."

A Sunday school teacher asked the children in her class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into Heaven?"

"No!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into Heaven?"

Again the answer was "No!"

"Well", she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"

A boy had reached four without giving up the habit of sucking his thumb, though his mother had tried everything from bribery to reasoning to painting it with lemon juice to discourage the habit. Finally she tried threats, warning her son that, "If you don't stop sucking your thumb, your stomach is going to blow up like a balloon." Later that day, walking in the park, mother and son saw a pregnant woman sitting on a bench. The four-year-old considered her gravely for a minute, then spoke to her saying, "Uh-oh ... I know what you've been doing."

Aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mtttaer in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoetnt tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be at the rghit pclae. The rset can be a total mses and you can sitll raed it wouthit porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Pettry amzanig huh?

Chicken Surprise A couple go for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and order the 'Chicken Surprise', The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot. Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down.

'Good grief, did you see that?' she asks her husband. He hadn't, so she asks him to look in the pot. Just as he reaches for the lid, it rises and he sees two beady little eyes looking around before it slams back down. Rather perturbed, he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening, and demands an explanation.

'Please sir,' says the waiter, 'what you order?' The husband replies, 'Chicken Surprise.'

'Ah! So sorry,' says the waiter, 'I bring you Peeking Duck!'

The Kingsdon Spring Quiz

There was 4 entries that tied for 1st place with a score of 119 out of 120. A draw to decide the winner was made at The Kingsdon Inn on 1st July. The winning contestant drawn by the Inn landlord was Hilary Mozley of Street who receives a Kingsdon inn voucher for £50.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this quiz, all proceeds of which went to the Kingsdon Jubilee Fund.

Our next quiz will be published on 1st August which will be find the names of 120 of our seaside towns.

Q. No.	Clue	City
1	Where Roosters are set on fire (8 4)	Cockburn Town
2	Burial Chamber for a car (8)	Khartoum
3	Good Elizabeth (6)	Lisbon
4	Eve's partners place (9)	Adamstown
5	Hirsute county (8)	Tashkent
6	A sweet daddy in France (5)	Sucre
7	Sounds like a form of gospel music (5)	Seoul
8	Laminated opening (8)	Plymouth
9	Below Australia (4)	Oslo
10	Free town (10)	Libreville
11	Bay for aviating Pisceans (6.4.4)	Flying Fish Cove
12	No gem stone allowed (6)	Banjul
13	Put father in a sack (7)	Baghdad
14	Viewed a conflict (6)	Warsaw
15	Posh City? (8)	Victoria
16	A cad, yes, Vic is (9)	Reykjavik

17	Lisa and company (6)	Monaco
18	Drop an atomic bomb on Good Hope (4)	Nuuk
19	Sounds like a lumpy arboreal marsupial (5.6)	Kuala Lumpur
20	The Pot Cove (9)	Grytviken
21	City for a Sun Root (9)	Jerusalem
22	Crane arm are holy table (9)	Gibraltar
23	A exclamation of contempt at Epsom (3.5)	Abu Dhabi
24	Enter a small knot or lump in wool (6)	Berlin
25	Python's recording (10)	Montevideo
26	Unlocks door with foxtrot! (4)	Kiev
27	Has cycle lanes named after it in Melbourne (10)	Copenhagen
28	High Jinks at Football? (8)	Funafuti
29	Bevan's dressing gown (7)	Nairobi
30	Name of an enclosure (5.4)	Phnom Penh
31	Where the merchandise is kept (9)	Stockholm
32	Oliver's partner (7)	Stanley
33	An iron bracelet (6)	Ankara
34	A City where one hangs around in line (6.4)	Kuwait City
35	A hound that goes astray (10)	Basseterre
36	Short journey for a parrot (7)	Tripoli
37	Valerie permits her (8)	Valletta
38	Definitive article in a depression (3.6)	The Valley
39	Deathly stiffness with out this type of lock (4)	Riga
40	A single male (5)	Amman
41	Soil turned over by a girl (7)	Douglas
42	Urban span (10)	Bridgetown
43	Male with our mother (6)	Manama
44	Howling pathway (6)	Beirut
45	Disimilar vehicle (7)	Cardiff
46	Blast the fool and swear again (8)	Damascus
47	Royal Russian who is genuine respectful educated and befriending (6)	Zagreb
48	London on horseback (4.4)	Road Town
49	Vocalise about a foot (9)	Singapore
50	Give up with an exclamation (5)	Quito
51	Hit the rooster (7)	Bangkok

52	Become a Knight by a waterfall (6)	Dublin
53	Audibly let out one's breath with a skillet (6)	Saipan
54	Monarch's capital (9)	Kingstown
55	Rip and scarper (6)	Tehran
56	Jack was actually born in San Francisco (6)	London
57	Boggy wait for these to come home (6)	Moscow
58	Alexander phoned Lew (8)	Belgrade
59	Dock for the Pearly Gates (2.5.4)	St Peter Port
60	Free of insanity (6)	Madrid
61	Best seller taken into custody (9)	Bucharest
62	Made In Ecuador for a large town (6.4)	Panama City
63	A bean also found in Ohio (4)	Lima
64	Abaddon submerges (8)	Helsinki
65	I'm stirring the levee (9)	Amsterdam
66	Male feline can (9)	Kathmandu
67	Put my money on who? (4)	Baku
68	100mph clean-up observe after a Scottish river (10.2)?	Washington DC
69	Dock of heir to the throne (4.2.6)	Port-au-Prince
70	Lofly residence of a law student (7)	Tallinn
71	Light grey with a brownish tingeing (7)	Beijing
72	City of emmett butts (5)	Accra
73	Timothy smells (7)	Thimphu
74	You depart with a plate (9)	Mogadishu
75	Swampy jack (6)	Bogotá
76	The horse on the left side and my friend (6)	Niamey
77	20% in a tin town (7.4)	Vatican City
78	Having its original purity (8)	Pristina
79	Teddy in town (9)	Edinburgh
80	The Bishops barracks (8.10)	Episkopi Cantonment
81	Wander (4)	Rome
82	Fast bowler Graham had a town named after him? (4)	Dili
83	Soily (4)	Lomé
84	Ojibwa language spoken here (6)	Ottawa
85	Town for the Son of Zebedee (9)	Jamestown
86	Town named after William's colour (10)	Oranjestad
87	Contemporary charcuterie (3.5)	New Delhi
88	Got to wed (7)	Marigot
89	Does this city make you happier (4)	Apia
90	Feline ox (6)	Muscat
91	Rudimentary inflorescence is a nuisance (8)	Budapest
92	Father Christmas with a tenor (5.7)	Santo Domingo
93	Sudden breeze, ah, by way of (8)	Gustavia
94	Heather is heavily in good health (10)	Wellington
95	Hold steady the tocsin (7)	Belfast
96	Manager of Real Madrid thinks he is a saint (3.4)	San José
97	An extremely short shortbread made here (6)	Vienna
98	Has a circuit (2.3)	La paz
99	Exhausted as a parrot (8)	Tiraspol
100	It is not Femalé (4)	Malé
101	Gobble up the Spiritual father (7)	Papeete
102	Exclamation of surprise is bothersome (5)	Hanoi
103	Brasserie in town (11)	Brazzaville
104	Sickly cry of derision. (6)	Malabo
105	The Dukes town (11)	Philipsburg
106	Beastly vehicle (5)	Kabul
107	Spoilt child is magma (10)	Bratislava
108	Plant with apprehension (5)	Sofia
109	Money eh (4)	Doha
110	Will he make a speech here (6.4)	George Town
111	Drew level on income (6)	Taipei
112	Heavy sickly pork (8)	Hamilton
113	Its a melody (5)	Tunis
114	Incinerate (4)	Bern
115	Jill's partner is a type of painting (7)	Jakarta
116	Blab at the embers (8)	Ashgabat
117	Dad be (5)	Paris
118	It started as a home in the marsh (8)	Brussels
119	Catch a breeze (8)	Windhoek
120	We have a lengthy repose (8)	Lilongwe

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Kingsdon Recreation Field

The Parish Council would like to thank Linda Rumbles for her thoughts on the village field in the last issue of the Chronicle as this gives us an opportunity to explain some forthcoming activity in the recreation field. All of these items have been discussed at various Parish Council meetings and noted in the minutes that are published in the Chronicle, but it is probably helpful to readers to summarise the planned activity all in one place.

- The vegetation under the railings at the top of the field has been cleared so that we could get estimates for repair. These will be considered at the next meeting in September. These elegant Victorian railings need maintenance to ensure that they will last for the next hundred years!
- The Parish Council has approved an affordable repair to the walls at the lower edge of the field. Temporary vegetation clearance will be required to provide a 2 metre wide working space. Work is scheduled to start on 4th August.

We would like to reassure parishioners that there is no change of policy for day to day recreation field management (about which parishioners have generally been extremely complimentary). We do not own the field and are responsible for maintaining good husbandry of the field under the terms of the lease.

We warmly welcome parishioners to the Parish Council meetings where you may speak about any village matter. In addition please don't hesitate to contact individual councillors, each have an area of responsibility as listed above, but any of them will be able to advise you about bringing a matter to the attention of the Parish Council. *Elaine Owen*

Barn Owls in Kingsdon

Kingsdon has a history and good track record for supporting Barn Owl populations, with at least one particular nest site within the village boundary being actively used since the late 1940's. This particular nest has been monitored by the Hawk and Owl Trust since 1990, and has produced no fewer than 20 fledged Barn Owls during that period (this year the site still remains active).

Habitat is of course key to maintaining a nesting population and Kingsdon's mix of low intensive farming, small field structures, mixed woodland, abundant hedge rows and excellently run woodland and field management make for a perfect Barn Owl environment. Grass margins around any field or open ground will encourage the local vole population and hence produce food for a number of species, and Barn Owl's in particular. However, the temporary loss or restriction of the margins around the village field (for Boundary repairs) is unlikely to have a detrimental effect to the current village owl population.

More farmers are now opting to provide 6m wide grass margins on their land compared to 10-15 years ago, and so the village field margins are now not so unique. Hence the owls have a wider variety of hunting areas to choose from at the moment. Barn Owls are very territorial and it is unusual to have more than one pair occupying the village at the same time, although there have been instances in the past where this has happened. There are a number of alternative nest sites available in the village (natural sites and created nest box sites) to provide alternatives should a new pair wish to attempt a territory claim, and also to provide alternatives for the existing pair. Fast moving cars, street lights, removal of hedgerows, use of pesticides and open steep sided water troughs are of much greater concern to the Barn Owl in today's world. *D. Morris*

Draft Minutes of Kingsdon Parish Council Bi-monthly and Planning Meetings held on Thursday 14th July at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: A. Masters (Chairman), Messrs. D Morris, R Holloway, M Clode, A Colton; Mrs E Owen (Parish Councillors); Mr J Calvert (District Councillor) and Mr J Zouche (County Councillor); Mrs S Smith (Parish Clerk).

There were 10 Parishioners and the Local Police Community Support Officer in attendance.

Apologies: Mrs A Saunders

Parish Council Bi-Monthly Meeting

Minutes: The minutes of the previous bi-monthly meeting were confirmed read, approved and signed.

Local Police Community Support Officer Fiona Wilson reported there had been an incidence of theft in May when oil had been removed from a property. She said there had been a number of thefts involving fuel across the region.

A Parishioner asked for comment on whether Kingsdon was thought to be vulnerable to travellers and the response was that the village was not particularly vulnerable because it was not easy to access.

Matters arising:

Village walls – the chairman reported that work would commence on August 4th and the cost will be £1,500.

Removal of basketball equipment from outside village hall – The Chairman read a letter from Martin Singleton of the Village Hall Committee outlining the facts. There was comment that the Village Hall Committee does a good job and it was there to make decisions. There was some discussion on how many local children were in the village and what they might require.

Proposed by Mr R Holloway, seconded by Mr A Colton: The needs of children in the village should be looked at to work out any specific facilities they might like.

The motion was carried. This would be reported in the Kingsdon Chronicle as a start to gathering in information.

Village verges: Mr R Holloway reported that Scott Davies of the Council's Highway's Department had been very helpful and had looked at the verges around the new estate at Park Farm. Mr Davies had said he saw no objection to siting bollards in the area to prevent parking, but they would have to be installed by an SSDC approved contractor. Mr R Holloway said he was concerned about the cost of this.

Cllr J Zouche said he would look into the matter for us but indicated the village could put up a no-parking sign as long as there were no official complaints, although this would not be legally enforceable.

The Parish Clerk read a letter from Mr and Mrs Toms, a resident in a house bordering on the verges offering to put in plantings to landscape the area. It was pointed out that the verge lies over two perforated drainage pipes and care would have to be taken to ensure no roots affected the drainage.

Mr A Colton said he would speak to the residents within the new estate re planting, the drains and putting up no parking signs to protect the area.

There was discussion over a letter in the Kingsdon Chronicle re the trimming of the verges around the village field. Mrs E Owen said the reason this had happened was purely to provide access to the railings which needed repair and further verges will need to be cut when the walls are repaired.

Village field railings and gate repairs: Mrs E Owen said the cost to repair the railings and gate was £395. 57p. but would like to obtain another quote. Mr D Morris said there were a number of local steel fabricators that may be willing to quote for the job. The Chairman said he knew of a recommended steel fabricator in Babcary and would approach them to obtain another quote. Mrs E Owen said the length of the lease on the field needed to be checked to ensure the cost of repair was worthwhile.

Gate to recreation field: Parishioner Mr T Owen showed a model of a kissing gate arrangement incorporating a post that had the facility to fold down and outlined the work needed and cost. There was some discussion over the risk of travellers; vehicle access and other options. Mrs E Owen said she would follow this up including obtaining additional quotes and report back at the next meeting.

Rubbish on Top Street: Mr M Clode said a notice had gone up and the situation had improved.

Pot holes: A long and detailed letter had been received from Scott Davies in the Highways Department. Mr A Colton reported on the response and said the outcome was that any serious potholes needed to be reported on an individual basis.

Other business:

Design statement: The Chairman said it was now out of date. Mrs E Owen said it needs to be online and downloadable and she would look into that. Cllr J Calvert said it was a good time to revisit it, get it updated and then get it officially adopted by the South Somerset County Council. Mrs E Owen said she would consult with Parishioner Mr B Carlisle and report back at the next meeting.

Signposts and National Trust: Mrs E Owen reported on setting up a link between Kingsdon and Lytes Cary so both would be aware of activities and events that might affect each other.

Insurance: Mr R Hollaway confirmed this was now in place.

Siting of new grit bins: All was agreed and the Highways Dept would fill the new bins when in place.

Snow Clearance: The Clerk reported that the Atwells had completed the necessary form filling but had not had confirmation back from the Council. Cllr J Zouche said he would look into this.

Byelaws and standing laws: Mr M Clode said there was a book that details precisely what we can and can't do and was £79 in paperback form. It was agreed this could be useful but a new version would be due out in around two years and it made sense to wait and purchase the updated version. Mr M Clode said he would check on the new publication date.

Signposts: Mr A Colton said he had been in contact with the Highways Dept re the cost of repairing the damaged signpost at the Lytes Cary junction. He agreed to get a quote for a finger board replacement on the sign.

Parish Maps: Mrs E Owen gave a report on an online mapping system and the cost of joining which would be £30 for the first year and £10 a year after that. She said she had obtained a free evaluation licence to view the system from her home computer and would invite Councillors around to look at it.

Kingsdon Chronicle: An outline of costs had been presented by Mr W Elliott who was unable to attend this meeting. There was some discussion about the Chronicle and it was agreed it was an excellent asset to the village. It was agreed to postpone discussion until the next meeting when Mr Elliott could be present.

Catsgore: Mr M Clode reported on a limited accommodation site where one family had been granted permission to stay. He said there were now plans to apply to enlarge the site. While it was not within the Parish, it was agreed it could be of concern. Cllr J Zouche said he was aware of this and it had been discussed at Somerton. Cllr J Calvert said he would talk to planning about it to find out what was happening.

Boules court: A Parishioner outlined an idea to install a boules court in the corner of the Parish field and set up a local club and village team. The sport is growing in popularity and suitable for all ages. Maintenance would be minimal. It was suggested that the Jubilee Fund could contribute towards the cost. It was mentioned that it would be of major benefit to the pub and therefore the pub should also make a contribution. The council asked for more details on this including exact costing and also some indication of support from the village before looking at it further.

Kingsdon Community Group: Parishioner Mr P Leahy said he had taken over the chairmanship of the group concerned with the retention of the village school building, and a consultation questionnaire was being prepared.

There being no more business, the meeting ended at 9.05pm

Parish Council Planning Meeting

The minutes of the previous planning meeting were confirmed read, approved and signed.

Application No 11/01930/FUL.

New applicant Mr David Thomson. Refurbishment of stable block to provide ancillary accommodation for residents of Park Farm.

Park Farm House, Lower Road, Kingsdon TA11 7LL

The Chairman gave an outline of the plan and there was minimal discussion.

Proposed by Mr R Hollaway, seconded by Mr A Colton, that approval be given.

The motion was carried.

Application No 11/02254/FUL

Applicant LPI Ltd. Application for a new planning permission to replace extant planning permission 08/2614/FUL for conversion of disused former barn into a dwelling and erection of a garage

There was discussion on the original planning permission.

Proposed by Mr M Clode, seconded by Mr R Hollaway, that permission be given subject to the plans remained exactly as those passed on the originally approved plans.

The motion was carried.

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

All Saints Church

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

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Revd Wendy Griffith Tel 01458 224087

Curate

Revd Bruce Faulkner Tel 01458 270902

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Tower Captain

Jackie Ellis Tel 01935 840344

Church Services for August

Sunday 7th 11am
Sunday 14th 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 21st 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Sunday 28th 9.30am Holy Communion

Church Rotas for August

Brass: Angie Saunders & Mrs Gillespie **Flowers:** Jean Frost & Ann Baldwin

Kingsdon Village Hall

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

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Bookings for August 2011

Short Mat Bowls Mondays 7pm - 9pm, Tuesdays 10am - 12noon
Table Tennis Club Tuesdays at 7.30pm
Yeovil District Canine Soc. Wednesdays & Thursdays @8pm
Painting of Village Hall Saturday 6th
Practical Study Group Wednesday 17th 10am - 3pm

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 Cricket Club

Secretary: Kathy Jamison
'The Swallows' 43 Kingsdon Tel 01935 841049
President: Wally Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon,
Somerton, TA11 7LW Tel 01935 841444
Chairman: Ian Birrell, Watersmeet, Huish Episcopi,
Langport TA10 9HE Tel 01458 250246

Fixtures for August

7th August	Sunday	Pitney	Away
14th August			
21st August	Sunday	Crewkerne	Away
28th August	Sunday	Dinder	Home

Kingsdon Seniors Club

The Seniors Club meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome.
For information contact Club Secretary Marilyn Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon.
Tel 01935 841444

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 Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for August

Wheelie Bin Refuse Collection Days
Tuesday 2nd, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 31st
Recycling and Food Waste Collection Days
Tuesdays except 30th which will be collected on 31st

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