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Defibrillators for Kingsdon

During the Kingsdon Parish Council Meeting in the village hall on Thursday 10th January, a talk and demonstration was given by Clive Setter of Setter & Lee (Chew Magna) on Automatic External Defibrillators (AED). Clive had been instrumental in the installation of AED's in villages of the Chew Valley. The defibrillators, designed to be used by anyone, trained or untrained have been installed inside secure cabinets in prominent central positions in the villages. The cabinets are vandal proof and opened by punching in a security code. Each defibrillator and cabinet cost in the region of £2,000.

In the event of a person having a cardiac arrest and a 999 call being made to the ambulance service, the operator in the ambulance control room will give the caller the location and security code of the nearest defibrillator cabinet. On accessing the cabinet, the defibrillator can be removed and taken to the patient; on opening the defibrillator it will tell the user by recorded voice exactly what to do.

It is completely safe and quite importantly, as soon as a person commences the procedure, they are automatically covered by the ambulance service who would still attend the patient.

It was stressed that from the time a patient has a sudden cardiac arrest, defibrillation is the only way to re-establish a regular heartbeat and needs to be given within approximately 8 minutes for any chance of survival.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Facts: It strikes without warning killing 250 people a day in the UK.

Less than 5% of its victims survive out of hospital in the UK.

It kills more people than lung or breast cancer.

It can happen to anyone even young athletes.

Defibrillation is the only treatment.

As a result of the talk and demonstration there was overwhelming support voiced by those present at the meeting that Kingsdon should have a defibrillator, possibly two. At the request of the parish Council I have agreed to co-ordinate the possible acquisition of defibrillators for Kingsdon.

I am pleased to announce that a very kind resident has come forward with the offer to fund our first defibrillator. A working party consisting of Martin Singleton, Lynne Davies, Jill Waters has been set up to carry out the implementation for the village, who have initially identified the following points.

Location. Where is the most central point or points it could be installed, bearing in mind they require mains power supply?

Funding. (for purchase and maintenance.) An appeal be made as it was felt that everyone should be given the opportunity to contribute.

Training. For whom, by whom, where and when?

I have received a letter from Clive Setter since the meeting. He is in the process of sourcing the keenest price for the defibrillator and will shortly be having a meeting with a leading supplier who may be able to give a very good discount.

For more information on AED's contact the Arrhythmia Alliance - info@arrhythmiaalliance.org.uk
www.arrythmiaalliance.org.uk



Pictures of the defibrillator cabinet at Stanton Drew



Kingsdon Parish Council Meeting:

Held on Thursday 10th January 2008 at 7pm. Present were Council Chairman Tony Master. Councillors Adrian Balhetchet, Mel Clode, Richard Hollaway and Patrick Leahy. Minutes were taken by the clerk, Jenny Gamblin and 23 parishioners were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence received from Councillors David Morris and Brian Turner, District Councillor John Calvert and County Councillor Pauline Clarke.

Minutes of the previous meeting. Were agreed and signed

Matters arising - The Kingsdon Design Statement. There was a lengthy debate involving all councillors with comments from the floor concerning Councillor Balhetchet's proposed amendments and additions to the original document that he had been sanctioned by the council to prepare at the previous council meeting in November. Councillor Balhetchet explained to the meeting his reasoning for the changes and amendments and why he considered them to be necessary. Councillor Leahy argued against the changes by saying the original was a lighter statement but the proposed changes would make it a more prescriptive plan. After further discussion a proposal to adopt the original plan was voted on by the councillors present and passed by a majority vote.

Defibrillators. The meeting was addressed by Clive Setter who explained how he had set up the defibrillators in the Chew Valley. He then gave a demonstration with a model defibrillator.

Closure of Kingsdon Manor School. A reply has been received from Bristol City Council in response to the letter sent to them from Kingsdon Parish Council in which the council had outlined how the proposed closure would impact on the village. The reply gave details as to how objection would be received by the council which meets on 15th February.

Kingsdon Estate Land. The estate agents acting for the Kingsdon Estate, Greenslade Taylor Hunt have replied to the councils letter of enquiry into purchasing the allotments and village recreation field. They say that there is no intention for the Estate to sell the land at the present time.

Bus 54 Route Change. Still awaiting details of possible changes from Pauline Clarke.

Satellite Navigation. First Responders in Somerton are claiming difficulty locating addresses in Kingsdon using their satellite navigation systems.

The Kingsdon Chronicle The chair then read a statement and asked that I print it in the next issue. I said I was happy to do so and that everyone was entitled to express their opinions, which I would print no matter what.

A photo copy of the statement which the chair had read and then handed to me is herewith published in its entirety.

Article in issue 4 of Kingsdon Chronicle ref Kingsdon Design Plan

This anonymous article is untruthful, inaccurate and slanderous, produced by someone acting as judge and jury. It is devisive within our small community and undermines Council activities.

Yes, the plan has had several editorial amendments, including those associated with the presentation to parishioners in the village hall, thus taking advantage of everybody's personal strengths, professional talents and knowledge. Councillors have reviewed and voted on every amendment aiming to produce a credible document as comprehensive and error-free as possible

Suggestion that the Chronicle will fight on behalf of the residents against any change to the original plan is ridiculous. The plan has undergone at least three changes including those emanating from the presentation to parishioners in the hall.

Accusations of procrastination ; being undemocratic ; not reacting to Parishioners views ; treating parishioners as subordinates and the document being the opinion of a couple of councillors is absurd which must be obvious to all those who have been associated with the document .

The council wants co-operation and not the confrontation ,which this article seems to provoke .I am appalled, to say the least and I request W Elliot to publish this response in the next issue of the Chronicle under my name.

It is suggested to the Editor that in the future, the Chronicle focuses on the original remit for the publication and should there be any cause for debate, raise the matter at the Parish Council meetings .

Tony Masters 6/1/08

Invitation to Lenten Lunch and Mothering Sunday Celebration

Kingsdon C of E Primary School and All Saints Church, Kingsdon hope you will join with them for their Lenten Lunch which will be held on Friday 15th February in the Village Hall from 12 noon to 1.15pm. There will be a special Mothering Sunday Family service on 23rd March. All are invited to this special annual celebration (11am)



December Daffodils!

I have no desire to argue whether global warming is fact or fiction. Except to say it is the first time I can recall in my lifetime seeing daffodils in bloom at Christmas.

This photograph was taken at the junction of Mudford Road and Lyde Road in Yeovil.

Kingsdon Christmas Photo Quiz Winners

Winners of the village photo quiz with 100% correct were John & Joan Yates seen here with their £20 winners voucher. The quiz was bought by 59 residents, and was a fund raiser for the Chronicle. Many thanks to Richard and the Angelas at the village shop for their assistance selling the quiz for me.

John & Joan originate from the North West. They had lived in Ilchester for 9 years and the last 19 years in Martock before moving to Kingsdon when they bought Edna Benjamin's cottage at 1 Kingsdon last July. John has worked for Agusta Westland for 28 years and Joan works at the Sports Centre at Stoke sub Hamdon.

John lists his hobby as motor cycling and DIY. He is at present building a garden store. He also would love to hold a music quiz; I might take him up on that some time. They have three grown up children.



take art theatre

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LAGE HALL

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"THE MAD WOMAN IN THE ATTIC"

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Sally Sanders, as Pat, holds the audience enthralled. "If you have a chance to see this great play do not miss it!" *Fosseway Magazine*

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, believed to be the first play to be performed in the hall for many years. So please give it your support



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Energy Saving Light Bulbs

The Government plans to withdraw incandescent light bulbs by the year 2011, in favour of the Energy Saving Light Bulbs. This is bad news for people like me who suffer from sun/light sensitive diseases such as Lupus, Viti-igo, Epilepsy, dermatology diseases, ME, migraines and many more.

So what does this mean for people who suffer from the above diseases? I will try to explain using Lupus as an example. At least 30% of people with the disease (there are about 50,000 sufferers in the UK) have sun/light sensitivity problems, which cause immediate reaction if exposed to the sun or fluorescent lighting. Twice as many again will have migraines, achy joints, extreme fatigue and dizziness after just a couple of hours.

So what is the difference between incandescent light bulbs, the bulbs that we have all used for many years without problems, and the energy saving bulbs that will replace them? Sufferers are affected most by UVA and UVB light rays. The effects normally start after a few minutes exposure and can last up to 48 hours, in severe cases the effects last for weeks. Incandescent light emits very little UVB, however Energy Saving Light Bulbs give off much more UVB and cannot effectively be screened. There are shields available for strip fluorescent lighting, but these are expensive and not 100% effective. There are no such shields for the light bulbs most of us use in the home. Most worrying is that when the UVB bands (blue spectrum) reach the skin of some Lupus patients, DNA deposits near the surface can be damaged.

For people with Lupus and any of the above mentioned diseases it will mean increased ill health and total social exclusion if the ban on incandescent lighting is implemented. Their home life and social life will be severely disrupted and their access to employment, places of worship, cultural and educational activities will be removed. Light bulbs are essential items of everyday use. We need to encourage technologies to promote both environmental sustainability and human health and wellbeing.

Below I am including some of the experiences from the many letters the charity Lupus UK receives about Energy Saving Light Bulbs:

Claire's experience was so severe the damage was described as third degree burns.

Carol found lighting in the Council Offices where she worked caused a worsening of her Lupus symptoms, making her nauseous, have headaches and a jittery feeling.

Roland experienced rashes, migraines, nausea and disorientation, having so much time off work he eventually lost his job.

Letters have been sent to the various government offices, medical boards, head offices of High Street stores, MPs etc. But could you help us by alerting your MP, place of work, favourite shop, newspapers to the misery that these bulbs will cause to certain vulnerable people.?

If you would like to know more about this issue there is a website www.spectrumalliance.org.uk a self funding voluntary organisation to represent the various support groups and charities involved, or contact me on 840132. If nothing is done these people face the future in the dark. *Linda Rumbles*

Power cut in Kingsdon

Lunchtime, a good time to have a power failure! At 12.45pm Tuesday 8th January that is what happened to a good number of properties in the village. The cause was the delivery of building materials to 1 Kingsdon. The vehicle concerned had a large bucket which hit the overhead cables at the gateway as it reversed out. Despite the incident being seen by 3 witnesses, the driver employed by Podimore Reclamation, naturally denied responsibility. The pavement was also damaged due to the weight of the vehicle.

Power was eventually restored at 2.40pm. by Western Power Distribution who said they would be returning at a later date with a hoist in order to carry out a closer inspection of the cables.



Uninvited Guests!

David & Jackie Ellis have never been known to be rude to guests at their home, that is until Thursday evening, 3rd January. As they sat down to their evening meal a strange noise was heard outside. On investigation, the cause of the noise was found to be visitors to their garden, cows in fact, all 41 of them tramping up and down David's immaculately manicured lawn. It would appear the herd had got out of a field on Catsgore Road and, taking the A372, Brincil Hill and the B3151 arrived uninvited at Hill House. The owner of the herd, Richard Webb of Henley was eventually traced and with help from friends managed to return the wayward herd to their rightful field.

Despite calls to the police, the danger of cows on the highway at night would appear to have been of little interest to them, as they did not bother to attend. I know from personal experience just how dangerous straying livestock can be on our roads, particularly at night. Fatal accidents have recently occurred in such circumstances.

TOMFOOLERY

A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.



In the U.K, an old saying goes "football is a gentleman's game played by thugs and rugby is a game for thugs played by gentlemen", ?

SMILE FOR YOU
 Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
 When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
 I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
 When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.
 I thought about that smile then I realized its worth,
 A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.
 So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
 Let's start and epidemic quick, and get the world infected!



"You're fired Jack. The lab results just come back, and you tested positive for Coke".



*Honey please,
 just calm down.
 Let me explain....*



World renowned portrait painter visits Kingsdon's Seniors Club

The January Meeting of the Seniors Club took place on January 9th 2008, at The Village Hall. 36 members attended. Sir Donald Limon took the meeting, and welcomed our President, Mrs Betty Hawes who was able to come to the meeting. He then introduced the Speaker, June Mendoza, a well known portrait painter. She began by telling us about her rather solitary childhood, as her parents were in the theatre, so she found solace in painting from a very early age, and discovered that she had a gift for catching likenesses, which was of course, a great help. She told us how she goes about painting a portrait. First of all she decided on the composition, then found the most natural position for the model either sitting or standing. Then she agreed on the background and what the colours would be, and where the light should come from. Then she starts with the main outlines, not filling in any details until later. When she did the well known picture of the House of Commons, she took individual photos of each person, then one morning, when it was empty, several pictures of the whole Chamber. Perspective was very important. She had painted the Queen several times. Her Majesty sat enough for the artist to get a likeness of the face and hands, but could only spare an hour at a time., June Mendoza filled in the dress and body later. It was amazing how she was



allowed to wander about the Palace on her own. She had brought quite a lot of prints of the portraits she had done of well known people, which was fascinating, as they were all so easily recognised, from Mrs Thatcher, and Terry Wogan to many well known actresses and authors. Many members asked questions, and we all enjoyed the talk very much. Then we had our Christmas Tea, which had been provided by the members, and as usual was very lavish and delicious.

Yvonne Barbor

June Mendoza with Co-Chairmen
Sir Donald Limon and Douglas Higson

Kingsdon Ladies Club

Lynne Davies welcomed 14 members to the January meeting.

There was very little business to discuss. There had been a few hiccups at the White Hart for the Christmas Meal, but it was agreed that the evening had been quite enjoyable.

A reminder was made by a member about a trip to Highgrove in the near future; the club would have to join forces with the Seniors Club or have villagers to fill the coach.

Birthday girls were Gwen Gamblin & Shirley Wilson.

Lynne had been to visit Audrey Greenwood who was making progress after her fall.

The guest speaker, Sue Scott, then gave a talk about the running of St. Margaret's Hospice at Taunton and Yeovil and the fundraising required to deliver the very high quality of care; £17 million was required annually with just 19% coming from the N.H.S.

Refreshments were provided by Margaret Hill & Brenda Hodges. Lynne won the flutter prize and the meeting finished at 9.30pm

The Ladies Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the village hall at 7.30pm. There are 23 members and it would be great if the club had a few more. For more information or if you would like to join please phone Lynne Davies 01935 840660 or Jackie Ellis 01935 840344 or just come along to a meeting.

Future Guest Speakers: February 12th - Sally Gregson 'Shady Ladies & Damp Damsels'
March 11th - Sandra Potter 'Pinpricking & Rubber Stamping'.

Church Notices - allegedly all genuine (Courtesy of Jean Toole)

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help. (More in the next issue)



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The Woodland Trust

Goff Rumbles would like to thank everyone on behalf of the Woodland Trust for their support in donating their Christmas cards for the recycling campaign.



Christmas with the Conways What a great place for a family Christmas party, the village hall, no distance to travel (for us), good kitchen, china and warm, with plenty of space for the younger ones to run. Food arrived ready to eat from Plymouth, Torquay and (sharing the chores.) a fine feast was eaten by thirty of us. Lucky for the kids sprouts was off the menu.

Aunty Con provided the kids with pass the parcel, every child won a prize, more by luck than judgement. Young and not so young enjoyed limbo dancing, whistling balloons and chocolate doughnuts on sticks and one of Mick's games involving wood!

Present time was fun. Seven grandchildren and two great-nephews gave them out on the basis of never mind what the label say "I can have the biggest; a lot of explaining was needed by parents. A great time was had by all. The Conways.

All Saints Church, Kingsdon - Services

February

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

Brass Cleaning

February - Kate Campbell March - Ann Leahy

Flowers

February 1st - 9th Jackie. Ellis
9th February - 22nd March - Lent, no flowers.

March Easter Onwards - Angela Sleep

Easter Lilies

Lilies in Memory of loved ones.

If you would like to join us, please put your donation in an envelope, mark Easter Lilies and put from whom, so the names can all go on cards together. Please deposit envelopes in Norma Black's post box by 4th March

The Kingsdon Chronicle—Finance

As of 31st January, £614 has been donated towards publication costs and expenditure stands at £340. Martin Singleton has agreed to act as my auditor. I would like to thank everyone who has made donations. All further donations will be gratefully received. Please make cheques payable to Kingsdon Golden Jubilee Fund

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Annual General Meeting

Kingsdon Cricket Club will be holding an Annual General Meeting on Sunday 17th February 2008 at 7.30pm in The Kingsdon Inn.

The Friends of Kingsdon Manor School Cricket Club (Kingsdon Cricket Club) was formed in 1983, playing on the school field. Since its inception the club has raised thousands of pounds for the school and other charities, and has been the instigator of many social activities in the village.

Over the years the club has relied on players from outside of the village, the 'Friends of Kingsdon' to make up our eleven each week. People, who enjoy a friendly game of cricket, but just as important, enjoy the atmosphere that playing at Kingsdon provides.

With the probable closure of the school at the end of the forthcoming season we are now urgently looking at what the future holds for Kingsdon Cricket Club.

At the forthcoming AGM, apart from the usual agenda items: finance, fixtures, catering, ground preparation etc. the future of the club will no doubt be a major topic of discussion.

As the club has been such an integral part of the village for so many years we would like to invite any residents who would like to play, become a vice-president or are just interested in the future of the club to come along to the meeting.

Ian Birrell (Chairman)

Late News

Kingsdon Parish Council Planning Meeting Held on Thursday 31st January 2008.

Present: Councillors Tony Masters (Chair), Richard Hollaway, Mel Clode, Pat Leahy, Adrian Balhetchet, Brian Turner, David Morris, District Councillor John Calvert, minutes were taken by council clerk, Jenny Gamblin and 4 residents.

Minutes of the previous planning meeting were agreed and signed.

Matters arising: The application concerning Lattice Cottage had been agreed by S.S.D.C. however the application for alterations at The Old Rectory Cottage has been refused. The garage roof project at Boschetto requires a planning application as it comes within the Building Regulations.

Application from Mr R. Oram of 7 Kingsdon for an extension in place of the present lean-to. This was refused on the grounds of the size, no windows on the road side and parking space would be restricted.

Application by Mr R. O'Brien of Springfield House for erection of stone gate posts and walls either side. This was refused on the grounds that it was not in keeping with a rural lane and the walls and posts were too high.

Councillor Leahy informed the meeting that work had been carried out to the bank and verge along Brincil Hill and he was still waiting for clarification from SSDC as to the legality of this work..

A.O.B. The cost of cutting the village field during 2007 was £736. (My cuttings were free thanks to the cricket club)

In the next Issue of the Chronicle

The difficulties facing our emergency services locating addresses in Kingsdon. First Responders from Somerton claim the lack of street name plates can delay their arrival at an emergency.

How reliable are satellite navigation systems in rural areas.

Post Codes: How helpful are they in finding your way around Kingsdon. An example of how they do not help - Jacaranda, Lotment Hill and Manor Barns in Manor Road have the same post code. Using this post code with a Tomtom sat nav will take you to Middle Street!
Another example - Manor Park Villa in Frog Lane and Keepers Cottage over 500 yds away also have the same post code. What the ambulance service have to say in the next issue.

Parking at Junctions. I have been asked by a resident to point out that some pedestrians have been put in danger by cars parked on or close to junctions in the village and the danger is worse at night.

The latest news on Defibrillator for Kingsdon

Announcements

The next issue of the Chronicle will be out at the beginning of March. Is there a birthday in the family, why not put a greeting and photograph in the Chronicle. Items for sale, if it is in the Chronicle ever household in the village will see it, unlike eBay! Do you want to have a moan about something or just your observations then put it in writing and let me have it at 4, Manor Close, Kingsdon or email to wallyelliott@hotmail.com, Tel 01935 841444.

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