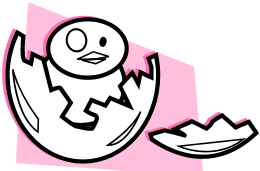




VILLAGE NEWS

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Chairman's Report to Residents

Welcome to our Spring 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE - the next Surgery will be held on Saturday 21st May in the Church Hall, Buckland Road from 11:00am to 12 noon.

PLANNING ISSUES

A couple of months back, we were made aware of a planning application to build 88 properties on the land know as "Shrimps Field". In support of the residents of Chipstead Lane, the Residents' Association lodged an objection to the application with the Borough Council's planning department on a number of grounds - most notably being that it was on land designated as part of the 'Green Belt'. We understand that this application is due before the Council's Planning Committee in April.

Although not strictly speaking a "planning" issue, many residents have expressed concern about the proposals of Sutton & East Surrey Water to lay a pipeline from Mogador to Burgh Heath (to alleviate their supply issues in Sutton). A more detailed report on this is contained in the article by our County Councillor - Michael Gosling on page 3.

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

Once again thank you to all who have contributed articles and helped with both the production and distribution of this newsletter. *Village News* is distributed free to all households in (and around) Lower Kingswood, and this is only possible because of the assistance given by volunteers in its production and distribution. If you can spare the time to help - particularly with distribution - please contact our Chairman.

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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Lower Kingswood Residents' Association will take place at 7:45pm on **TUESDAY 12th APRIL** at the Church Hall in Buckland Road; it will be preceded by the AGM of the Kingswood Village Hall Trust at 7:30pm. All residents are welcome to attend both meetings.

YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU

We appreciate that ALL the voluntary organisations in the village are dependent on what seems to be a small band of dedicated volunteers who are willing to give **freely of their time and effort**. Your Residents' Association Committee is no exception to this in that **we all have our "day jobs" and yet are willing to give up some of our free time to try and represent the interests of our residents** - including lobbying our local Councillors and Police representatives on a variety of issues.

If YOU feel that you have something to offer the local community, why not attend our AGM or contact our Chairman and offer to stand as a member of YOUR Residents' Association Committee?

BANSTEAD SPORTS CENTRE

Following representations made by many residents of the Borough and local Residents' Associations (including that for Lower Kingswood), our Borough Council has announced that it will be re-assessing the reports (originally commissioned in 2004) to determine whether there may be options to refurbish the facilities - rather than demolishing the existing Banstead Sports Centre and replace it with a new building - but WITHOUT a swimming pool. The results of this re-assessment should be known in June of this year.

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Reigate & Banstead Borough Council report

Dear Resident,

This has been a long hard winter, but Spring must be on its way and we hope for better things ahead.

There is no doubt that the country is in a very distressed state, and something has to be done. None of us like cuts and reductions in what we consider to be our standard of living. Nationally huge cuts are taking place, and that is always a painful process.

We at Reigate & Banstead are struggling, along with many districts and counties across the country to keep services going as you expect them to be. Refuse, benefits, Day Centres and grants to voluntary bodies are still going ahead.

Residents have told us that they do not want higher council tax. Reigate & Banstead will not be increasing its portion of council tax again this year. That means two years with no increase. Surrey County Council has also decided not to increase their tax. That has to be good news for everyone.

This year despite the harsh weather all refuse was collected on the agreed day. This was achieved by having our refuse collectors working five days a week over the holiday period. They worked on Saturdays to compensate for some of the Bank Holidays. I am sure that you have all seen the TV coverage and newspaper pictures of areas where no such organisation had been undertaken again! We started to plan for this winter at this time last year, straight after the snow. When the snow hindered collections, the refuse collectors helped with snow clearance. The Parks department had their four wheeled drive vehicles helping too. Congratulations are due to all the depot team and I hope you share my view.

The Corporate Plan has been out for consultation to you all. **Your Residents' Association has provided us with your views.** The plan is very similar to the 2009-2012 Corporate Plan. The only changes were the deletion of the Banstead Pool, and the inclusion of the new Blueprint recycling scheme. We suggested that a new larger gymnasium and astro football pitches were affordable and could certainly be done. Some residents told us that they want a swimming pool. We are therefore going to have the assessment reports that were done in 2004 re-assessed and then we really have right up to the minute information. The reports are anticipated by the end of June, and then a decision can be taken. Many of you have been telling us that you want more doorstep recycling, and the decision will be taken in February whether to proceed or not.

I have been made aware that unless residents had a green waste contract with us, their Christmas trees were not removed. Discussion with the depot and with the portfolio holder (Councillor Ellacott) has ensured that this will not happen again. Next year ALL Christmas trees will be taken for recycling without charge.

If you have a problem that you need help with, or just comments to make, please let us know. We can be contacted by email or by telephone; but both Ros and I work, so an email is the best contact.

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Are you ready for this year's election?

There will be local Council elections on Thursday 5th May this year. A national referendum is also likely to be held on voting reforms for General Elections.

Therefore, all residents are reminded to ensure they are registered to vote.

If you're not registered, then you can't make a decision about who represents you at a local level.

"A number of people left the Polling Stations disappointed at the elections in May 2010 because they hadn't returned their form and were not registered to vote," warns Returning Officer John Jory. "Many people assume they are automatically on the electoral register if they pay council tax or if they have voted before. This is not the case: you need to register every year. And if you have moved house, you need to re-register with your new address.

It is very easy to register and only takes a few minutes. If you have any difficulty getting to your local Polling Station, then you can apply to vote by post, enabling you to vote in the comfort of your own home.

You can print off a short form for registration or postal voting at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk. Alternatively you can ring the Council's Helpline on 01737-276000 and we will send a form to you in the post.

Make sure nothing stops you voting.

For further information contact:

Electoral Registration Office, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council,

Telephone: 01737-276000



Surrey County Council report

Dear Resident

PIPELINE ON A217

A number of people have expressed their concerns regarding the proposed pipeline from Mogador to Burgh Heath.

I can understand your concerns regarding the proposed pipeline of the Sutton & East Surrey Water Company. I know that some people feel it should have gone across Banstead Heath but I think this would have been an error. The Heath is a natural habitat and should be passed to our grandchildren as an area free from development to enjoy. A 20 metre wide cut across, held free of bushes and trees would have changed the environment forever. Roads are repairable.

The Water Company wish to construct this 20" pipeline to secure their water delivery in Sutton, not Banstead, and this solution to *their* problem has no benefit for you or myself as local residents - only upheaval and delays. They do have a statutory right to lay this pipeline under the A217 carriageway. They also have an obligation to give advance notice to the Highway Authority of the works and to consult with the Highways Authority before commencing work. This has not happened other than notification.

I am currently working with the Surrey officers who will act on our behalf as the Highways Authority. They will have to work with the Water Company to agree a working plan to minimise the effects of their possible works.

Whether they construct the pipeline across the Heath or along the A217 there would still be the issue of how to cross the Tadworth roundabout. The Water Company are fond of fuzzy red lines on photographs rather than specific requests but currently their proposal is to cut down Bonsor Drive, across the fields, up Waterhouse Lane, across the A217 and then up to the water main junction at Burgh Heath. I have heard no other proposal.

We should request minimum delays, flexible working times - Saturdays and Sundays if need be, proper reinstatement of the road surface - not cheap patching as is so often the case with utilities' work. Take a look at your own road - quite a patchwork quilt example of the work of utilities. Any work undertaken would disrupt the traffic plan across the whole of the Banstead area during the construction period. As a local resident you know the issues whenever the A217 is blocked.

I suggest that you write directly to the Managing Director of the Sutton & East Surrey Water Company. His details are:-

Anthony Ferrar

Managing Director

Sutton & East Surrey Water plc

London Road

Redhill

RH1 1LJ

Encourage all your friends and neighbours to write, voice your objections. They could not pick a longer route across our neighbourhood.

I will keep you informed although the Water Company is not the

most engaging of 'partners'.

We have planned some remedial work on the A217 this coming financial year. The A217 needs to be in good condition by the Spring of 2012. It is a priority road for the Olympics in London. We, each year, have to deal with the traffic for the Epsom Derby meeting and the road will also provide access to the Olympic Bike Race which will take place next summer on the other side of the Heath

Please contact me at any time.

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Editor's note:

An examination of the Sutton & East Surrey Water Company's published Accounts for 2010 reveals an operating profit of £11.2 million on a turnover of £53.8 million (compared with a profit of £12.1 million on a turnover of £52.6 million for 2009). "Exceptional items" apparently served to reduce the 2010 figures and, without these, the rate of return would have remained virtually unchanged. At the same time the remuneration of the highest paid Director (including pension contributions) was £463,000 for 2010 compared with £376,000 for 2009.

Lower Kingswood Residents' Association AGM

Church Hall,
Buckland Road

7:45pm on Tuesday
12th APRIL 2011

Invited guests include:
Borough & County Councillors

Surrey Police report



Here's wishing you all a very Happy New Year from the Banstead Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Following a quiet spell, probably brought on by the heavy snow and travel disruptions, there has unfortunately been a noticeable increase in vehicle crime in the area. We would like to remind all residents to secure their vehicles at all times. Do not leave any valuables in the vehicle or on display.

We will continue to patrol the local area as much as possible but we will always rely on the local residents to contact us if they see or hear anything that they think is suspicious. If you think a crime is happening dial 999. If you have information about something that has already happened, dial: 0845-125-2222 and speak to the switchboard, or ask for contact with your policing team (us!).

As with vehicle security, your home security is important too! Leaving windows and doors open is an invitation to unwanted persons entering your home and removing your valuables. There have been a number of burglaries in the surrounding areas where items from sheds have been used to force entry into the house, please remember to secure all garden tools including ladders in a locked shed or garage.

We are now changing our venue for the Lower Kingswood Street Surgeries they will now be held in the local BP Petrol Station in Lower Kingswood. These will be held every eight weeks on a Monday between 12 noon & 12:30pm. The exact times and dates are published along with other information on www.surrey.police.uk but are also below for your convenience. We would like to invite all residents to pop along either to see us or come and discuss any issues that we may not be aware of. Please take the time to come and meet us so that we can help.

We are also trialling a suggestion box idea and hope to see this installed in a prominent local location. This will encourage people to leave their details to be contacted or suggestions about policing methods etc.

Lower Kingswood's Police Surgeries are being held at the BP petrol station, Brighton Road from 12 noon to 12:30pm on:

Monday 18th April 2011
Monday 13th June 2011
Monday 8th August 2011
Monday 3rd October 2011
Monday 28th November 2011

PCSO 13051 Mo Langley
0845-125-2222



PC 3029 Ed Ferris
Tadworth Village, Walton, Kingswood,
Lower Kingswood, Hooley & Netherne
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO)
Banstead Police Station
0845-125-2222 extension 39707

Alternatively contact North Reigate & Banstead Safer Neighbourhood Team via email: reigateandbanstead.snt@surrey.pnn.police.uk

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 January 2011, there were a total of 34 instances of crime & anti-social behaviour in Lower Kingswood. These were made up of burglary 4, anti-social behaviour 4, vehicle crime 2, violent crime 3 and other crime 21. This website also allows these instances to be viewed street by street!

However, comments from our local police officers indicate 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



Our Year 5 children had a wonderful three day residential trip to an outdoor activity centre in Kent. The children were able to learn the importance of working together during rock climbing and abseiling, as well as trying to conquer any fear of heights! Other activities included dry slope skiing, completing an assault course and swimming.

For the second year running the teachers of Kingswood have been working alongside teachers at Shawley Primary

School and Epsom Downs Primary School. Each school held a meeting for all the staff and we discussed in detail children's learning, in particular writing, reading and maths. Working with other schools is a great opportunity for staff to share ideas and discuss current practice, especially in the ever changing world of education!

Duncan Steele

Headteacher



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The Wisdom of God Church

A Holy Bus Station?

Dear Friends,

The traditional site of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, within the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem. However an alternative site exists.

We are told in all four gospels that Jesus was crucified at "Golgotha (which means the place of a skull)" and just north of the Damascus Gate of Old Jerusalem there is a rock about 40 feet high. The rock face looks remarkably like a skull with two caves for eye sockets and another for the mouth. Above the rock lies an olive grove garden containing an ancient tomb that dates from the Gospel period. If this is indeed the site then the crucifixion itself would have taken place at the bottom of the rock, in the middle of the present Palestinian East Jerusalem bus station! Here the roads to Jericho, Damascus and Ramallah meet before going into Old Jerusalem, where travellers to and from the city congregate. If so then the East Jerusalem bus station must be the holiest bus station in the world!

I wish you every blessing

Garth Barber,

Vicar - St. Andrews with the Wisdom of God

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Ecumenical Lent Groups are planned. Details: Garth Barber + Bible Study Group based round Bishop Nick Baines' book 'Hungry for Hope'.

Lent Lunches Fridays and a Saturday throughout Lent
Contact: Arthur Bowyer for dates and venues

Mothering Sunday Family Worship - Sunday 3rd April
9.30am at The Wisdom of God; 11:00am at St Andrew's

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 17th April

Holy Communion with Long Gospel

9.30am - The Wisdom of God;

11:00am - St Andrew's

6.30pm **Devotional Service for**

Holy Week - St Andrew's

8:00pm **Compline** - St Andrew's.

8:00pm **Compline** - The Wisdom of

God

Monday 18th April

Tuesday 19th April

Wednesday 20th April

Thursday 21st April

8:00pm **Compline** - St Andrew's

8:00pm **Last Supper** - Wisdom of

God

Good Friday 22nd April

2 hour service 1:00pm-3:00pm - St

Andrew's

Saturday 23rd April

8:00pm **Service of Light** - St

Andrew's

Easter Sunday 24th April

9:30am Communion - Wisdom of

God

11:00am Communion in St

Andrew's

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 8:00pm Thursday 28th April
The Wisdom of God Church, Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood.

Taizé Services: It is hoped to start them again in the Spring.

The Parish Events Committee is organising a trip to Highclere Castle ('Downton Abbey') near Newbury, Tuesday 5th July 2011

Cost: £29 for National Trust members; £33 non-members. Members of Historic Houses Association, £7 less.



ART WORKSHOPS – Spring 2011 to be held in the St Andrew's Room

Friday 15th April - ANN STRINGER "Collage using Acrylics" 10:00am to 3.30pm. £27.50

Friday 27th May - GEOFF THORPE "Woodland Scene in Mixed Media" 10:00am to 3.30pm £27.50

Friday 17th June - SORAYA FRENCH "Flowers and Landscape in Mixed Media" 10:00am to 3.30pm £27.50.

*Advance Notice - Parish Fête - Vicarage Garden
Sunday 26th June 12:00 noon to 3:00pm*

Church Hall

The Church Hall continues to be well used. Many classes are running there including Yoga, Pilates, Dance, Tap, Little Kickers, Karate and Zumba - musical exercise

We continue to be grateful for the care people take when using the Hall. At present the gardener is trimming back the shrubs, as they grew at a rapid rate last year.

Marianne and Laurie Kaye continue with their hard work and are happy to take bookings or enquiries on 01737-832848.

Shouldn't all sign-writers have a dictionary?

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Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church

One of the most vivid memories of my teenage years was coming downstairs for breakfast one day and opening the kitchen door to find a big pile of cards and wrapped parcels on our breakfast table. In confusion I peered down to see who they were for. It turned out they were all addressed to my mum. I was puzzled by this time until, with a sense of horror, the truth dawned on me. It was my mum's birthday and I had forgotten it. I had no card and no present. Needless to say I left the house that morning before mum came down for breakfast and went to the shops later on to ensure I had a present and a card when I got home. There are things that you can forget without too much trouble, but there are some things you must never forget: your mum's birthday, your PIN number, where you parked the car and what medicines you are allergic too. If you forget any of these things you will be in trouble.

As a Church we believe that forgetting about God will lead to trouble. Part of the reason why we meet together each week is to help one another to remember about God and all the great things he has done for us. We all live busy lives and there are so many demands made of our time. In all this activity it is hard to remember God, but we believe that unless we do that our lives

will fail to make sense and we will miss out on living how God wants us to. Forgetting about God is something we are all prone to – maybe it is time for you to stop and remember God?



You would be more than welcome to come along to one of our services. We meet every Sunday at 10:30am and 6:30pm. These services are a great opportunity to guard some time in our busy lives to remember God and listen to what he is saying to us. If you would like to ask more about these things, then do contact me. You can also 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'

Valentine's Day was the start of the 12th year for CAMEO meetings, when a good number came along. We had a most interesting talk from one of our members Christine Burden telling us about her 'Counted Cross Stitch – a Genteel Addiction'. We watched a short video of 'Antique Cross Stitch', some pieces dating back to pre-1800. Christine told us about her work and brought along several items that she has had framed, all beautifully sewn counted cross stitch. Her skills bring delight to many family and friends who receive thoughtfully personal gifts for special birthdays etc.

Next month we are looking forward to a return visit of David Hodges, who came last November and spoke about Concorde: on 14th March he will be telling us of a trip to Alaska the 'Great Glacier'. On 11th April we will hear the second part of 'Redhill at the Crossroads' with John Capon. On 9th May Liz Fairhurst will be telling us about 'Women in Prison'. On 13th June Paul Weakly is coming along to sing to us 'A Tenor's Worth'. This brings us to our yearly venet on 11th July of a 'Strawberry Tea'.

'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 this is the meeting for you.

Lower Kingswood Strollers

The Autumn has whizzed by, offering us only two strolling dates so far, but no cancellations! However, September was a very small party due to a number of other commitments. Not deterred – after all "never mind the width feel the quality" - a much reduced group of 4 ventured up onto Colley Hill. Bearing in mind that there is only one direct way onto Colley Hill from the Wray Lane car park, nevertheless Colley and Reigate Hills offer a constantly changing prospect over the Low Weald Greensand valley towards Crawley and the High Weald.

October saw us back to full strength and returning to Oaks Park for yet another variation on an old favourite. The weather had been wet and we were pleasantly surprised at how dry the paths were underfoot on a "cloudy with sunny spells" day. Once again we realised how far you can see over London from the Surrey

Hills: among the landmarks spotted were the Wembley Arch and the un-missable St Helier Hospital. Nearer at hand, we found ourselves collecting masses of golf balls and returning them to the driving range as we passed by, having navigated our way around the main course.

In November we will have met up at 1:30 (to avoid feeling our way back in the dark) and in December plan to meet up for our customary meal & stroll in the run-up to Christmas. Otherwise we anticipate resuming in the New Year, hopefully more consistently than this year. If you would like to share one of our gentle and brief non-adventures, you would be very welcome. We usually meet at about 2:00pm on the fourth Monday each month.

Residents' Association Committee reports

NOVEMBER 2010

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday 14th November. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Rosalind Mill and Michael Gosling were in attendance but the Police were not represented. In addition to formal matters:

Councillor Gosling reported that:

The County Council's annual Government Grant had been cut by approximately 7% for the forthcoming year and 27% over the next four years. The Service Plan still had to be prepared and cost-cutting measures were being implemented.

The condition of the roads was not good but the Council had established a large store of salt and grit to meet winter requirements.

The Secretary asked whether the repayment of the monies deposited with the Iceland Bank had been resolved. Councillor Gosling said that the matter was the subject of a test case in the Icelandic Court and was still outstanding.

Councillor Mill reported that:

The Borough Council was suffering the same financial problems as the County Council and some very difficult decisions would have to be made. One of these would relate to the possible closure of the swimming pool at Merland Rise. **Running repairs were not viable and to replace the whole centre with both "wet" and "dry" facilities would mean that the Council would have no money to spare for other services.** The Meeting expressed unhappiness over the loss of the pool and it was generally felt that the closure of the pool was not acceptable and that the Council should reconsider the matter.

The matter of the Recreation Ground toilets was raised; they were in a state of disrepair and the water had been turned off. The facilities in the Pavilion could not cope with events such as the Village Fête; it was queried whether football organisers might be persuaded to open and clean the toilets when required. Councillor Mill undertook to investigate the matter.

It was reported that commercial vehicles were damaging the grass verge at the end of Chipstead Lane and Councillor Gosling undertook to look into the matter.

It was reported that paper and cardboard were not being collected often enough from the recycling skips in Stubbs Lane and this was causing an overflow in the bins.

It was noted that verge posts had now been erected by the Post Box in Babylon Lane and that the pedestrian crossing barrier had now been repaired.

JANUARY 2011

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday 11th January 2011. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Julie Tomlinson and Michael Gosling were in attendance along with PC Jim Dawborn (who was attending on behalf of PC Ferris). In addition to formal matters:

PC Dawborn reported that:

There had been 2 recent thefts from vehicles parked in the Margery Lane car park and 2 recent burglaries at houses in Kingwood.

There had been some recent reports of anti-social behaviour in the village, which were being investigated by PCSO Langley.

He was advised of a particular problem faced by one resident, which had been raised with PCSO Langley; he undertook to investigate the matter to determine whether it had been satisfactorily resolved.

Councillor Tomlinson reported on the unpleasant and abusive conduct of two workers to which she had recently been subjected; this had already been reported to the Police.

Councillor Gosling reported that:

The issue of 'Section 106' monies to be provided by the developer still had to be resolved.

The initial report on the line of the proposed Sutton & East Surrey Water pipeline (to Sutton) was still subject to consultation; he indicated that the details submitted by S&ESW were particularly vague as to the exact route (or routes) that they were proposing.

The matter of the County & Borough Council's monies deposited with two (now failed) Icelandic banks was shortly going back to the Icelandic court.

New contractors would become responsible for repairing pot-holes as from April and the contract contained terms, which should ensure better service. In response to a question regarding the gritting of roads during the recent bad weather, he stated that only the A217 – along with other similar major roads in Surrey – **had been gritted as noted as "salting routes"**.

The issue of vehicles damaging the grass verge at the end of Chipstead Lane was again raised; he agreed to investigate the matter.

Councillor Tomlinson reported that:

In response to a question regarding the toilets in the Recreation Ground; she undertook to discuss the matter with Councillor Mill. It was emphasised that the closure of these facilities was causing both nuisance and a health hazard to nearby properties.

She had received numerous complaints about 'crow scarers' being used near residents' properties and she would be raising the matter with the farmer.

The issue of the Merland Rise Sports Centre was discussed at length and the view was that the Borough Council did not appreciate the depth of feeling to which its recent actions had given rise. It was felt that proper consultation had not taken place before its plans were made public, and the needs of schools and residents in the northern part of the Borough had not been recognised. The Secretary was asked to write to the Council **expressing the Meeting's objections to the Council's proposals to exclude the swimming pool from the redesigned Centre.**

With regard to the Borough Council's recycling proposals, it was again felt that these had been made without proper consultation. The general view was that residents would prefer the status quo to apply and the Secretary was asked to write to the Council with the Meeting's objections to the proposed scheme.

It was reported that the land adjoining the Total Garage was **apparently being used virtually as a "tip" and could become a health hazard.**

'Age Concern' is now 'Age UK'

On the 1st April 2009, 'Age Concern England' and 'Help the Aged' joined together to create a new charity, 'Age UK', dedicated to improving the lives of older people. From the 22nd November 2010, 'Age Concern Surrey' joined up to the new charity and is now 'Age UK Surrey'. The charity is still based at Rex House in Guildford and continues to provide vital services across Surrey. These include Hometime, Advocacy, Information & Advice, Trading (for e.g. personal alarms, preferred rates with insurances, gas & electric), Gardening, Befriending, and independent advice on provision of care services authorised by the Local Authority.

Jenny Merritt, Hometime Care Adviser for Age UK responsible for Banstead and the surrounding areas, helps to support older people to live independently within their own homes.

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Kingswood Village Hall Trust

The Kingswood Village Hall Trust was set up in 1964 with a capital sum being the proceeds of the sale of land first purchased with a view to building a village hall in 1938. Time and circumstances changed the original intention and the Charity Commissioners invested the capital and this Trust was set up for the administration of the income from this for the benefit of local groups and organisations. The Trustees allocate this within the terms of the Trust and where other provision is not made through public funds.

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9th Reigate Scout Group

Lower Kingswood



Into a New Year...

After disruption to Scouting activities in December due to the awful weather, all our 3 sections were quickly back into action in 2011.

The Beaver Colony and Cub Pack have started the new-year with action packed programs. The term began with them linking up for a fun-filled joint party.

For some it is time to move on - four Beavers have recently moved up to Cubs. As a result the Beaver Colony now has vacancies for more young people to join us - boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years old are all very welcome

Three of our Cubs have just completed their Silver Chief Scouts Award, which is the Cub section's highest award. And one Cub has moved on to the Scout Troop.

This term it is "safety first" for our Cub Pack - they are working towards earning both their road safety and home safety badges. Also they are entering a team in the Reigate District Swimming Gala.

In our Scout Troop – the Leadership team is now strong, offering a very active program with a particular concentration on adventurous activities.

Under the guidance of our new Group Scout Leader Geoff Dunstan, the Group is consolidating a progressive program of scouting activities for all ages from 6 years to 14 years.

Beyond that, 4 young people over 14 are being given opportunities to develop skills as young leaders. For the 2 ex-Guides helping in Beavers and Cubs respectively, and 2 ex-Scouts training to be young leaders in Scouts, this is valuable experience that will help the Group and their own future prospects.

A major event is currently being planned for this summer – a

large family camp in July for all the young people in the group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) and their families.

How about you getting involved?

We are 9th Reigate (Lower Kingswood) Scout Group, part of Reigate Scout District. We are a friendly group, actively involved in the life of Lower Kingswood village. Each of our 3 sections covers a particular age group:

- ◆ Beavers are aged 6 to 8. Our Colony meets Thursday evenings at 5.00 pm.
- ◆ Cubs are aged 8 to 10½. Our Pack meets Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm.
- ◆ Scouts are 10½ upwards. Our Troop meets Monday evenings at 7.30 pm.

To run a successful Scout Group we need plenty of enthusiastic adult leaders. In particular, it is our Beaver Colony who currently is most in need of further leadership.

We need adults who can come along each week and help the warranted leaders run the weekly meetings and activities. You could help with the planning and delivery of an exciting balanced program for one of our sections with outdoor opportunities, environmental projects and a strong international element.

Being a part of Scouting will mean you rediscover adventure while contributing to your local community and developing skills. You will personally benefit from a variety of interesting and challenging experiences whilst meeting new people and having fun.

To find out more - check out our group website:

www.9thReigate.co.uk

or contact Geoff Dunstan our Group Scout Leader on 0844-414-2215 or via email: GSL@9thReigate.co.uk



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Opportunities for Leaders

With your energy, enthusiasm and ability to inspire young people you will be responsible for making Scouting happen. Working with a small leadership team you will plan and deliver an exciting balanced programme for one of our three age ranges with outdoor opportunities, environmental projects and a strong international element.

Our Scout Group

We are 9th Reigate (Lower Kingswood) Scout Group, part of Reigate Scout District, within the Scout County of Surrey. We are the local village group based in the wooden Scout Hut next to the Church Hall in Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood. Our Scout Group was formed over 70 years ago, and continues to grow and flourish. Each Section covers a particular age group and it's up to you which one you work with.

Beaver Scouts are aged 6 to 8 Cub Scouts are aged 8 to 10½ Scouts are aged 10½ upwards

Our adult volunteers make Scouting happen - why not be one of them?

Interested ? then check out our Website www.9thReigate.co.uk or contact: Geoff Dunstan Group Scout Leader, 9th Reigate Scout Group - Telephone: 0844 414 2215 or Email: GSL@9thReigate.co.uk

ARE OUR CHILDREN LOSING TOUCH WITH THE OUTDOORS?

As a child I spent many an hour playing in my local woods with friends, building camps climbing trees and riding my bike there was always something new to do and something new to discover.



Looking back at it now this is probably why I have got such an interest in the countryside and why I am now working for the National Trust.

But today you see less children enjoying the countryside. In fact in a recent survey it was highlighted that the distance children stray from their homes has decreased by an astonishing 90% since the 1970s. It is also said that one in every five children has never visited the countryside, that as many have never climbed a tree, and that two out of every three children play outside less than once a week. We know also that half of adults visit the natural environment less than once a week.

According to Ofcom, the average person now spends 45% of their waking hours "plugged in" to some communications medium or other.

The risk-averse culture that we live in today means that many parents are nervous about their children being out of sight or sound; and many parents seem increasingly unhappy to accept that occasional grazed knee or sprained ankle are part of growing up.

The National Trust, as the largest private landowner in the country, feels that it has both the opportunity and the responsibility to help encourage people back into the countryside. For this reason the Trust has launched a national debate to explore these issues and build partnerships and interest around the future of the outdoors and our relationships with it.

Through the National Trust's Outdoor Nation project we want to explore with people whether we are really losing touch with the outdoors and whether it matters. We want to get a clearer sense of the barriers that might deter or prevent people from spending time in the countryside or urban green spaces. We also need to learn what we, as caretakers for so much that is beautiful and refreshing, can do to help. You can find out more out this debate and join in if you would like at:

www.outdoornation.org.uk

There are also a number of volunteering opportunities at Reigate including: stock person(s), conservation and Reigate Fort guides.

For further information please call *Marc Russell* on: 07901-511336 or e-mail: marc.russell@nationaltrust.org.uk



Girlguiding

girls in the lead

Our Unit started off the New Year with a 50 year celebration party but because of the hectic schedule of Girlguiding Centenary Celebrations we couldn't fit it our own celebration for this significant milestone! The Unit had started some years earlier but had run for a while, then closed, and then re-opened. The only certificate we have for the Unit's registration is 31st August 1960. We had tried to hold this party in early December but then came the first of the snow downfalls so we re-scheduled the party for the 14th January 2011. We had a really great evening with albums of photos of the Unit's bye-gone days. Many guests enjoyed pouring over these to see how many girls they remembered or reminisced over various camps.

The Guides performed a play of Guiding throughout the century with some wearing uniform current in each decade. A group of the guides travelled in a time machine and dipped into various decades to find out what went on. The end of the time machine's journey brought us to the start of the next century of Guiding and the exciting prospect of ideas and things yet to come.

This Spring Term has seen a variety of activities. We celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Rabbit, World Wide Thinking Day – the joint birthdays of the founder Lord Baden-Powell and his wife, Olave, a dark walk to the Walton fish & chip shop when the ground was particularly wet and muddy and we experimented with cooking pancakes on our new Trangier stoves – they were most tasty!

Plans are in place for a new group for Senior Section girls and we will send 5 of our guides onwards to that group. We will then have spaces for some new younger girls. If you would like to come and experience the fun of Guiding we meet on a Friday between 7:00pm and 9:00pm in the Church Hall, Buckland Road.

That's what you call Smart car parking!



Lower Kingswood Parent & Toddler Group

We are currently in the middle of a very busy term at Lower Kingswood Parent & Toddler Group. We have been so pleased to welcome so many new faces and have really loved seeing so many happy children enjoying our group.

During this term we will be offering craft activities for the children to do to celebrate Mother's Day, Easter, the Royal Wedding and Father's Day. When we eventually start to get some nice weather, we provide an outdoor play area which the children greatly enjoy due to the water and sand play we put out there!!! On our last day of term before the summer holidays (21st July) we have booked a Bouncy Castle to add to the fun!!!

Toddler Group is open every Thursday during term-time from 10:00am until 12:00 noon in the Church Hall, Buckland Road. All children aged 0-4 are welcome to join us to enjoy our variety of craft activities, baby safe zone, ride-ons, role-play areas, story & song time and much more!

Entry is £2 for one adult and one child and 50p more per extra child/children. This price includes unlimited juice and biscuits for children and tea/coffees for adults.

We aim to offer a relaxed, happy and safe environment for your child to mix with other children and for the adults to have a good natter!!

Hope to see you there!

1st Lower Kingswood Brownies

The Brownies finished the winter term with lively performances in Brownies Got Talent. The Brownies all participated either individually or in groups.

Sadly, our planned trip to CBBC was postponed due to the snow, but this has been rescheduled for the Spring.

The Spring term sees lots of fun – the Brownies have planted daffodil bulbs for Marie Curie Cancer care which they are growing at home. Brownies have enjoyed a Zumba class and Bollywood dance lesson. Bowling is planned as well as many activities based on the story Alice in Wonderland, which will lead to the Brownies earning a Wonderland Challenge badge.

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

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Many people are unaware that once a medicine has left the pharmacy it cannot be re-used even if unopened but must be destroyed by incineration.

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If you do have unwanted medicines at home, do not flush them down the toilet or put them out with your household rubbish but return them to your local pharmacy who will arrange for their safe disposal.

More information can be found on the health website:
www.surreyhealth.nhs.uk/services/Pages/Unwantedorwastemedicines.aspx



Lower Kingswood Village Fête

A well-attended Village Fête Committee meeting was held on 18th January. The main topic was to consider the viability of holding the fête on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May 2011 in the light of the fact that an extra Bank Holiday has been granted to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

The Easter weekend is 22nd-25th April and the Wedding on Friday, 29th April. This extra Bank Holiday preceded by the Easter Holiday gave rise to thoughts that some may take the opportunity of an early holiday or, indeed, a 4-day long weekend.

With this possibility of people taking the opportunity for an extra break there were concerns about the amount of help being available to stage the Fête and also whether the attendance would be reduced.

All of the groups agreed to canvass their members for their opinion and the following results were received:

- ◆ 4 groups did not respond
- ◆ 7 groups said NO to the Monday 2nd May
- ◆ 1 group said NO to the Saturday 7th May
- ◆ 5 groups said “maybe” to Saturday 7th May
- ◆ 1 group said YES to Saturday 7th May

In view of these responses the decision was made with great disappointment that the 2011 Fête would not be viable either on the Bank Holiday 2nd May or the following Saturday 7th May when a number of helpers have to work.

The Chairman, Claire Larbey, thanked all the group members for their participation in this decision and for coming to meetings.

It had also been really difficult to find enough help for specific jobs for the organisation of this big event.

The Committee would really like to put on a great celebration in 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (60 years on the throne) and the 2012 Olympics.

Perhaps in the months ahead if you feel you could help with the planning, administration, bookings, field layout or would be willing to lend a hand please would you contact our Chairman.

A public meeting will be held at the beginning of September 2011 to ascertain interest.

The Lower Kingswood Village Fête has been running for 30 years and has a widespread reputation for a good fun-day as well as raising valuable funds for Village organisations and two charities.



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In the domestic section, those old favourites Marmalade and Jam Tarts will be on display, along with Gooseberry and Apricot Chutney, Quiche Lorraine and Simnel Cake, not forgetting the Anzac biscuits and Wholemeal Bread Rolls.

The subjects for the photographers this time are "Primroses" and "A Winter Walk". Given the weather we had in December, there should be plenty of entries for this competition. As always the photography competition is being judged by the public, so remember to pick up your card from Joyce and pop it in the pot!

The Craft competition is also being judged by the public – with subjects ranging from Card making and Needlecraft to Jewellery, hopefully something will catch your eye.

The juniors have plenty to keep them busy – baking and decorating cup cakes, growing cress in an eggshell and creating their favourite menus on computer.

Members, before you leave, don't forget to pick up your plug plant. Grow it on at home, before bringing it back – dead or alive - to the

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Banstead Sports Centre - Swimming Pool update

Many thanks to all of you who signed the petition calling for a swimming pool to remain at the Banstead Sports Centre. As a result of the petition, a joint initiative between SOS (Save Our Swimming pool) and the Banstead & District Federation of Residents' Associations, which raised nearly 2,000 signatures within a very short period - 4 days we (SOS & the Federation) were able to table questions about the provision of a swimming pool at a meeting of the Reigate & Banstead Council. This and our continued discussions with RBBC councillors have led to the swimming pool becoming a more important issue not only in the local area but also across the Borough. The Council have agreed to commission a report into the state of the current sports centre to see if it can be refurbished. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Shortly SOS swimming caps will be available to purchase and a Facebook site for SOS will be set up.

SOS is an action group which was founded 5 years ago in response to the Council's attempt to close the Banstead Sports Centre, and rebuild it without a pool elsewhere. The group is committed to maintaining the provision of the current range of facilities on the current site, particularly as part of the Preston Regeneration Project. SOS is dedicated to maintaining a full leisure provision for residents of the north of the Borough.

Kingswood W.I.

Our December meeting had our stalwart members battling the weather and gathering for our Christmas party. It was well worth the battle as we were entertained by a choir of retired policemen and women, twenty splendid singers who sang a variety of songs from shows along with a Christmas repertoire. They were very good, excellent in fact, especially when they sang a cappella. The Committee did us proud with our tea, and we all scuttled home before the weather turned nasty.

January, thankfully, was far clearer weather and the New Year got off to a flying start with a talk from the Cats Protection charity. Janet Revell gave us a most interesting talk about cats and their lives. Cats Protection has over 7,000 volunteers with over 250 branches that cover all of the UK. Cats seem to be left in dire circumstances and the Cats Protection are there to help home and heal all the cats that pass through their doors.

Janet Freeman and Anne Boniface made very tasty cakes for tea, all our usual classes of craft, art class, hand-bell ringing, rambles and much more are to continue into 2011.

We look forward to all the talks, classes, outings, tea parties, lunches, and meeting with old and new friends that a New Year with the WI will give us. We welcome anyone wishing to join us. We meet at the Church Hall, Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood, every second Wednesday of the month at 2:15pm.

Longer opening hours at Earlswood Recycling Centre

Do you wish you had more time to recycle?

If so, why not take advantage of the site's new summer opening hours starting from 1st April and finishing 30th September 2011. This means that during the week and at weekends, the site will now stay open for an extra two hours and close later at 7:30pm.

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Help improve our recycling rates

- ◆ By making it more convenient for residents, we hope to collect a wider range of materials for recycling.
- ◆ Having fewer people on site at any one time will allow staff to spend longer helping residents with queries and to use the facilities more widely.

To make it as easy as possible to residents to recycle, Surrey County Council have extended the opening hours at the Earlswood site in Redhill during the summer for six months. The trial is one of a number of initiatives the council believe could help them to reach their target to recycle and compost 70% of household waste by 2013/14. During the trial, the council will keep a close eye on its progress and welcome your feedback on how you think it's working.

For more information visit www.surrey.gov.uk/recycling or call 01306-748300.

LOWER KINGSWOOD

BOWLS CLUB

The 2011 outdoor season will soon be upon us and our members would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us for our first Club Night and Practice evening of the new season on:-

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(Beginners are welcome. Please note that you must wear flat shoes on the green although bowls can be borrowed from the Club initially)

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We are a friendly club, which arranges both informal & league matches against other clubs in the area at weekends and some mid-week afternoons and evenings during the season. In addition, we organise internal competitions between our members.

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MALBY PHOTOGRAPHY - children and pet photography

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