

The Kingsdon Chronicle

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Kingsdon Parish Council Vacancy

If you are interested in becoming a Kingsdon Parish Councillor and you meet the criteria below, please contact Sally Smith, Clerk to Kingsdon Parish Council, The Old Coach House, Top Street, Kingsdon, TA11 7JU Tel 01935 842094 Mobile 07729 301207 Email sally@tradewindspr.co.uk to notify of your interest in the available vacancy

A candidate for Kingsdon Parish Council is qualified if, when nominated -

- (a) he or she is a British citizen, Commonwealth citizen, citizen of the Irish Republic or a citizen of another European Union State.
- (b) is 18 years of age, and
- (c) is either in the list of electors for the Parish or has during the whole of the preceding twelve months
 - (i) occupied land as owner or tenant in it, or
 - (ii) had a principal place of work there, or
 - (iii) resided in or within three miles of it.

Kingsdon Manor Development Planning Meeting

At a meeting of South Somerset District Council's Area East Committee on Wednesday 9th January, our District Cllr John Calvert proposed to the meeting that members make a site meeting before voting on the plans for Kingsdon Manor. This was agreed. The application was deferred to the next meeting to be held at the Council Offices, Churchfields, Wincanton on Wednesday 13th February at 9am. This meeting is open to the public.

Christingle Service

All Saints Church, Kingsdon

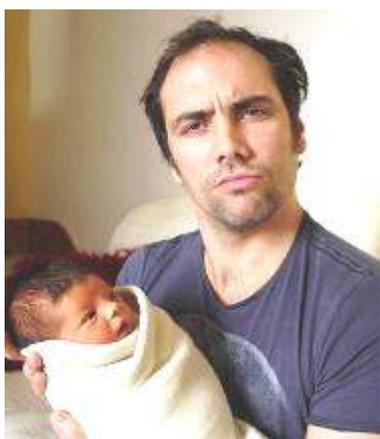
11am Sunday 3rd February



Any children wishing to help make Christingles will be most welcome on Saturday 2nd February at Norma's house - Park Villa at 10.30am. All materials will be provided

Welcome to Levan, Kingsdon's newest and definitely youngest resident

Cinzia, from the Kingsdon Inn, gave birth at Yeovil Hospital to Levan on Friday 11th January, weighing in at 6lb 13oz. Cinzia assures us that both Levan and Adam are doing fine.



Moscow Drug Club stars at the 'Take Art' event at Kingsdon Village Hall

My ticket for Kingsdon Village Hall last Friday turned out to be the best money I'd spent for years. The quality of the band was as good as anything you would find at Ronnie Scott's in London's Soho

A five piece band with the unlikely name of the Moscow Drug Club. It's not, of course, because they are junkies, it's the title of a song they have made their own. They sang a fusion of jazz and folk and other songs which defied categorisation.

The lead singer, Katya Gorrie, has a wonderfully smoky sultry voice, straight out of a German cabaret in the 1930s. Alongside her was a superb trumpeter, whose drooping eyes made him look as if he was completely out of it, but when he played a riff, he came to life. The guitarist, Denny Ilett, had magic fingers too. Each musician took their turn to elaborate on the melody and disappear into their own musical world, before Katya took up the tune again. It was not surprising to see people in the audience getting up, dancing and clapping to the music. The band seemed to genuinely enjoy coming to Kingsdon as their Facebook entry testifies: **Braving snow, ice and almost certain death, we were rewarded with an absolutely wonderful audience down in Kingsdon, Somerset last night.**

At the end of the evening a presentation was made to Martin and Shirley Singleton by Village Hall chairman, Marilyn Elliott in recognition of all his hard work as Chairman / Secretary of the Village Hall and organiser of all the Take Art events until he stood down last year.

Take Art events in Kingsdon are now in the capable hands of Richard South assisted by Brian Paine who are due congratulations for organising the marvellous evening with the Moscow Drug Club.



Kingsdon Knitting Klub (The 3 Ks)

It was good to see so many of the 3 Ks brave the cold, ice and snow to meet at Gardeners Cottage last Saturday.

As usual we have exceeded all expectations, with tiny hats and booties for the Neo-natal department at Bristol Children's Hospital. We hope to hand these over to Zoe from the hospital, at our March meeting. We have numerous beautifully knitted brightly coloured vests to send to the 'Fish and Chip' babies in Africa. These are new born babies that are sent home from hospitals wrapped in newspaper because of a shortage of clothing. Most of these have now been parcelled up to start their journey to Africa at the end of January. Please no more vests for the time being, we hope to have new patterns for little cardigans and hats in March.

We also have a large pile of knitted 'boobs' these seem to be getting bigger all the time, and some even come with tassels on!! These are given to student nurses/midwives to practice with dolls so that they can advise new nursing mothers. Please keep these coming in.

Our next meeting will be 9th March in the Village Hall at 10.30a.m everyone welcome.

In the meantime **'KEEP KNITTING'**.

Birthday Party for popular Kingsdon resident

Many residents turned out for a surprise Birthday party for Sarah Freeman on 17th January, a testament to her popularity.





Valentines at The Kingsdon Inn

Thursday 14th February

Homemade lobster tagliatelle with pistachio, orange and basil

Warm, shredded ham hock with poached hen's egg, mustard leaf and crackling

Homemade ricotta salad with spiced pickled pear and toasted walnut bread

A palate cleansing sorbet of raspberry and rose

Pan roasted turbot with braised salsify, clams and cockles,
sautéed baby red chard and a saffron and champagne velouté

28 day aged sirloin steak with hand cut, thrice cooked chips,
roasted cherry vine tomatoes and a peppercorn and brandy sauce

A warm terrine of goat's cheese and red pepper, braised baby courgettes,
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100 + Bottles found in ditch

How 100 or more empty wine bottles came to be in the ditch along Bottom Road between Pitts Lane and Henley Rd remains a mystery. But thanks to the public spirited actions of the Singleton and Freeman families who carried out a pre-Christmas clean-up job, nearly all have been picked up and gone for re-cycling.

Perhaps if the Blossom Hill wine drinker who has been depositing his or her empties in the ditch would in future kindly leave them in a more convenient place for collection, it would be much appreciated.



A Kingsdon 2014 Calendar

Kingsdon Village Hall committee hope to produce a 2014 Kingsdon Calendar measuring 16.5ins (42cms) long x 6ins (15cms) wide. To achieve this we need readers of The Kingsdon Chronicle to forward good quality digital photographs of the village. These can be new or taken in the last few years. Examples could be snow scenes, picturesque gardens and cottages, wildlife as well as essential landmarks such as the Church, Kingsdon Inn, Village Shop and the new Cricket Pavilion. Photographs need to be submitted by the end of March 2013.

A panel of erudite people from the village will be convened to select the final entries for each month, with due acknowledgement to each photographer for the final entries.

It is intended the calendar be competitively priced but yet generate some surplus for use within the village.

This could prove an ideal gift or stocking filler for next Christmas

Please email your digital photographs to: b.paine253@btinternet.com



A few examples of possible photographs that could be used on the 2014 Calendar from the Chronicle Collection.

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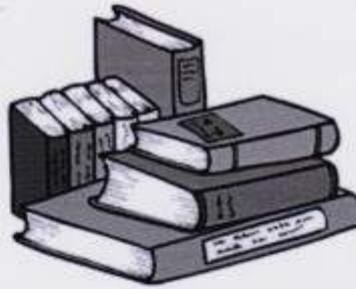
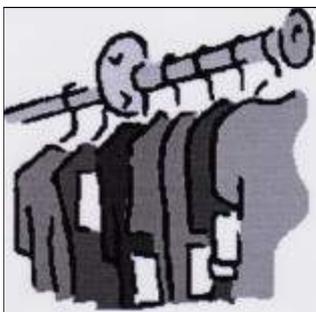
A lot of residents are getting really fed up with the amount of dog poo lying around the roads and gateways in the village. I have been asked to warn the owner/s of the dog/s responsible that some residents will be going out at night with cameras. If the offending dog/s are seen, photographs will be taken and sent, with details, to the District Council. Failure to clean up after your dog is a criminal offence. Dog owners who fail to clean up after their dog can be fined and even prosecuted in court with a **maximum fine of £1,000**. If you are aware of specific individuals who allow their dog to foul, please report it. You can do this online by going to :

http://ww2.southsomerset.gov.uk/index.jsp?articleid=1849&page_name=details

or to speak to the District Council direct, please call (01935) 462 462



Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005



Support your local Pre-school!!!

Charlton Mackrell Pre-school is having a Jumble Sale at the Charlton Mackrell Community Hall on Saturday 23rd February 2pm-4pm.

We need clothes, shoes good quality toys and books to sell in order to keep our Pre-school funded.

The pre-school is the feeder nursery setting for Charlton Mackrell school our nearest local school for children in Kingsdon.

Please have a clear out and ring Zoe Milne on 07964663551 if you would like your goods collected or, alternatively, make an arrangement to deliver your "bits and bobs" to Ridge House, Frog Lane, Kingsdon.

Donations gladly received.

Jumble sale

Saturday 23rd February
Charltons Community Centre

2pm



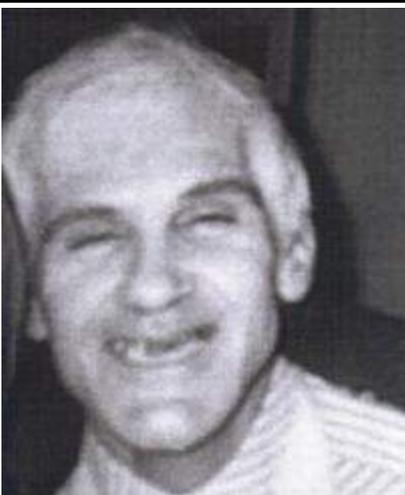
all proceeds to Charltons Preschool

Jumble can be dropped at the hall 5-7pm on Friday evening or after 10am Saturday morning please call 223368 for more information

Missing Person

David Treble age 51

Missing from Burnham-on-Sea since 23rd November 2012



This person is known to have contacts in various parts of the rural community across Somerset. He could be sleeping rough in barns/outbuildings and could be taking food from bins. He is just as likely to have obtained seasonal work in the rural community.

Officers are keen to trace him to ensure that he is well or to offer assistance if needed. If anyone has information that may assist please contact 'Missing People Organisation' on 116 000, or the Police using the 101 number.

This missing person has nothing to do with a former Kingsdon Manor pupil of the same name.

Coffee Morning

Norma Black is having a coffee morning on Saturday February 9th at 11am. Norma would like to extend a welcome to any one to come for a discussion on the making of kings, shepherds and angels for Christmas 2013.

If you enjoy making something or knitting in a slightly mad company, please come and join us as at Park Villa, North Town, Kingsdon.

Babs, Freda & Norma.

What's in a name

Many people are not aware that their names are related to a past life. Their trade, profession or some other source. The Masters is a typical example.

Many years ago one of the biggest gaols in the country was based at Ilchester, indeed a few buildings still remain. There, hangings, transportations to the colonies and long sentences were served for, what would now seem minor matters.

Then the Governor was all powerful and he was known as the Master hence the family name! but not quite what you might hope.

Young ladies were often incarcerated and when they had finished their time were discharged back into the Ilchester community. Many were showing signs of pregnancy and locals would ask "Who did he?" and back would come the response " He be Masters!". Hence the disproportionate number of Masters still living in the area even now.

So now you know. Please keep it quiet! or at least think of us as prison Governors who were irresistible. *(Jim Masters)*

Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll is reformed completely every 6 years and to be included you will need to complete an application form even if you are on the current roll. The roll is intended to reflect the real membership of and support for the church but confers no rights other than to vote for members of the Parochial Church Council and of course to be a member of that council.

To be eligible you must:

1. Be baptised and aged over 16

2. Be a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and resident in the parish

or

Be a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and not being resident in the parish have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the 6 months prior to enrolment

or

Be a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the 6 months prior to enrolment.

The current roll has a number of people who were enrolled quite some time ago but have no continued involvement with the church. In the interests of economy and saving the trees, it is not intended this time to send out application forms to all existing members. If you wish to be included on the new roll or have any queries, please contact David Beswick for an application form which must be returned no later than 24th March 2013.

For Sale

Two bucket type chairs in royal blue with assorted cushions.

Well used but ideal as extras or for outside. You are welcome to call in to have a look at them.

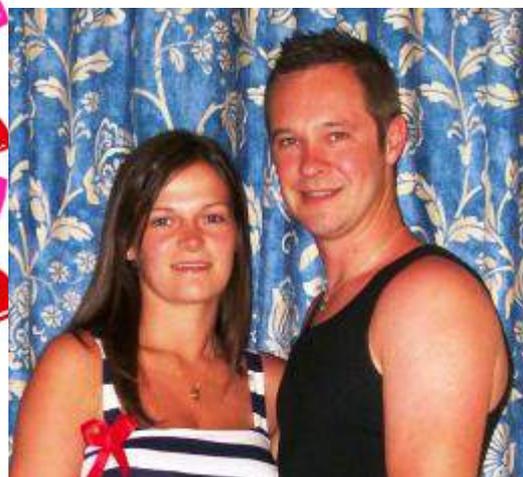
I will take £10 for the two - if you would like to give more then it will be donated to the Chronicle.

Contact Gillian Carnall at no. 50 Kingsdon (corner of Top Street and Silver Street) or by email; alan.carnall@btinternet.com



Congratulations

To Kelly Davey and Ben Cornelius
on their engagement

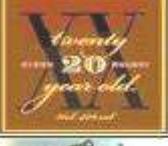
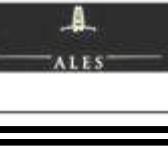
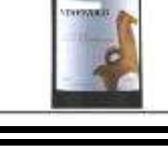


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Quiz Sheets available from Kingsdon Stores and Kingsdon Inn
In aid of Kingsdon Cricket Club 'Loo Appeal'

Please note Q74 Battered amphibian should read (4 2 3 4)
and Q43 Organ of a small lake (9)

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LITTLE JOHNNY STRIKES AGAIN

The teacher asked the class to use the word 'fascinate' in a sentence.

Molly put up her hand and said, 'My family went to my grandad's farm, and we all saw his pet sheep. It was fascinating.'

The teacher said, 'That was good, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate, not fascinating'.

Sally raised her hand. She said, 'My family went to see Rock City and I was 'fascinated.

The teacher said, 'Well, that was good Sally, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate.'

Little Johnny raised his hand. The teacher hesitated because she had been burned by Little Johnny before.

She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word 'fascinate' so she called on him.

Johnny said, 'My aunt Gina has a sweater with ten buttons, but she is so big she can only fasten eight.'

The teacher sat down and cried.

In a dark and hazy room, peering into a crystal ball, the Mystic delivered grave news:

"There's no easy way to tell you this, so I'll just be blunt. Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."

Visibly shaken, Laura stared at the woman's lined face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands. She took a few deep breaths to compose her self and to stop her mind racing. She simply had to know.

She met the Fortune Teller's gaze, steadied her voice and asked, "Will I be acquitted?"

A little boy came home with his parents from church one Sunday. He seemed a little depressed, so his mother asked him if something happened in Sunday school class that he would like to talk about. He told his mother "Well, we were singing songs and the teacher made us sing about a poor bear named Gladly that needed glasses and I can't stop thinking about him. She said he was cross-eyed and I feel bad for him.

The mother couldn't understand why the teacher would teach such a song in Sunday school, so she decided to call her. To the woman's amazement, the teacher said she only taught hymns that morning. Then the teacher began laughing out loud and said to the mother, "I know what Jeffrey's' talking about! We learned the hymn 'Gladly The Cross I'd Bear'".

While proudly showing off his new apartment to friends, a college student led the way into the den. "What is the "big brass gong and hammer for?" one of his friends asked.

"That is the talking clock," the man replied.

"How does it work?"

"Watch," the man said and proceeded to give the gong an ear-shattering strike with the hammer. Suddenly, someone screamed from the other side of the wall, "Knock it off, you idiot! It's two o'clock in the morning!"

A public school teacher was arrested today at John F. Kennedy International airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator. At a morning press conference, Attorney General Eric Holder said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us', the Attorney General said. 'They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values.' They use secret code names like "X" and "Y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns" but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say, "There are 3 sides to every triangle." When asked to comment on the arrest, President Obama said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes." White House aides told reporters they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by the President.

An 80 year old woman was arrested for shop lifting. When she went before the judge he asked her, "What did you steal?" She replied, "A can of peaches." The judge then asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches. And she replied that she was hungry. The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied, "6." The judge said, "Then I will give you 6 days in jail." Before the judge could conclude the trial, the woman's husband spoke and asked the judge if he could say something. The judge said, "What is it?" The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."

Lee Trevino: a true story, you gotta love him.

One day, shortly after joining the PGA tour in 1965, Lee Trevino, a professional golfer and married man, was at his home in Dallas, Texas mowing his front lawn, as he always did. A lady driving by in a big, shiny Cadillac stopped in front of his house, lowered the window and asked, "Excuse me, do you speak English?"

Lee responded, "Yes Ma'am, I do."

The lady then asked, "What do you charge to do yard work?"

Lee said, "Well, the lady in this house lets me sleep with her."

The lady hurriedly put the car into gear and sped off.

The Traffic Warden's Funeral ?

As the coffin was being lowered into the ground at a Traffic Warden's funeral, a voice from inside screams...

"I'm not dead, I'm not dead. Let me out!"

The Vicar smiles, leans forward sucking air through his teeth and mutters "Too late my friend, I've already done the paperwork."

Lady bus driver in a hurry

John Yates inspects the damage to the verge on Top Street caused by the 377 service which could not wait for a parked delivery van to move, despite the van driver being stood next to his vehicle. It is a shame as this verge had been planted with daffodils by John last Autumn



THE FIR CONE FIGHT

by Peter Crowter

There were two groups of boys in the forties, in Kingsdon divided by age, The big boys had reached adolescence, the small boys had not reached that stage. They naturally had their own interests, and each group would go it's own way, But sometimes for cricket or football, the big boys would ask us to play.

Two big boys of course were the captains and before a ball bowled or was kicked, They took turns selecting their players, us youngsters were last to be picked. Most big boys treated us fairly and allowed for the fact we were small. One or two gave us no quarter, with tackles or speed of the ball.

One day we were all playing football, and for reasons I cannot recall, The match was abruptly suspended, maybe someone punctured the ball. The balls in those days were stitched leather, inside a thick rubber balloon, And after a good deal of kicking, from punctures it was not immune.

However there were other reasons, the game may have come to a halt, With no referee to control things, then who's to say who is at fault.

A foul or an offside decision, is bound to result in dispute, Each team will back up their player, and everyone sticks in a boot.

For what ever reason the football, finished abruptly and then, T'was after a few minutes respite, the battle restarted again. But this time instead of a football, the missile became a fir cone, The teams stood apart at a distance, and dodged as the fir cones were thrown.

The fir trees just grew at one end though, so one team had plenty to throw, The other team were disadvantaged, having no supply of ammo. They had to rely on the fir cones, the ones that at them had been thrown, They had to be found and collected, without a supply of their own.

I gathered the fir cones for Tony, for one of the big boys was he, I handed him all of the ammo, cause he could throw farther than me. And then in the grass I saw something, that looked like a little brown log, My eyes and my nose soon detected, t'was something left there by a dog.

I realised it looked like a fir cone, that's if it was quickly looked at. I knew in the heat of the battle, Tony would think t'was just that. I caught Tony's eye and just pointed, to that nasty thing on ground, Tony bent down and he grabbed it, but I was no longer around.

An invitation to afternoon tea

At **Contact the Elderly**, we hold free monthly Sunday tea parties for people aged 75 and over, who live alone and need a hand getting out and about. It's an ideal way to brighten up your Sunday. Would you or someone you know like to be invited to a local group?

Our volunteer drivers will take you to and from the party safely as well as enjoying the tea with you. At the volunteer host's home you will receive a warm welcome and plenty of tea, cake & sandwiches.

Contact: Abby at Farm Cottage, Top St, Kingsdon. Tel: 01935 840088 or 07811 883005 who is quite happy for people to pop round or put a note through her door.

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KINGSDON VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2013 @ The Kingsdon Inn, Kingsdon at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs M Elliott – Chairman, Mr D Thomson – Secretary, Mr Ian Dibben – Treasurer, Mr W Elliott, Mr T Owen, Miss M St Clair, Mr A Toms

1: Apologies.: Mr T Owen.

2: Minutes of the Last meetings: Minutes of the last Management Committee Meeting held following the 2012 AGM, were approved and signed. The 2012 AGM Minutes were also approved and signed. All draft minutes had been published in The Kingsdon Chronicle as previously agreed.

3: Matters Arising

3.1 SSDC Licence (Hours): The Chairman reported that some confusion and inconsistency seemed to exist over the licencing hours with the approved hall “opening hours” being different to the “music” hours. The Hall is licenced to remain open until 11pm but music may be enjoyed until 2pm.

The Chairman reported on a visit to the SSDC to highlight this issue and agreed to follow-up actions to attempt to resolve the inconsistencies that exist. Action: Mrs M Elliott

3.2 Village Web Site: The development and subsequent provision of a Village Web Site was a project under the direction of the PC. The committee expressed disappointment at the delay in this important project which could be of great benefit to the village and the village hall. The Chairman agreed to contact Mrs Elaine Owen (PC) to see if some progress could be made. The secretary would contact the PC Clerk to request that the issue be progressed by the PC.

Actions: Mrs M Elliott, Mr D Thomson

3.3 Notice Board: Following a request from the PC, the Village Hall had declined the siting of a large notice board on the structure of the village hall for a number of reasons including location and appearance. It was suggested that the existing notice board site, as a more central village location, was and remained the most appropriate site.

No Action listed

3.4 Store Room: Following discussion, it was decided to update the storeroom window fittings, and a new roller blind would be purchased and fitted. Actions: Mrs M St Clair (Purchase) Messrs Dibben and Thomson (Installation)

3.5 Chairs: It was reported that villager Mr G Osborne had completed an excellent cleaning of all the meeting chairs and the committee’s thanks and appreciation were recorded

3.6 Automatic Screen: This project had been completed quickly and was proving a great success. Following further discussion it was agreed to purchase a fixed-ceiling wide-screen projector to complete the projection/cinematic capabilities. This would be a valuable feature for attracting new business through the village web site publicity

Action: Mr I Dibben to e-mail options.

3.7 Electrical Sockets: A number of additional sockets including an external socket had been installed.

3.8 Electrical Meters: The Chairman reported the difficulties experienced in accessing the current electrical meters and the health and safety issues arising. It was agreed to arrange for the meters to be lowered for easier (reading) access.

Action: Mrs M Elliott

3.9 External Painting (Windows): It was reported that the painting process had commenced but had been temporarily suspended due to illness. The final window frame colour would remain as at present, black.

3.10 Hall Bookings: The Chairman reported on the weekly bookings activities, there are regular bookings but they do not cover every weekday, there is still availability at the end of the week. A possible new booking was in discussion. It was hoped that the proposed but delayed village web site would be beneficial in selling the hall facilities to a wider community.

4: Finance

4.1 Current Account: The current account stood at £468 with £901 due, giving a balance of £1,369

4.2 Deposit Account: The deposit account stood at £6,015

Total of all accounts therefore @ £7,384

Major expenditure so far had been the Insurance Premium, external decorations and electrical provisions.

4.3 Minimum Wage – Employee costs The committee reviewed the updated legal requirements and annual review intentions – Reserved Item. Action: Mr I Dibben

4.4 Storage of Accounts The Secretary had previously agreed that the historic financial accounts could be stored with the historic administrative records at Park Farmhouse. However the treasurer reported on the new technology options now available including use of the internet “cloud” storage capabilities. This would be investigated and possibly demonstrated at the next meeting. Action: Mr I Dibben

5. Future Events: The future of "TAKE ART" still remained unclear but Kingsdon Village Hall Committee remained a happy supporter of this Somerset arts initiative.

6: PC Community Centre Proposal: A discussion followed on the PC's second village community facility, as it is very much in its infancy; we await the development of this proposal.

7: Long and Medium Term Projects

7.1 Village Hall Building: It was generally agreed that the existing structure now presented a limited life span, even with good regular maintenance, as a committee we will need to be aware of this and to keep all interested parties informed.

7.2 Windows: External painting has commenced and would be completed shortly, subject to current illness delays.

7.3 Electrical Inspections: The electrician would be contacted to undertake the annual inspections as usual.

Action: Treasurer.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Village Calendar 2014: Brian Payne has suggested the idea and the committee agreed to sponsorship for 2014 publication. All interested photographers please contact Brian directly!

8.2 Calendar of Village Hall (admin) requirements/activities: As a number of the administrative requirements repeated annually, the Secretary would prepare a listing with full details, and issue

8.3 Finances: The Treasurer agreed to organise a special meeting for members to review and better understand the financial arrangements and the on-going financial commitments.

9 Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be the AGM to be held on Friday 17th May 2013 @ 7pm., in the Village Hall. This would be advertised within the new website (if available) and the Kingsdon Chronicle as usual. A Management Committee Meeting would be held immediately afterwards.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and contributions, and closed the meeting at 9pm.

SSDC - Planning Application - Decision

Application: 12/04568/FUL

Location: Ridge House, Frog Lane, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7LL

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension (GR:351862/126048)

Decision: Application permitted with conditions

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Kingsdon Ladies Club

The first Ladies Club meeting of 2013 was opened by Lynne Davies with a bring and buy stall. 19 ladies were present and birthday girls were Babs Conway and Shirley Wilson. This was followed by the guest speaker, Gerald Morgan, who gave us a talk with slides of Chelsea Hospital. Gerald was the Supervisor of Grounds and was 10 years in Office, having to see all his year's work in a certain area of the grounds being taken over by the R.H.S. for the Chelsea Flower Show! He then had the task to put the grounds back to their original state!!!!

The Hospital was built by Sir Christopher Wren in 1682, and was ready for 400 army pensioners in 1692. They lived in berths 10ft by 8ft but had all meals and uniforms provided and lived there for the rest of their lives. Today 200 army pensioners live there in berths a little larger as they are en suite. Founders Day is held in June every year and a member of the Royal Family is always present as well as 3000 guests. To be eligible a soldier has to be 65 years old and completed 22 years service in the army. The funding for Chelsea Hospital is from the M.O.D. therefore a pensioner has to give up their army pension for the duration of their stay.

Teas and coffee were served by Edna and Jayne.

The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th February and the speaker is Commander Jeremy Greenop talking about Yeovilton Past, Present, and Future. New members welcome.

Kingsdon Seniors

Richard welcomed 21 members to the first meeting of 2013, reminding them of future meetings. He then introduced our Police Community Support Officer, Fiona Wilson who in turn, introduced Beth Poole who is attached to the Crime Prevention office.

Beth explained that we live in one of the safest parts of the country and most crime is against property, rarely against people. She then gave us ideas how to remain safe and protected in our own homes, from locking up, answering the door to strangers, replying to unusual e-mails to looking at media coverage of incidents. A tea, provided by the members was enjoyed by all.

Next month Kingsdon Seniors invite you to K.I.S.S on Wednesday February the 27th at 3pm the Kingsdon Inspirational Specialist Speaker is John Coggins, his subject "From Pups To Crufts" .John has over 30 years experience in training breeding and showing dogs including Crufts, and is also a qualified dog show judge, this talk will prove to be of real interest to everyone and in particular if you have a dog or have ever owned a dog, so come along and enjoy a KISS, every one is welcome.

In March we will have as our guest speaker, Barry Makey. Barry's talk is entitled "How it all began", a lifetime of Railway Model Making.

The meeting in April will be a visit to the Blue Glass factory in Bristol. More details in due course.

The May meeting will be all about the Crane Project (the feathered kind)

On 26th June there will be an amusing insight into the work of Age UK

Draft Minutes of the Kingsdon Parish Council Bi-Monthly Meeting held on Thursday January 10th at 7pm in the Village Hall

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

Plus 14 parishioners.

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

The Chairman mentioned that there was a vacancy for a new Councillor to be co-opted onto Kingsdon Parish Council.

2. Parishioner's Discussion Time:

Mr Patrick Leahy said there were problems with overgrown hedgerows especially at the entrance into Lodge Road from the B3151. He also mentioned that a bus had driven over some of the carefully planted daffodil bulbs around the village. Cllr A Colton said that a message had been sent to both the Highways Department and the Bus company. It was agreed that the landowners of areas with overgrown hedges would be contacted.

Cllr J Calvert reported on the results of a Planning Meeting re Kingsdon Manor and said a site visit was planned to take place shortly. He also said he had raised Section 106 in the hope that some contribution could be made to the Community Centre but he was not very optimistic. The road traffic entrances to Kingsdon Manor development were mentioned and Cllr Calvert said the Highways Department's view seems to be that most of the problems have been solved.

3. Kingsdon Community Centre and Sports Field

3.1 Report from sub-committee

Cllr D Morris said that there were no updates to report as yet on the sports field but some feedback had been received from parishioners and these would be collated in time for the next meeting.

Cllr E Owen said we had been allocated a "link officer" at South Somerset County Council who required more information on the community plans for the school and also an indication of cost. She said until we know the cost of the school and land it is impossible to estimate what moneys will be required. Cllr J Zouche said we should request the Council transfer the school to Kingsdon Parish at no cost to start the ball rolling, and we could submit a business plan on this presumption.

4. Maintenance

4.1 Tender from grass cutting

A tender from Mr W Elliott had been received to cut the village field grass throughout the year for £775. Proposed by D Morris and seconded by A Saunders that this tender be accepted. The motion was passed.

The Chairman read out a letter from local Parishioners Mr Rumbles and Waters re a request to tender for the cutting of verges around the village. Mr P Waters outlined their proposals including mentioning ideas for wildlife and flowers. It was agreed details of required grass cutting needs to be assessed so that a proper quote can be given. The Chairman agreed to walk around the village with Mr Rumbles and Mr Waters so that they can provide a proper quote.

4.2 Walls

The Chairman reported that Mr A Crossman has provided various quotes for repairing the village wall and it was generally agreed it seemed good value. There was a discussion on the use of lime mortar for the wall and there was an agreement that the cost needed to be spread over two years.

The Chairman agreed to ask Mr Crossman for more details and a full quote for using lime mortar. He would also discuss the possibility of at least starting the work in this financial year.

4.3 Telephone box

The Clerk read out details from a detailed report supplied by Parishioner John Yates on the repair of the telephone box and the overall cost of £605. She thanked Mr Yates for all his efforts. There was some discussion on the potential use of the box and it was agreed a restoration group needs to be set up. It was suggested that the Council could match any funds raised to help restore the box.

Proposal by E Owen, seconded by Mr M Clode, that Kingsdon Parish Council buy the telephone box. The motion was passed.

There needed to be a link between the restoration group and the Council and Mr J Yates agreed to be this link. It was agreed various checks need to be done because the box is on public land.

5. Footpaths and Trees

Cllr D Morris said he was still hoping more trees could be planted around the village. He said it had been confirmed that the large oak tree by the Village Hall belongs to the village and not to the Highways Dept and that repairs to the tree were being undertaken at no cost to the village.

6.1 Report on speed changes and restrictions

Mr A Colton said things were moving slowly and there had been a delay in obtaining a speed measurement camera. Cllr J Zouche said he would contact Mr Colin Fletcher at Highways to see if things could be speeded up.

7. Parish and Environmental works

Nothing to report

8. Additional items

8.1 Jimmy Zouche budget Kingsdon wellbeing

Request for funding, Church Clock Request for £800.

Request from Kingsdon Cricket Club for £648.47p.

Request for additional play equipment for the village field.

Cllr A Saunders had been following this through with advice from Cllr J Zouche on what would be acceptable for funding. Councillors had agreed in principal to ask for funding for additional play equipment which could be of benefit to many local families. Cllr A Saunders said she had followed this through and Cllr J Zouche confirmed the application was now in the system.

8.2. Churchyard cemetery, PCC request for maintenance assistance.

Parishioner and Church Warden Mr D Beswick gave a background to the maintenance of the Church grounds and referred the council back to previous meetings when a decision had been made over regular contributions from the Parish. The Clerk clarified details of a Council meeting of November 12th 2009 when a proposal had been passed to pay the Church £300 with further consideration of an increase on a yearly basis up to £500. The actual dates of payments had not been clarified and money was due for the year 2012. Mrs A Saunders pointed out the problems of operating under different financial years.

Proposed by M Clode and seconded by E Owen that £400 be paid immediately and that future contributions would be reviewed each year and paid after the Precept had been received around April of each year.
The motion was passed.

8.3 Small Grant application, Mike Brown

Parishioner Mr M Brown outlined background to additional funding available for children's play equipment and it was agreed that, with more children coming into the village, this should be pursued. Mr Brown agreed to follow the application up on behalf of the village and the Chairman thanked him for his efforts.

8.4 Parish Plan

Cllr E Owen said that the Council is now formalizing the list of assets and she was working her way through the official forms. She confirmed this was regularizing the list of village assets that had already been agreed. She said assets on the list had added protection and could not be disposed of without the village first being made aware.

8.5 Village website

It was agreed that this needed to be moved forward as a matter of priority. Mrs E Owen said she would follow this up. She added that it was being created on a voluntary basis but she would report fully on how this was going at the next meeting.

8.6 New village Noticeboard

It was confirmed that the new Village Noticeboard was at the Chairman's house and ready to be erected. There were problems with alternative suggested sites at the Village Hall and near Top Street near the Village Shop and bus stop and Cllrs D Morris and A Colton agreed to look at erecting it next to the phone box at the site of the original noticeboard.

8.7 Precept

There was some discussion over the Precept and the financial requirements for the coming year. The County Council was asking Parishes to take on more responsibilities and it was important the Parish had sufficient funds.

Proposed by Mrs A Saunders and seconded by Mr M Clode that the Precept be lifted by £1500 to a total of £7000 for the year. The motion was passed.

8.8 Cheque signing, handing over finances to temporary Financial Officer Angie Saunders

A cheque for the agreed annual contribution to the Kingsdon Chronicle for £100 was signed and passed to Mr W Elliott. A cheque for the Contribution towards Church grounds maintenance for £400 was signed and passed to Mr D Beswick.

In accordance with decisions made at the previous Council meeting, the Clerk Mrs S Smith officially handed over the finances of Kingsdon Parish Council to temporary Financial Officer Mrs A Saunders. A full report of all finances was handed to all Councillors detailing:

Account A £1,076. 89p
Account B £1,124 84p
Account C £7,220 62p

Mrs A Saunders said it would be useful if the Clerk could remain authorized to be an additional signature on Parish Council cheques in case she or the Chairman were away when an urgent cheque needed to be signed.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.40pm

@KingsdonVillage

Kingsdon is now on twitter!

Using twitter news can be relayed quickly. It's up to you what you would like to say, but example messages might be:

Lytes Cary road flooded, take the high road if you are going out of the village today.

Reminder: Parish council planning meeting Thursday 7pm village hall

Suspicious white van reg no..... ring 101 if seen

Just picked some lovely blackberries, plenty left up the hill

To send a message to everyone following KingsdonVillage start your tweet with @KingsdonVillage. The moderator will retweet your message.

Please remember:

Retweeting will be done asap, but may take a few hours.

People receiving by email may get them the next day.

To keep messages positive, so people have a good impression of our village.

Messages are not private to residents, anyone (including the press) can access KingsdonVillage tweets.

I am moderator for the time being, but if someone else is keen to take this on (or if you have questions about the above) please contact Elaine Owen at elaine.kingsdonpc@uwclub.net

All Saints Church

Priest in Charge

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

Church Warden

David Beswick. Tel 01935 840795

Parochial Church Council

Secretary Nicholas J. Allan Tel 01935 840878 Treasurer Alan Carnall Tel 01935 840692

Tower Captain

Jackie Ellis Tel 01935 840344

Church Services for February

Sunday	3rd	11am	Christingle	
Sunday	10th	11am	Holy Communion	
Sunday	17th	11am	Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
Sunday	24th	9.30am	Holy Communion	

Church Rotas for February

Brass:

Kate Campbell

Flowers:

Until 17th Jackie Ellis

Kingsdon Village Hall

For all information (except bookings) contact: - David Thomson, Park Farmhouse, Lower Rd. Kingsdon TA11 7LL
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Bookings for February 2013

Short Mat Bowls Mondays 7.30pm - 9pm, Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Table Tennis Club Tuesdays at 7.30pm (not 12th)

Yeovil District Canine Soc. Wednesdays at 8pm

Art Club Thursdays 10am - 12 (Term time)

Ladies Club Tuesday 12th at 7.30pm

Practical Study Group Wednesday 20th

Seniors Club Wednesday 27th at 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: Marilyn Elliott)

President: Wally Elliott)

Chairman: Ian Birrell,

4 Manor Close, Kingsdon, Somerton, TA11 7LW Tel 01935 841444

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Kingsdon Seniors Club

The Seniors Club meet on the 4th 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.

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