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Chairman's Report to Residents

Welcome to our Autumn 2011 issue of *Village News* and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all those new residents who have moved into the village over the past few months. Please remember that *all residents* of Lower Kingswood are members of the Residents' Association, if you have any concerns about the Village, the Residents' Association Committee is here to try and help *you* and represent *your* interests.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

A date for your diaries!

The next Councillors' & Police Surgery will be held in the Church Hall, Buckland Road on the EVENING of TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This will provide residents with an opportunity to have "one to one" conversations with local representatives.

PLANNING GUIDELINES

As members of the Banstead & District Federation of Residents' Associations, we are fortunate in that some other members have specific expertise in the area of planning and they have taken the opportunity to examine in detail the Government's new guidelines and assess their impact.

A full report on this appears on page 14 and, if you wish to submit your own comments, there is a draft letter on the Association's website for you to submit - either by post or by email.

YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES NEED YOU

Given the parlous state of the nation's finances inherited from the previous administration, the coalition Government have announced, in their 'Comprehensive Spending Review', cuts in public expenditure and increases in taxation. Although the economy now shows some signs of recovery, subsequent increases in taxation may well have a knock-on effect on spending - particularly in the retail sector. It is very important that Lower Kingswood residents continue to support OUR local businesses and services (both established and new ventures) otherwise we could find that the remaining ones will struggle to survive.

VILLAGE NEWS

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We would also like to acknowledge the continuing support of Fidelity International.



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WHERE DOES LOWER KINGSWOOD BELONG?

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has been conducting an electoral review within Surrey in order to try and "balance" the number of electors within each of the County divisions. It seems that the original proposals, supported by the LGBCE, are more about "getting the numbers right" rather than paying any attention to the location and nature of the various communities!

The net result of their deliberations to date is a proposal to "move" Lower Kingswood from the existing 'Banstead South' division to a new 'Merstham & Banstead South' division.

The Residents' Association had previously lodged an objection to the draft proposals citing a number of grounds - most notably that there is no communality whatsoever with the Merstham community in respect of environmental, planning, social, transport etc. issues.

A full report on this appears on page 14 and, if you wish to lodge your own objections to this proposal, you will find a draft letter at the back of this newsletter (on pages 19 & 20).

Please note that there is an extremely tight deadline for submitting objections to this proposal - no later than 10th October. Objections can be submitted by post or by email. **Don't delay** - act today!

YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU

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Reigate & Banstead Borough Council report



Whilst sitting down to write this article we wondered what to say to you.

There is no startling news to send you, so these are just random thoughts.

Some of you are being troubled right now with the work on the A217, many of you felt that you had scored a victory in protecting the Heathland. Neither group is right nor wrong. The water supply for Sutton is dependent upon that work and

therefore must be done. The work will soon be finished and life will get back to normal once more

We all have fresh clean water on tap in our homes; children in Somalia have none

Yes we have potholes that Surrey County Council cannot afford to repair just now, but we do not have bomb craters to drive around, although it sometimes feels like it!

We all have food, and most of us have purchased more than we need and waste it. We don't stand in lines to be served. We never have the situation where food supplies have run out.

We have many shops in our towns and villages locally that supply almost everything anyone could need; we have choice.

Our children have education provided free, even if we cannot have the preferred school, and they have to travel further.

Our streets are clean, our bins are emptied regularly and rubbish mysteriously disappears.

Our hospitals provide wonderful health care. The buildings may not be state of the art, but they are there, overcrowded, and struggling to treat everyone on time, with the best drugs and surgery that they can. East Surrey is making application to this Borough for permission to put de-mountable wards in their grounds to ease the pressure on space.

The leisure provision in this Borough is better than many districts, and will improve. Recently the application for the Banstead Football Club proposals was granted. Work is going on to regenerate Preston. The new Leisure Centre will be built and we have identified some funds.

The rioting and looting did not trouble this Borough unlike Croydon and other places. We worked with the Police and had a plan prepared for that eventuality, including accommodation for those who might have been forced out of their homes. Expert medical cover, fire fighters standing by, and our police plan in place. It didn't happen here fortunately, but we now have the emergency plan prepared and ready to go should we need it.

The Borough deals with many of the day-to-day problems encountered by residents. Surrey County Council deal with different problems.

I can only apologise if we do not always meet your expectations, but can assure you we are doing our best.

This is a lovely Borough, clean, green and much loved by most of our residents. We aim to keep it that way.

Councillor Joan Spiers

Leader of the Council

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Don't lose YOUR vote in 2012

Voter registration forms should have dropped through your letterbox recently and you are being urged to return yours as soon as possible to make your voice heard in the borough. If you haven't received your form you can contact the Council's Helpline on 01737- 276000.

John Jory, Chief Executive and Returning Officer said: "Registering to vote is very simple. All you have to do is update the annual canvass form with the details of everyone in your household who is eligible to vote and return it to us as soon as possible.

"If your details haven't changed you can also confirm this online or by telephone. It is important that you complete and return the registration form so you're able to take part in the next local, national and European elections."

To confirm no changes to the details, visit: www.registerbyinternet.com/Reigate or phone 0800-197-9870. A security code will be needed which is on the registration form.

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Surrey County Council report

SMITHY LANE

Measured by quantity I was encouraged by the response to the proposed options for Smithy Lane. We have received a wide variety of opinions, probably, on balance, against the proposals.

It was interesting, however, that we had opposite points of view, not just from neighbours but within households.

Across the village as a whole, however, there were concerns from residents not from Smithy Lane, who were concerned with the traffic relocating itself along other routes.

One of the best outcomes though is that it has started a new discussion with Fidelity and without acceptance by them to any solution and, more especially, from their employees, we will have problems with any scheme.

There are issues with just closing the right hand turn from the A217 into Smithy Lane because whilst it might resolve one issue it will leave many more unresolved. To name a few there are:

- Access from one side of the village across the A217 to the other.
- Problems for buses departing from the bus-stop at the south west of Smithy Lane who cannot see backwards round the bend of the A217.
- The need for a pause in the traffic to allow the residents of the Holly Lodge estate to cross the A217.

This is not a full list but illustrates that by resolving one issue for one set of residents, it still leaves others with their needs to be addressed.

It will take some while to reconcile all the conflicting advice. It might be that, because of the conversation that we need with Fidelity and others, not be before the New Year; but at that time I will ask your Residents' Association to host a meeting in the Church Hall where we will outline our recommendations and receive your feedback.

OUTWOOD LANE

The intentions to rebuild the bank in Outwood Lane and to repair the road surface are still in the plan.

In view of the traffic disruption in the area caused by the Water Board on the A217, which will last until Christmas, we are concerned that to close Outwood Lane for 10 weeks will impose on the local highways network an enormous strain and the frustration that would go with the diversion. As a matter of urgency, we are looking to see if it is possible, with the adjacent landowner's permission, to work mainly from the adjoining field. This would reduce the closure to two weeks only, which would be bearable. The repair of the road surface is a separate matter, which we would have done during the road closure period. Now we are working to see how we can slot this in with the minimum of disruption. Please note that this matter is being dealt with at the most senior officer level at Surrey County Council and he is well aware of the Kingswood residents' on-going frustration.

The following is the suggested timetable:

- Start date for the road resurface scheme will now be late

October. I am advised that it will not last more than 5 days.

- Embankment work is due to commence early January 2012 and will take 5 weeks. It will not involve any road closure, although temporary traffic lights will have to be deployed for a maximum of 2 weeks. This is subject to the agreement of the landowner but it would avoid additional traffic disruption during the works on the A217 so even this is now better.

In relation to the pipeline works on the A217 and the incursion onto the grass areas of the Tadworth roundabout, in view of the promises made by the Sutton & East Surrey Water Company, I suggest that you address any concerns to them directly:

Anthony Ferrar
Managing Director
Sutton & East Surrey Water plc
London Road
Redhill
RH1 1LJ

Via the County Officers I have already expressed my concerns and will continue to do so.

Councillor Michael Gosling

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

County Councillor Reigate & Banstead – Banstead South

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Come and ask your local representatives a question (or two)!

6:30pm to 7:30pm

TUESDAY EVENING

8th November 2011

Church Hall, Buckland
Road

THEFT FROM AND OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Surrey Police report

This is a priority for the Borough and as your safer neighbour team we don't want you to become a victim. We urge you to come to our 'Meet the Beat' meetings where we can give out crime prevention tools. These vary from useful reminder stickers or warnings to criminals. We also give out anti-theft screws which are normally used for number plates. We have put together some crime prevention advice:

When leaving your car:

- Don't leave anything inside your car. Clothes, cigarettes and loose change can all encourage a break-in.
- Remove the stereo or stereo fascia if possible.
- Remove satellite navigation devices if possible, including the support cradle. Wipe away any suction pad marks left on the dashboard or windscreen.
- Leave your glove box open, to show it is empty.
- Close windows and sunroofs and lock the doors and boot.
- Remove the keys and lock the car, even if you are leaving it for just a few minutes.
- Ensure your vehicle is always locked.
- If your vehicle doesn't have an alarm, get one fitted. Insurance companies will often give a discount for properly installed and approved alarms.
- Never leave personal documentation in the car of your vehicle. Anything with payment details or addresses may attract a thief.
- Never leave tools or equipment in your vehicle overnight. No tools means no work and a big bill to replace them.
- Catalytic converter theft is on the increase, mark yours to deter thieves.
- Security mark all your tools and equipment to make items uniquely identifiable and less attractive to a thief.
- Fit lockable wheel nuts, tamper proof number plate screws and a lockable fuel cover cap. These are all cheap and easy to fit.
- Make sure you have fully comprehensive insurance for your vehicle. Thieves will often 'smash and grab' causing damage that is expensive to repair and may take you off the road for several days.

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www.selectadna.co.uk
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Monday 28th November

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Editor's Note:

There is a new mechanism for viewing crime statistics, which can be accessed from the national police website www.police.uk/crime and this shows that, for the month of July 2011, there were a total of 34 instances of crime & anti social behaviour in Lower Kingswood. These were made up of burglary 2, anti social behaviour 18, vehicle crime 1, violent crime 1 and other crime 12. This website also allows these instances to be viewed street by street! However, comments from our local police officers have previously indicated that Lower Kingswood itself continues to have relatively low levels of reported crime. Nevertheless you should notify Surrey Police immediately of any suspicious callers or people loitering in your area, any unfamiliar vehicles, or any suspicious activity at neighbouring properties.



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Kingswood Primary School



formed in the Church Hall. The children were superb with wonderful singing and acting and you could really see the genuine enjoyment and sense of achievement the children gained from this musical. It was also a wonderful way for the Year 6 children to finish at the school, hopefully taking with them many happy memories.

The school's priorities include: developing the school's curriculum so that it provides exciting and purposeful learning for the children; developing assessment in writing so children are more involved in evaluating and improving their work; and ensuring children make good progress in their learning when they are in the school. In 2012 the London Olympics will be taking place and the

I would firstly like to welcome the new Reception children and other new children who have started the school in September. This can sometimes be an anxious time for children but it is surprising how quickly they settle and make friends.

I would also like to welcome two new teachers to Kingswood: Francesca Short, who is teaching in Reception and Hayley Dawson, who is teaching in Year 1. All the staff at the school wishes them all the best as they start their teaching careers at Kingswood.

At the end of the summer term all the children in the school took part in the production of 'Bugsy Malone', which was per-

formed in the Church Hall. The children were superb with wonderful singing and acting and you could really see the genuine enjoyment and sense of achievement the children gained from this musical. It was also a wonderful way for the Year 6 children to finish at the school, hopefully taking with them many happy memories.

As I have written in other issues, the school is always looking at ways to work alongside the community. If the school could benefit the community more, I would welcome any ideas. Just come and see me!

Duncan Steele

Head teacher



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The Wisdom of God Church

Dear Friends,

2011 - THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

The Authorised Version of the Bible has greatly influenced this country's thinking and language and its 400th anniversary is this year. We are celebrating the event in Lower Kingswood.



As well as having held the 'AV Event' early in September, beginning Wednesday the 19th October until Sunday the 23rd October, the Parish Churches of St Andrews and the Wisdom of God are staging the '**One Way Exhibition**', at the Wisdom of God Church. One Way is an interactive exhibition, which is a fresh and different way at looking at the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Thousands of children and adults have already experienced One Way elsewhere and found it to be, "a great experience... Superb, fantastic and true to life sounds"! One Way is set up to allow visitors to walk through scenes from the life of Jesus Christ. Using all the senses, visitors are encouraged to look, listen, touch, smell and taste as they journey through with motion sensors and buttons to push bring displays to life that all add to the experience. One Way also has a number of film clips and moving images to explain more of Jesus' story, including an opportunity to imagine what it must have been like for those who found the empty tomb on that first Easter Sunday.

During the week the exhibition will be open for schools visits and on Saturday, 22nd October it will be open for the general public to visit, on Sunday the 23rd there will be a special time open for both our congregations from 9.30am followed by a special Joint Service in the Church Hall.

Do make sure that you do not miss either of these wonderful opportunities to learn more of our Christian heritage and, as always, you will be very welcome at any of our services!

I wish you every blessing,

Garth Barber

Vicar - St. Andrews with the Wisdom of God

Church Hall

It has been a quiet time at the Hall. We are grateful to all our regular users, who seem to be able to carry on with their groups.

Recently a small band was able to cut the hedges, and so the grounds seem nice and tidy for the moment. Grateful thanks go to Jim Moreton, Marianne & Laurie Kaye, Casey Foulkes and Ken Parfitt for giving up their time to help. Casey made some lovely biscuits, so this helped inspire the job.

The hall is available for children's parties and other events, for further information please contact Marianne and Laurie Kaye on 01737- 832848.

We were pleased to welcome Kingswood Primary School to the Hall for their Summer Play, a performance of 'Bugsy Malone'. It is great to see the Hall used for stage shows, as we also had the Encore Arts group put on their end of term show recently too, this group meet every week at the Hall in term time. Once again we at the Hall committee thank all users for taking care when using it.

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Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church



The other day I watched a fascinating film called '*Never Let Me Go*'. It is a really clever film that raises lots of questions. The plot revolves around three people who seemingly only have one purpose in life – to exist until the point they donate their bodily organs to others. The characters struggle to come to terms with this destiny but seem ultimately resigned to it without any hope of escape. They are capable of love and of creativity but this cannot alter their fate. As viewers, we find ourselves asking a **number of questions, the main one being: 'what does it mean to be human?'**

That's a great question. There are lots of different answers out there. Some say that as humans we are simply products of chance or the random combination of molecules. This strikes me as an overly pessimistic way of thinking. Some say that as humans we are people who can create our own meaning and our destiny. This strikes me as an overly optimistic way of thinking. What does it mean to be human? We need to ask and to answer this question. In recent weeks as a church we have been looking at the opening chapters of the Bible where God tells us what it

means to be human. The Bible says that to be human is to be made *by God and for God*. We believe that each of us is made by God. This means that we matter to him and we have value in his eyes. We are not meaningless. We believe that each of us is made for God. This means that our purpose for living is to know God and to love God. We are not purposeless if we are doing this. What does it mean to be human? Maybe God has more to say about this than we think.

You would be more than welcome to come along to one of our services and think about these things. We meet every Sunday at 10:30am and 6:30pm.

You can find us on the internet at: www.lkec.org.uk or you can e-mail me at: pastor@lkec.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming you!

Jim Murkett

CAMEO Club - 'Come And Meet Each Other'

Meetings held in the Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church for CAMEO have been going well and the attendances have been good. Usually around 40 members come along each month.

Mrs Liz Fairhurst came in May and gave a **most detailed into 'Women in Prison'**, where she meets up with prisoners on a regular basis. Paul Weakly came in June and delighted us all with a rousing performance of songs, poems and music. In July we had our usual Strawberry Tea and Paul Burden did a very interesting illustrated quiz about local history. We were all surprised how much we knew and how much **we didn't!** **More recently, in September,** we enjoyed a talk with slides from Shirley

Cornish entitled '**Building Houses in Armenia with Habitat**'; Shirley together with **other volunteers helps "hands on" to build accommodation for folk who are in great need of help.**

On 10th October Christine Taylor will be talking about her trips overseas helping with an orphanage. On 14th November Rev. Ian Cooper will be giving an **illustrated talk about his 'Trip to Israel'**. On 12th December we will have a return visit of **David Battley singing to us 'Western Style'**. **Our first CAMEO meeting in 2012** will be on 13th February. There will be more news about these meetings in the next issue of *Village News*.

'Come And Meet Each Other' meetings are held in the Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church in Smithy Lane, on the second Monday of each month at 2:00pm. Our numbers are continually increasing; if you also would like to come along, please contact us for more information. We welcome both men and women of all age groups to our informal meetings, which finish with a light tea followed by a short epilogue. If you are looking to make new friends or renew old acquaintances, do join with us, this is the meeting for you.

Lower Kingswood Strollers

After an interruption to our regular rhythm earlier in the year, Lower Kingswood Strollers are getting back into their stride! The heat of June saw a small but dedicated core tackle another variation on Walton Heath – before the invasion of the Water Works. Given the heat, dedication was the operative word!

July was much more temperate as a much more typical group of 9 explored the wonders of the Gatwick Farm fields. With crops well advanced, the views were somewhat different compared to our previous survey of this territory in Autumn 2009, though the effects of the spasmodic rain were evident. We started from the Church site in Smithy Lane, heading up the A217 to the Council Depot before turning onto the footpath to Green Lane, where we turned up through Grubb Wood and headed towards Gatwick Farm itself before turning left towards Mugswell and the footpath through Millfield Wood and returning via Green Lane. Though not as hot as it was for the June stroll, we did

appreciate the fact that much of the route was sheltered from the sun by woodland and hedgerows. This plus the fact that there was minimal hill climbing and only a few stiles to negotiate made the whole excursion very pleasant. We concluded with a welcome cup of tea courtesy of one of our members in Smithy Lane.

What does the Autumn hold? Even if we knew, that would be telling, but we intend revisiting some old haunts and exploring some new locations. We usually venture out on the 4th Monday of each month. If you would like to join us for one of our expeditions, you will be more than welcome, meeting at the Evangelical Church in Smithy Lane at 2:00pm.

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9th Reigate Scout Group

Lower Kingswood



As I write this, our leaders are on a well-earned summer break. For our AGM in June we prepared annual reports on the preceding year. I thought I would share the main points of those reports with the village:

GROUP REVIEW 2010-2011

The youth sections have achieved some noteworthy milestones this year with good, balanced programmes of activities covering a wide range of topics that enriches life experiences. Chief Scouts Awards are available in each section and they get progressively harder. I was especially pleased to see a Gold Award in Scouts - the first but hopefully a precursor for others to aspire towards in future.

The leaders and helpers in all sections have done a great job this year and I would like to thank them all for their efforts and dedication. It is a successful team that is delivering good scouting, but it could be even better and certainly more sustainable if we were able to find a more formal leadership for the Beavers and an assistant for the Cubs. We do offer young leader status, which includes training in leadership skills. Currently we have Amy helping in this capacity in Cubs and Harry with Scouts.

Ian Parfitt - the keystone and longest serving leader of the Scout section, has been awarded the Award of Merit by the Scout Association. This year, Mike Buzwell stood down from the Group Scout Leadership. Thank you, Mike, you have served the group well. My thanks also go to all other parents and executive members. The executive committee make provisions for the groups sections to function and without them, all would be so much harder.

Geoff Dunstan - Group Scout Leader

BEAVER SCOUTS

We have had about 16 busy Beavers throughout 2010/11 and have none on the waiting lists, so, almost uniquely in Reigate district, we have spaces for more boys and girls from 6 years old!

We have earned lots of badges, including the challenge badges for:

- Global - learning about other cultures, world scouting speaking a few words of Swahili
- Promise - keeping promises, rights and wrongs
- Friendship and creative - making things like bird boxes, mother's day and Easter cards and bookmarks
- Fitness and outdoor - keeping fit and healthy eating and outdoor games and walks

This year, the Beaver section is 25 years old and to celebrate a special 25 challenge has been set by Surrey Scouts for Beavers to strive towards 25 activities earning 5 progressive badges along the way. Currently we have completed our first batch of 5 and are planning others later in the year.

I wish to thank all helpers who have been involved during the year. Next year, I must also step down so it is vital that we find one or two adults to take a warrant as a leader so they too can enjoy seeing young people develop in practical ways through this great game of Scouting.

Val Dunstan - Acting Beaver Scout Leader (Chil)

CUB SCOUTS

Yet another busy year for the pack with numbers steady at around 16. In September in the District 'Push Kart' races we were in 5 of the six finals and finished a very good fourth. November we were at pack holiday at Downe where we completed our Astronomy badge as we studied the night sky. We made wooden key racks and racing cars, which were great fun, and this helped towards the Handyman's badge. December saw us entertain the residents at Furze Hill home. This year Beavers and Cubs joined together for our New Year party. We also took part in the District swimming gala (finishing fifth), St George's Day activity day, and the football competition. We managed to complete our first stage Emergency badge, road safety and fitness challenge.

Due to work commitments we said farewell to Shere Khan (Paul O'Sullivan). I would like to say a very big thank you to all the pack leadership team, because without them these things would not happen: Chil, Otter (Dave Keen), Ricci (Amy Parfitt), Bagheera (Geoff), Angel and Mrs Day. We finished the year with an outdoor six challenge, a hike, bucket orienteering and family camp in July.

Clare Franklin - Cub Scout Leader (Akela)

SCOUTS

This year our leadership has changed dramatically but the number of scouts has remained stable at about 16, including 3 or 4 girls. Jon Woodhouse has moved out of the district and this would have been a severe loss but for the arrival of Dan Daley, who had been a leader in Reigate a helper with our cubs. Charlotte Latter, Andy Pringle and recently Angel Deacon followed Dan. Thanks to the time, patience and enthusiasm that all these leaders have given.

The scout troop has taken on a more active programme using some of the professional skills of Dan and Charlotte. The programme included:

- Canoeing and climbing/abseiling at various locations
- Slack lining on our new outside area behind the hut
- First aid training - good basic care for others
- Music evening - the CD was burned to prove it!
- Art Attack - painting by hand - literally!
- Mountain boarding at Nutfield Priory
- Baking fairy cakes and planting a seed

Rhys Legon gained the Chief Scouts Gold Award, the highest award in the scout section. Harry Walton has undergone initial training to become a young leader. We are making plans for more adventurous activities later in the year whilst keeping a balance of other social, creative topics.

Ian Parfitt - Assistant Scout Leader.

To find out more about us check out our group website: www.9thReigate.co.uk
or contact Geoff Dunstan our Group Scout Leader on 0844-414-2215 or email: GSL@9thReigate.co.uk



Girlguiding

1st Lower Kingswood Guides are thriving and busy! This summer we've been to Scoutabout - a weekend action-packed camp along with 6,500 other Guides, Scouts and Leaders. This is held every 3 years at the South of England Show Ground at Ardingly. At the end of July we had our summer camp at Guestling in East Sussex. Guestling is north of Rye and is a delightful campsite. We did a treasure hunt in Rye, went swimming in Hastings and had a whole day of crafts and activities on the site.

We are still in need of another Leader - so please give our need some thought. We have distributed 1,000 leaflets throughout the Village but, very sadly, not one offer to help has been received. We spent £35 on printing these leaflets and it is so sad that it was all to no avail.

1st Lower Kingswood Guides, Young Leader, Sarah Young was selected by Girlguiding's London & South East Region to go on a visit to Costa Rica for 3 weeks this summer. The visit included a couple of projects, which the team jointly worked on as well as some sightseeing. Sarah gives this brief account of her trip:

"I have returned from my trip to Costa Rica and had an amazing time! I want to thank you all for the donations and support you gave me towards raising £2,300 for my trip. It was a jam-packed 3 weeks of non-stop activity, travelling, laughter and learning. It was a really memorable lifetime experience. We arrived in Atenas and first of all went to Cerro de la Muerte in the cloud forest. We stayed with a fully sustainable family. Other projects in Costa Rica included, releasing and protecting baby turtles, re-forestation in a number of places - a coffee farm, an organic farm and in the rain forest which surrounded our home-stay. The trees we planted were to restore/fill the rainforest with Costa Rican native trees.

"We travelled to many different places including Arenal, Cahuita and San Jose, all of which gave us the opportunity of seeing the country. The country is extremely beautiful and the bird-life is amazing! I have never seen such colourful birds. We also saw howler monkeys, poisonous strawberry frogs, leatherback turtles, vultures, sloths, white-faced monkeys and many more.

"We also crossed over to Panama, the neighbouring country, for four days to help with the "Manatee" project. In this project we patrolled the river in canoes to make sure there was no danger from crocodiles. We also planted mangroves in the swamp to provide food for the manatees.

"We visited indigenous people in a tribe (BriBri) for a day, where we learnt the way of life and their strong unity they have in their village. As a group we did a few extra activities, white water rafting, zip line through the rainforest, hikes through the rainforest and cloud forest, walking up the Arenal volcano and visiting the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean sea! On the last day we were lucky enough to go to the headquarters of Guides/ Scouts in San Jose and then met a Scout group. We exchanged many games and stories. It was great to see how the Girlguiding and Scouting organisations are so strong and loved all over the

world. All in all it was the best 3 weeks of my life and I would just like to thank you all again for your support at the various fundraising events which all helped to make this trip possible for me."

Sarah Young

Young Leader at 1st Lower Kingswood Guides and 1st Walton-on-the-hill Brownies

girls in the lead

We are still looking to recruit another Leader (or more!) to replace Kate Wells. If you think this could suit you and you are looking for a volunteering opportunity, we would be delighted if you would email us and tell us of your interest. We now have a group email address so please use this: 1stlkguides@gmail.com.

1st Lower Kingswood Brownies

We have had a very lively Spring/Summer Term with our old & new Brownies - our unit is now running at the maximum and we now have a waiting list.

The girls very much enjoyed completing their cooks badge with the help from Maria Molica-Franco, Independent Consultant - The Pampered Chef, mbbrowneyes@hotmail.co.uk. They also enjoyed our visit from the football coach for Football Focus he was fantastic with the girls and they all went home hot, tired but happy. We had a very amusing walk across the Heath to Walton-on-the-Hill chip shop - sorry to any golfers we put off with our singing and dancing antics. The RNLI came into see the girls to talk about safety on the beaches before we all broke up for the Summer Holidays.

1st Lower Kingswood Brownies meet on Mondays at the Church Hall, Buckland Road from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

Help wanted

We have received the following plea for assistance via the Residents' Association's website:

"Help please. When I was young I moved to Lower Kingswood at the age of 7 in about 1954 and lived in "Appledore" Mogador Road, later we moved to number 3, The Mount (it was also called "Silverlea" then). I used to pop into the Hikers Mike shop on the main road run by an old lady, as I remember, but that has gone now.

"I wonder if anyone in the village has a photograph of the Hikers Mike that I could get a copy of for old time's sake. Also any old pictures of the junior school (now Kingswood Primary School) that I attended in Buckland Road would be appreciated.

"If anyone can help with the above, can you please contact me by email: steven.cornelius@bopenworld.com"



As I mentioned in our last article, Kingswood Falcons FC is the proud owner of the FA Charter Standard Community Club Award. For those who don't know, the FA Charter Standard Club Programme has three levels, and the Community Club level is the highest possible for grassroots clubs. The Community Club award is the ultimate FA Charter Standard goal. It demonstrates that a club has a high-quality, multi-team (minimum of 10 teams) set-up with a clear development pathway and excellent social, training and playing opportunities for all. Achieving Community Club Status is one of the truest measures of success for the FA's Football Development Strategy. There are now around 3,400 FA Charter Standard clubs, of which around 350 are Community Clubs. Kingswood Falcons FC is one of only 14 such clubs affiliated to Surrey FA to achieve this award.

The FA Charter Standard club programme was established in February 2001 and aims to demonstrate that grassroots clubs have the necessary infrastructure to provide a great environment for football development, and as well as providing parents and carers with the reassurance that their child is playing football in a safe and friendly environment, it also brings the clubs a number of benefits:

- The club is well run and has a sustainable structure that supports and rewards volunteers.
- It provides a safe and effective environment for players and volunteers to develop their skills and continue their involvement in football.
- The local community can see that you have the FA Charter Standard and are supporting the FA Charter Standard club programme.
- The club has access to the FA Charter Standard in-service programmes for coaches and volunteers organised by County FAs.
- The award significantly increases the opportunities to receive external funding from sports agencies.
- The club receives free England Under-21, Youth and Women's match tickets.

Before we could submit our application for this award, there was much work to do. We had to write and submit:

- A child protection policy and procedure.
- Codes of conduct for team officials, players, managers, coaches, parents and spectators.
- A team membership registration list.
- Medical record and consent forms for all players obtained.

- Establishing a volunteers' register to include coaching qualifications, first aid certificates, and Criminal Record Bureau checks to maintain up-to-date certification.
- A five year Football Development Plan to include ground development, team development, workforce development (staff, coaches, referees, volunteers), demonstrating links with local school and other elements of the community, as well as communication and marketing plans.

Having achieved the award, the hard work really starts with the Club striving to implement the plan we have submitted. To do this we need your help. If you would like to get involved with the Club, be it managing a team or simply serving teas and coffees, or if you want to join us to play then e-mail us at kingwoodfalconsfc@hotmail.co.uk or check out our website at www.kingswoodfalcons.co.uk.



Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church Parent and Toddler group

As I write, Crumbs is on a break for the summer, but we look forward to starting up again in September for another term of fun. This term in our **stories, we're going to be hearing about some of the people in the Bible who were friends with God, and towards the end of term, the Christmas story too.** We will continue to offer a range of indoor toys and craft activities, and for as long as the weather allows, we hope to be able to play outside **too. There's plenty of tea, coffee, juice and cake** every week too!

We meet every Friday morning during school term time from 9:15am to 11:00am

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Some quotations from Sir Winston Churchill:

"From now on, ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I shall not put."

"There is no such thing as a good tax."

Nancy Astor: "Sir, if you were my husband, I would give you poison."

Churchill: "If I were your husband, I would take it."

Bessie Braddock: "Sir, you are drunk."

Churchill: "Madam, you are ugly. In the morning I shall be sober."

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Residents' Association

Committee report

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday 10th May, 2011. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Michael Gosling, Joan Spiers, Ros Mill and Julie Tomlinson were in attendance.

In addition to formal matters:

Councillor Spiers reported on:

- Several local planning applications.
- The proposed new pipeline from Modagor to Burgh Heath and added that the Sutton & East Surrey Water Company was now involved in talks with the Council as to the exact route of the pipeline and would be sending detailed proposals. It was possible that work would commence as early as July but no traffic management plan had yet been submitted.
- She said that, at a recent Group Meeting, she had been elected Leader and Councillor Mill had been elected as an Executive Member with responsibility for the Voluntary & Community Sector.

Councillor Gosling reported that:

- He and Officers had had another look at Smithy Lane and as a temporary measure it was being proposed that a one-way system be put into operation for two months in order to see whether this would improve matters for local residents. He was reminded of the Smithy Lane Petition, which had recently been presented, and undertook to consider it.
- It was reported to Councillor Gosling that there were issues with overgrown hedges in both Smithy Lane and Chipstead Lane and he undertook to look into the matter.
- Concern was expressed over the existence and impact of the Metropolitan Commons (Banstead) Supplemental Act 1893 had not been explained to the Committee prior to the recent AGM, causing unnecessary and prolonged discussion at that Meeting and embarrassment to the Committee.

Councillor Tomlinson expressed disappointment that:

- There would be no Village Fête this year due to too many competing events but volunteered her help in relation to the 2012 Fête.

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Surrey County Council - electoral review

At the end of March – at very short notice – we were advised that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) was conducting an electoral review in order to try and “balance” the number of electors within each of the County divisions.

Having ascertained that these proposals involved “moving” Lower Kingswood from the existing ‘Banstead South’ division to a new ‘Merstham & Banstead South’ division, we lodged an immediate objection to the proposals citing a number of grounds – most notably that there is no commonality whatsoever with the Merstham community.

Unfortunately, our initial objections appear to have fallen on deaf ears and the Commission has re-affirmed its intention to proceed as originally envisaged. The argument put forward for their decision is as follows:

75. *“The submission from Lower Kingswood Residents’ Association opposed the County Council’s proposal to include Lower Kingswood in the Merstham & Banstead South division. They suggest that they are linked with Kingswood and should therefore be included in the same division. Under the County Council’s proposal Kingswood would be in a separate division. We considered whether Lower Kingswood could be included in the Tadworth, Walton & Kingswood division. However, there is a large number of electors in Lower Kingswood and it would not be viable to include it in the division and still achieve good electoral equality. Councillor Hack agreed with the Residents’ Association that Lower Kingswood should be in the same division as Kingswood and stated that there are shared community groups which link them. An alternative scheme was provided by Councillor Hack which included Lower Kingswood in the same division as Kingswood.”*
76. *“We considered the options and decided that although the scheme by Councillor Hack provided evidence of community identity and incorporated Lower Kingswood with Kingswood, it also included the ward of Preston in a division with Banstead. We saw no evidence of community links or direct roads linking the two places. On balance, we have decided to adopt the County Council’s scheme as it provides for good electoral equality and good road links within all the divisions. It also incorporates the other suggestions made by Councillor Hack such as including Park Road, north of Woodmansterne, in the same division as Banstead; including Banstead Wood in a division with Banstead rather than Kingswood; and includes Merstham in a division with the villages further north rather than a division with the more urban areas of Redhill and Reigate.”*

Naturally we will be lodging a further objection but it would carry more weight if YOU were also to object to these proposals. Unfortunately, in spite of an assurance that the Commission would notify us after the initial consultation of their draft recommendations, this they failed to do – consequently we only have a very short timescale to submit further objections – no later than 10th October. We’ve also noted from the LGBCE map that the boundary between the proposed new divisions of Merstham & Banstead South and Tadworth, Walton & Kingswood runs along Chipstead Lane/Hogcross Lane and this demarcation will serve to separate the properties on the north side of Chipstead Lane from those on the south side.

We have drafted a letter, which we would like you to submit to the Commission, which is attached at the back of this newsletter (and on our website). Please add any additional comments that you feel are appropriate and relevant. You can also submit your response to the Commission via email at: [re-views@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)

Full details of the consultation process to date can be found on the Commission’s website: www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/surrey/surrey-county-council-fer

PLEASE REMEMBER – THE DEADLINE FOR OBJECTING TO THIS PROPOSAL IS NO LATER THAN
10TH OCTOBER.

Changes to the planning guidelines

As a member of the Banstead & District Federation of Residents’ Associations, we have fortunate in that some of their other members have a particular knowledge of planning issues and they have taken the opportunity to examine in detail the Government’s new planning guidelines. They have also identified areas of concern and have drafted a sample letter for residents to express concern about the new guidelines; and have provide us with the following summary of the situation.

“A major change, which will affect us all, is that over 1,000 pages of planning guidelines now in place are being cancelled and will be replaced by a short 52 page National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This is both good and bad news; the planning process will be simplified but developers will find it much easier to get planning permission to build both housing estates and commercial developments.

“These changes will present a huge challenge to our local council to produce a local plan which is robust enough to ensure that the right development takes place in the right place. There are many areas of the draft Planning Framework which give us cause for concern. The main issue is that this document gives a presumption in favour of development; it is a charter for growth and the South East remains the ‘power-house’ of the country. There is a concern that more development will be carried out on greenfield rather than brownfield sites.

“In order to protect the character of your own local area it is proposed that neighbourhoods, if they wish, may produce their own plan. In principle this seems a good idea and involves input from residents. However each plan requires a great deal of work and is estimated to cost £15-20,000. The Banstead and District Federation of Residents Associations is looking at how this would work in the north of the borough.

“In the meantime it is very important that as many residents as possible respond to the consultation on the NPPF. We have put together a sample letter to help you with your response, a copy of which is on our website. This letter can either be posted or sent by email to planningframe-work@communities.gsi.gov.uk”

WE NEED YOUR HELP – A COPY OF THE DRAFT LETTER IS ON OUR WEBSITE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS AND SEND YOUR REPLY BY POST OR BY EMAIL.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012



It was very encouraging to see some new people at the meeting on Tuesday, 5th September to explore ideas, new and old, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

We are, of course, very keen to include anyone else who is interested in helping with this event. The next 'nitty gritty get-on-with it', planning meeting was held in the Church Hall, Buckland Road at the end of September, and further periodic meetings will be held; so if you couldn't come to the first meetings then just come along to the next one and have your say.

It was agreed that the event would be held on the JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 4TH JUNE 2012 and would take the form of a Village picnic. The suggestion is that each road, close, lane, avenue should have an area where they could bring and eat their own picnic and also run a sideshow, game, activity in that area raising money towards funding of the occasion.

If you would like to represent your area do come along to the next meeting.

A number of ideas were floated including:

- Competitions:
 - For adults – the best “Look-a-like Queen”
 - For children – the most spectacular crown
- Various races, giant rounders for all etc.
- Dog Show
- Talent Show
- On-the-day raffle
- Possibly also a pre-event raffle
- Music - in various forms, jazz, steel band, local youth bands, canned music appropriate to the various decades
- Bouncy castles, beer tent, hot food van

Obviously some organisers of various sections are needed and Claire Larbey has offered to Chair the organising group, Lynn Smart will tackle general administration, Meeting note-takers Pauline & Charlotte Lawson and Bookings of “big things” by Gill Utting.

There are opportunities for anyone else to become involved as the treasurer, field layout, publicity, posters etc.; please contact any of the above for further information.



Councillors' & Police Surgery

Come and ask your local representatives a question (or two)!

6:30pm to 7:30pm

TUESDAY EVENING

8th November 2011

Church Hall, Buckland Road

Gardening Hints & Tips

Having just read in the newspaper today that another cold winter is forecast it seems it will be another autumn of making sure the plants are protected as much as possible. We have been lulled by several mild winters into planting borderline-tender plants such as penstemons and fuchsias, and generally leaving the garden to itself over winter. Most of our perennials are hardy enough to stand snow but some need help. Leave the top growth on over winter, it may look untidy but it helps protect next year's shoots at the base of the plant. Heap some multi-purpose compost round the bases of fuchsias for added protection, and a layer of well rotted compost over the border will help all plants through a cold spell. With many of the 'Mediterranean' style plants that are popular now it will be wet and cold that kills them, not so much cold on its own. Such plants need well-drained soil, with plenty of grit added in to stop water lying round their roots.

The lawn will need its usual autumn feed, and regular clearing of dead leaves. Leaving them on the grass until all are down may be seem labour saving, but the lack of light and air to the grass will weaken it at a vulnerable time, and raking clears out a lot of thatch, as well as being good aerobic exercise! Keep a check on paths, they can get very slippery very quickly in the autumn and winter, and a treatment with a proprietary path cleaner in early autumn will stop the build up of algae.

Please leave as much dead top growth as you can bear over the winter, it is a great foraging ground for our birds in hard weather, and can look spectacular in the frost.

Kingswood, Tadworth & Walton Horticultural Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 7:30pm – at the Church Hall of Christchurch United Reform Church, Walton on the Hill

The usual AGM business and refreshments will be followed by a talk by Helen Auty entitled "Gardens and Pleasure Grounds". All the gardens featured are UK gardens, some grand gardens, some botanic gardens and some private gardens.

More quotations from Sir Winston Churchill:

"The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries."

"We contend that for a nation to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle."

"An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile - hoping it will eat him last."

Kingswood W.I.

Our June meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and, whilst still in good voice, 'Happy Birthday' was sung to Elizabeth Lemon and Barbara Reader, whose birthday fell on that day.

Mrs Winder, our speaker on "Floral Fun", created beautiful arrangements in very unusual containers, for example – a wine bottle, frying pans and a pair of upturned black legs; the latter being very popular, apparently, with wedding table floral decorations!!

The outing to the Arundel Water Fowl Park was very popular and enjoyed by all who went.

Marion Beisiegel hosted a garden tea party with gorgeous tea and cake; fortunately a sunny day, enjoyed by all, which raised £75 for funds.

The July meeting had us laughing and laughing when the speaker, Geraldine Horn, read her poems and ditties, ranging from thoughts on mobile phones, grandchildren and life in general; a good speaker on "Fun With Words".

By this time this article is published we will have had lunch at our president's house and a Grand Day Out at Epsom College, when the Surrey W.I. were putting on a County show – both in August.

The in-house activities continued as usual - rambles and crafts with the handbell team playing very well at the Reigate Festival in the category of "Hot Music", along with youngsters playing their steel pans – all good fun! - all this and much more. Why not join us on the second Wednesday of every month at 2:00pm in the Church Hall, Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood.



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Dear Sir/Madam

As a local resident, I should like to lodge my objections to the current proposals to “move” Lower Kingwood from the existing Surrey County Council division of ‘Banstead South’ to the proposed new ‘Merstham & Banstead South’ division.

My objections are on the following grounds:

The LGBCE’s own criteria include the following:

- Community identity – division boundaries should recognise and support strong community links, such as parishes, shared facilities and community links.
- Effective and convenient local government – divisions should be coherent with good internal communication links.
- Where possible the Commission recommends that any pattern of divisions proposed seeks co-terminosity with district or borough wards.

Taking each of these in turn:

Community identity:

- There are in excess of 1,100 households in Lower Kingwood – including the outlying areas of Margery, Mogador etc. – with a variety of local community/voluntary groups, churches, school, shops etc. Our Residents’ Association publishes a quarterly newsletter (which is distributed free to all local households) and maintains the local community website. The largest local employer is Fidelity Investments in Millfield Lane – based on the site of what used to be the ‘Kingswood Press’.
- The boundary between the proposed new divisions of Merstham & Banstead South and Tadworth, Walton & Kingswood runs along Chipstead Lane/Hogcross Lane with this being classified as being a “main road”. Firstly there is no way in which this unclassified road can be described as anything other than a narrow winding lane and secondly this demarcation will serve to separate the properties on the north side of Chipstead Lane from those on the south side, when in fact ALL residents of Chipstead Lane think of themselves as residents of Lower Kingwood.
- Kingswood Primary School (in Lower Kingwood) takes pupils from the immediate area – along with those areas to the north; many children leaving to attend senior school attend The Beacon school to the north.
- Many of the community/voluntary groups have links to the north of Lower Kingwood and there is a shared ministry with the Church of the Wisdom of God (in Lower Kingwood) and St Andrews (in Kingswood).
- Historically this part of the north of the Borough has formed part of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ewell and the (detached) Liberty of Kingswood. Kingswood Liberty was bounded on the west & north by Banstead, on the east by Chipstead & Gatton and on the south by Reigate. The Ewell Parochial Trusts still exist for charitable purposes.
- Lower Kingwood forms one of the areas in the north of the Borough covered by the Banstead History Centre – based in Banstead Library; this is run in Association with Surrey County Council.
- Lower Kingwood’s Residents’ Association is also a member of the Banstead & District Federation of Residents’ Associations. Lower Kingwood residents supported the campaign to preserve swimming facilities at the Banstead Leisure Centre, the Federation was able to organise and secure the support of all relevant Residents’ Associations.
- There are NO links whatsoever to any organisations or groups within Merstham.

Effective and convenient local government:

- From the point of view of public transport, the buses serving Lower Kingswood only run in a north/south direction – northbound to Epsom (via Tadworth) or Sutton (via Tadworth & Banstead) and southbound only to Redhill – there is NO way of getting to such areas as Merstham without a change of bus. The nearest rail-ways stations are at Kingswood or Tadworth – both to the north.
- The main road running (north/south) through Lower Kingswood is the A217/Brighton Road – traffic issues along this road are shared by the communities to the north in Kingswood, Tadworth, Burgh Heath etc.
- Lower Kingswood shares other issues with communities to the north - e.g. planning, and the recent debate regarding the new water pipeline being laid by Sutton & District Water from Mogador to Burgh Heath.
- The distance from Lower Kingswood to Merstham (which is to the south/east) is nearly 5 miles by car – much of it using unclassified roads (longer if one were to travel only via ‘A’ roads). Much of this journey is essen- tially across open land or farmland.

Co-terminosity with Borough wards:

- For Borough Council purposes Lower Kingswood falls within ‘Kingswood with Burgh Heath’ – to the north.
- Lower Kingswood shares a Neighbourhood Policing team with Tadworth, Walton, Kingswood, Netherne & Hooley whilst Mertham has a team to itself.

Conclusion:

- Lower Kingswood has NO commonality in any way whatsoever with the Merstham community – there are no local, environment, social or environmental links.
- Lower Kingswood has ALWAYS been a part of Kingswood and the community to the north and it is affected by all matters that concern or confront the area to the north – including planning, education, transport etc.
- Geographically Lower Kingswood lies to the north of the North Downs escarpment and Merstham to the south of the escarpment and this geographic separation has always served to divide the “north” of the Bor- ough from the “south”. This should, in my view, give the clearest east/west demarcation.
- I understand that our current Banstead South County Councillor (Michael Gosling) has already written to you suggesting how it may be possible to realign the divisional boundaries with the added advantage of produc- ing more natural boundaries along community lines.

Yours faithfully

Signed: Print Name:

House No/Name: Road:

Town: Post Code: Date:

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