



VILLAGE NEWS

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Chairman's Report to Residents

Welcome to our Summer 2010 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.

We plan to organise another Surgery in the near future and our Councillors have assured us of their attendance!

KEEP LOWER KINGSWOOD TIDY

Although we have the benefit of our local "recycling centre" in Stubbs Lane, it is clear that some people (hopefully not residents of the village) periodically use it for "fly-tipping". If you see evidence of this please initially notify the Borough Council (on 01737-276000) or report it on-line via their website so that the waste can be removed.

At the same time we would like to remind those residents out walking their dogs should ensure that any mess that may be left – particularly in the Recreation Ground – is cleared up at the time; there are bins available for this very purpose.

We have also had a few reports of graffiti appearing outside Kingswood Primary School. Any such anti-social behaviour should be reported to the appropriate authorities.

YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES NEED YOU

The impact of the economic recession seems to show no signs of abating in the near future and this obviously has a knock-on effect on spending - particularly in the retail sector. After the results of the General Election the new coalition Government have announced that they are going to have to take tough decisions about cuts in public expenditure and/or increases in taxation to try and correct the dire economic situation inherited from the previous administration. 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 not 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, printing 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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Unlike most other local Residents' Associations there is no annual subscription payable – our running costs are met from the revenue of advertisements in our newsletter. So please help support our local businesses and advertisers. Please remember that, without the continuing support of local residents, our local businesses – both old and new – may find it difficult to survive.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Lower Kingswood Residents' Association took place on 13th April and we should like to thank those residents for attending along with our Councillors. Whilst most attendees appeared supportive of the work undertaken by Committee members there were some comments made which disappointed the Committee (who are all volunteers whose work for the Association extends beyond just attending meetings) and the request for new Committee members did not elicit any response.

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

CAMPAIGNING FOR ROAD SAFETY

In our September & December 2009 issues we included a form for residents to sign to seek a reduction in the speed limit on the A217/Brighton Road. We have taken this a stage further and an article appeared in the *Surrey Mirror* at the end of April featuring our campaign.

However, if we are to be able to take this further forward it is clear that we need to attract more support than already gained. If you have not already signed up for a safer Lower Kingswood please complete the form on page 17 of this newsletter and forward it to our Chairman at Kingswood News.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

We should like to pass on the apologies from our Councillors for the mix up at the last Surgery on 29th May; which meant that they went to Burgh Heath by mistake!

We very much appreciate the support of our advertisers but their appearance in our newsletter and/or our website does not constitute a recommendation.



Reigate & Banstead Borough Council report

Well now the election is over, we can get down to some real work, both locally and nationally.

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who took the trouble to vote, however you voted. That's real democracy at work. We, here in Reigate & Banstead, had an average of 68% turnout. Crispin Blunt was elected for Parliament, and locally we lost just one seat to the Greens. I am grateful to you personally, as my majority doubled. I am very proud to represent you all for another four years. On Monday 10th May I was returned unopposed as Leader of the Council, and my Executive also came back unopposed. We had one vacancy to fill on the Executive, due to the departure of my deputy Daniel Poulter to Parliament. I am pleased to say that Ros Mill, who also represents Kingswood with Burgh Heath is now an executive member.

This month saw us saying goodbye to Nigel Clifford who has worked for this council for 35 years. He has been Chief Executive for 8 years and has throughout his career given honest and loyal service to the council. We shall miss him.

We have interviewed for a new Chief Executive, and had 109 applications. I read all the CVs as did all the employment committee. We had a really good selection of people, some from the private sector and some from other walks of life, including local government. We selected Mr Jon Jory who will, I am sure, will help us make a real difference.

Now we have to get on and finish the projects which we have started: The Lady Neville pavilion in Banstead, Doynings Leisure Centre in Redhill, and the new Leisure centre in Horley. Horley are having an enormous building program and those who take the pain, must reap the gain.

We have lots more projects that we want to start, and when the economy picks up we will.

I shall endeavour in the most economic manner, and put you the residents at the forefront of my thinking.

Councillor Joan Spiers

Leader of the Council

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Editor's note:

One of the queries raised at the Residents' Association AGM (on 13th April) concerned the amphitheatre at Banstead Woods, Councillor Joan Spiers has asked us to pass on the following information:

"Planning permission has been granted to create an amphitheatre to serve as a public information point formed by excavating an area of grassland adjacent to the public car park at Banstead Woods. The amphitheatre will be 16 metres in diameter and enclosed by stock fencing with an embankment of up to 1.5 metres high. The base would be a reinforced grass system with wooden benches and information boards located around the perimeter."

"The purpose is to increase public awareness of the important chalk grassland and ancient woodland habitats in the vicinity and also provide a pleasant seating area."

"The project is being carried out by the Old Surrey Downs Project, which is a partnership body funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund."

"This is not going to be a brick built structure nor will any performances be held there as some people have queried."

"Please get back to me if you have any further questions."

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Councillor
Mrs. Joan Spliers



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- Alternative Service Delivery
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* These are regulatory functions for which the Executive cannot take responsibility for operational issues although it can set policy and monitor performance.

Village Fête - Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Well, the annual Village Fête has been and gone. The weather decided we should have all seasons on Monday 3rd May. The wind caused the most problems. It was also very cold in the Recreation Ground. The set-up work was carried out quite quickly, but the gazebo's caused so many problems, many had to be tied down to vehicles.

The procession which started from the Church Hall was led by the Jazz Band, followed by the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and the Pink Ladies Cheerleaders. They wound their way into the Recreation Ground to the Arena. Councillor Julie Tomlinson opened the Fête, but the PA system was down at the time – the wind again the problem. However, despite some of those due to take part leaving the ground before the start and some not turning up, the villagers and supporters of the Fête bravely turned out. The Committee thank you all so much for your very loyal support for this annual community event. Arena events took place with the Kingswood School Choir, the Pink Ladies Cheerleaders, Pilgrim Steel Band, and Dog Show. The newly introduced Tug of War proved very popular, with many joining in the fun.

Both the Teas and Beer Tent were popular. This year the burgers etc. were supplied from a fully equipped van which complied with Health & Hygiene requirements. The Mini Driving School was a great draw along with the go-karts. The beautiful owls looked on the fun once again along with their babies tucked up in their warm box. The Kingswood W.I. cakes were as popular as ever, and thanks from the group go to anyone who did some baking. Another new and popular introduction was the Kingswood School Choir who sang beautifully despite battling against the wind.

Thanks go to Mr & Mrs Meakin for once again allowing the use of their lorry for the ferrying of equipment from the hall to the Recreation Ground. There were so many stalls who all added to the Fête and thank you all for your hard work. The Committee thank their hardworking Chairman Claire Larbey and her family, Gill Utting who did countless tasks, Anne Newton for looking after monies, Catherine Lilley, for the field layout and other jobs and we all wish her and her family well when they move from the village. Thanks must also go to all the Committee members for all their hard work. Especial thanks to the Territorial Army Cadets from Banstead who worked so hard and willingly all day.

Perhaps one year the weather would give the Fête a break! A follow-up

meeting was held on the evening of Tuesday 25th May to discuss any problems arising from the Fête. The main thing and cause of complaints was definitely the wind!!! The biggest point to come out of the meeting is that the Fête needs more *man-power*, first thing in the morning and then clearing-up at night. There are just a dozen of us who plan and put on this annual event. Just imagine how much more we could do with more people willing to help and with more ideas! If you would be **interested in being involved in next year's Fête**, the next newsletter in the autumn will be able to give details of Committee etc. and if there will be a Fête in 2011. Just watch for notices giving the date and invitation to come to the first meeting around mid-late September.

At the time of writing (end of May) the final total of the money made at the Fête has yet to be calculated. From the details to date it is anticipated that each participating group will receive a cheque for £260. Although the monies taken on the day of the Fête were down compared with last year, this year's Fête was fortunate enough to receive more donations than last year. We should like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals & organisations for their donations both to the Fête itself and as raffle prizes. We should also like to congratulate the various winners of the Grand Prize Draw.

Again thanks to all who attended and all concerned in organising and working for the 2010 Fête.



Shane Richie & Phil Tufnell braving the weather at this year's Village Fête

(NB. Our thanks to Catherine Lilley for allowing us to publish this picture)

Kingswood Primary School



The Millennium Garden has finally been opened this term and thanks to the hard work of a few parents, it now looks great. Children enjoy spending time in this peaceful area of the school during lunchtimes and playtimes. Also our allotments are full of flowers, vegetables and fruits and we look forward to further developing these next year so each class can grow plants of their own choice.

One of the areas at the school we have improved over the last eighteen months is the music provision for the children. We have a music specialist for half a day a week and she has really helped develop the subject within the school. By the time this article is being read, the children will be working towards their production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, which they are performing in the Church Hall at the end of

the term. As well as this musical, the children in Year 6 have sung at the Dorking Halls Music Festival and our ever growing choir will be singing for the second year in a row with other local schools at The Beacon Secondary School.

We have started making links with other schools so that our children can get first hand experiences of other communities and how they are similar to and different from Lower Kingswood. Year 5 has been "Skyping" a French school, which we plan on visiting next year, Year 1 has been writing to a school in Croydon where a visit has been planned and finally, Year 3 are writing to a school in the East End of London. Although these links are still in their early days, the children are very excited about meeting children from other schools and finding out about their lives.

Over the last term, the school has opened up its computer suite so that members of the local community can learn basic internet skills. The course has been popular with adults so if you have very little knowledge of the internet or would like to develop your computer skills, please contact the school to find out more details.

We wish Year 6 all the best as they leave Kingswood and start on their next stage in education.

Duncan Steele
Headteacher



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The Wisdom of God Church

Responsibilities and Rights

Dear Friends

In his first speech as Prime Minister David Cameron spoke of a real change in our country where everyone pulls together and exercises their responsibilities, asking not "What are my entitlements?" but "What are my responsibilities?"; not "What am I owed" but "What can I give?"

If the new Government can deliver such a change then it certainly will be a change indeed from the 'Me' generation of the past, a generation exemplified recently by certain bankers, who having lost all our money in speculative schemes still expected to receive huge bonuses for their efforts, as their 'right'.

In many cultures the 'glue' that holds society together and motivates people to live for the common good, rather than their own, is religion and so perhaps it is the secular nature of our modern British Society that has allowed the 'Me' mentality to flourish. If one element in building this new society is therefore the building up of the faith communities of our area, such as the one that gathers weekly at the Wisdom of God Church in Buckland Road then I encourage you and your families to join our worshipping community. You will be very welcome.

I wish you every blessing,

Garth Barber

Vicar - St. Andrews with the Wisdom of God

Parish Fete Sunday 27th June

**12 noon to 3:00pm in the Vicarage Garden
with the Institute Jazz Band**

Joint Family Communion at the Wisdom of God 9:30am

**Feast of Dedication of The Church of the Wisdom of God
Sunday 18th July 10:30am Joint Family Worship**

Monday Afternoon Bible Study Group meets monthly at
1:30pm.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group meets monthly at
8:00pm.

Taizé Services - Sundays at 6:30pm

11th July in The Wisdom of God

12th September in St Andrew's

Events Committee Outing to The Mill at Sonning

Saturday 24th July 2010. £47.50 per person including coach, a meal, and one programme between two to see Neil Simon's **'Ought to be in Pictures'**.

FOCUS 2000 Flower Festival

Saturday 21 August - 10:00am-4:00pm - Wisdom of God
The group is celebrating its 10th Anniversary with an exhibition

of contemporary floral design. Short demonstrations and sales tables. Free entry

The Sunday morning congregation will be aided in their worship by being surrounded by these beautiful displays



Outdoor Communion and Picnic Sunday 5th September
in the Vicarage Garden at 11:00am

Art Workshops in St Andrew's

Friday 25th June Geoff Thorpe 'Woodland Scene' in mixed media.

Friday 23rd July Brian Coppard 'Animals' in pastels.

All courses 10:00am-3:30pm - cost £25

Information on all Parish Events available from our Parish Administrator: Lindsay Cole: 01737-830167

Church Hall

Again there is not much to report from the Hall. We are pleased that we have several new classes available. There is Karate and Zumba exercise adding to the Yoga classes, musical movements, sequence dancing, children's dancing, adult tap and Encore Arts.

The Hall is also available for children's parties.

Our long serving Secretary has decided that this year will be her last. Shirley Eason has been a very dedicated Secretary, and we will miss her and her helpful advice. We will now require a new Secretary, so if anyone is interested in voluntary work please let us know. We do not have many committee meetings during the year.

We have all felt sad at the death of John Harrison as he was such a great adviser and did much work on the Hall, as we try to keep it up to standard. John was always there to help us find a solution to a problem.

Marianne & Laurie Kaye continue with their work on bookings, for which we are very grateful; their phone number is 01737-832848.

Just to end, we thank all users of the Hall, who do take care of it when using the facilities.

Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church

I am sure I am not alone in being amazed at how fast this year seems to be going! It hardly seems like yesterday that here at LKEC we were celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ over Easter. Since then a number of exciting things have been happening at our Church: we have re-launched activities on a Sunday morning for children and toddlers; met some of you at the Village Fête and continued to think about further ways we can serve the village community and support people in any way we can. We are encouraged at the way our church life is developing.

As I write this article, it has just been declared that David Cameron is the new Prime Minister of a coalition government alongside the Liberal Democrats. No one really seems sure how this will work out and whether this will stabilise the current political uncertainty. As a church we have found comfort in reminding ourselves of a verse in the Bible (that you may be familiar with from Christmas services): *'of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end' (Isaiah chapter 9 verse 7)*. This verse tells us that Jesus Christ is *the* Ruler of our world. Although our human leaders come and go, Jesus Christ is *always* seated on the throne of

heaven; his rule will never end or be overthrown. We have been encouraged by this good news at a time of political and global instability which gives us a stable and secure stronghold upon which to base our lives.



If you feel insecure, uncertain or uneasy about the future, then perhaps now is the time to investigate the claims that Jesus Christ makes for himself and his government. Even if you don't feel like that now, the claims of Jesus still demand a considered response from each of us. As a church we seek to support people to do this. Please feel free to come along to one of our services on Sundays (10:30am or 6:30pm) at which all are welcome. Alternatively, do contact me or Paul Burden; 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'

CAMEO members continue to enjoy the meetings. The April meeting was well attended when Molly Toomey brought along her hand decorated eggs; they were very beautiful and delicate. For the meeting on 10th May John Capon came along and gave an illustrated talk about the 'Cross Roads at Redhill'; some of the photographs and drawings of many years ago were excellent. John spoke of many folk who have had roads named after them and of many buildings no longer around; he will be coming again to tell us about part two of this most interesting talk.

By the time this issue of *Village News* is published, the June meeting will already have been held when Lionel & Irish Quick from Devon will have come along to tell us about an orphanage in Tanzania. In July we have our traditional 'Strawberry Tea'; then in August we have a break before the usual meetings commence again on 13th September.

'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 continue to grow; 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

It was bound to happen eventually, and it did: The Strollers went for a stroll! After a winter that saw a record 3 successive strolls abandoned, March and April saw us back on the footpaths of Surrey.

In March, bearing in mind that footpaths on farmland would probably be somewhat soggy to say the least, we visited Priory Park in Reigate. Not the most adventurous of outings but nevertheless offering an opportunity to explore a location right under our noses which proved quite rewarding and offered the possibility of further exploration. Some of us had previously ventured out on Reigate Heath with other friends, one of whom had pointed out that the hills to the East of Reigate Heath led to Priory Park. Others, with more local knowledge added that there was indeed access between the two green and wooded areas; something to explore in the future. We noted that considerable work had been done to improve both access and facilities in Priory Park. The dry if windswept afternoon was much enjoyed.

In April we started from the Margery Car Park and headed across Dents Farm on the un-metalled section of Buckland Road

to the cross roads, from where we headed north towards Rookery Cottages before swinging back towards Mogador and the footpaths through Margery Woods. It is remarkable how easy it is to step back into a quieter era so close to home and find spots where the only reminder that we live in a technological age is the intrusive hum of the M25! The bluebells seemed somewhat confused. Some were coming into their full glory while others seemed uncertain as to whether or not it was their time yet. Either way, the Margery Woods are among the choice blessings of our countryside. The afternoon was rounded off with a welcome invitation to a warming cuppa in the nearby home of one of our members.

Hopefully, as late Spring moves uncertainly into Summer the coming strolls will take us into new and familiar territory. If you fancy joining us for some gentle exercise in this beautiful part of the world, you would be very welcome. We usually meet at about 2:00pm on the fourth Monday each month.

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LOWER KINGSWOOD BOWLS CLUB



The 2010 outdoor season is now underway and our members would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us at one of our Club Nights and Practice sessions. These are held every

Tuesday Evening
(6:00pm for 6:30pm start)
at the Recreation Ground, Buckland Road,
Lower Kingswood

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

Afterwards, why not join us for a chat and a drink at the bar of the local Village Club where drinks can be purchased at reasonable prices.

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.

If you are interested in joining us or would like further details about the Bowling Club please contact the Club Captain.



9th Reigate Scout Group

Lower Kingswood



Farewell to Jon

Jon Woodhouse our Scout Leader, has led our Troop for nearly 4 years. In that time he has conscientiously worked to provide our Scouts with lively and adventurous programs and activities. But sadly he now has to step down as our Scout Leader. Jon has moved away from the area and, with his many other commitments, he is no longer able to commute back to us each week.

Thank you Jon for all you have done for us at 9th Reigate Scout Group!

Our Leadership problem

Our other leaders with the Scout Troop, Ian and Dan, have work commitments such that they may have to miss some weeks. We cannot run Scout meetings with only one leader, so in the event, we will have no option but to cancel Scout Troop meetings. In Cubs and Beavers we have a similar situation - Clare and Val respectively are our only warrant holding leaders. Again, if they are unable to attend any weeks then the Beaver or Cub meetings may well have to be cancelled.

This is a situation we need to sort out now. In terms of the youngsters we continue to grow and have waiting lists to join, but without the Adult Leadership we are unable to move forward.

You may have thought that it might be good to help the young people of the village - but never quite got around to making contact. Now is the time to step forward and Join the Adventure!

So who do we need?

We need adults who are able to reliably come along each week and help the warranted leaders run the weekly meetings and activities. You would help with the planning and delivery of an exciting balanced programme for one of our three age ranges with outdoor opportunities, environmental projects and a strong international element.

Initially the only commitment would be to obtain CRB clearance to work with young people. The Scout movement provides all the help and training you might need and later on you could take out a leaders warrant yourself.

What you'll get out of it

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

Our Scout Group

We are 9th Reigate (Lower Kingswood) Scout Group, part of Reigate Scout District, within the Scout County of Surrey. We are a friendly group, actively involved in the life of Lower Kingswood village and run many social and fund raising activities.

Each of our 3 sections covers a particular age group and it's up to you which you get involved with (although having more help with Scouts is our immediate priority).



are aged 6 to 8. Our Beaver Colony meets Thursday evenings at 5:00pm



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Counselling young people commenced as working with those **who had experienced their parent's divorce and its impact**, however the range of issues that have now been presented are broader and more complex. Ranging from mental health issues such as anxiety, self harm and bullying to concerns with anger and child protection issues. We currently work in two centres, one outpost and eight secondary schools. Last year we provided 573 sessions to 173 young people (10-18 years old) all at a heavily reduced or free cost; this year demand has almost doubled in the first six months.

From our work with young people we have found that anger and mental health issues cause the most concern. Our work has diversified into delivering workshops that educate, alleviate fear and improve communication skills: life-skills courses. Our initial course 'Understanding Mental Health in Adolescents' was devised by very experienced counsellors and has been very successful, in 2008/09 we delivered it to 324 pupils. Our latest launch 'Know Your Caveman - Understanding Anger' is particularly helpful for any adolescent who struggles with how to express anger, either overtly by being aggressive or in a more passive way where the feelings are internalised.

We have developed an outstanding reputation with the schools and families that we have worked with. Children feel supported and are given coping skills, enabling them to set healthy boundaries and build their self-esteem where family change has been a difficult influence on their lives both at home and with their

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Lower Kingswood Parent & Toddler Group

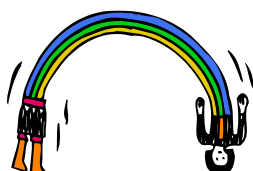
It's great to see so many new faces at Parent & Toddler Group this term, as well as the "regulars".

We've been very busy fundraising: in March we took part in the "Wear a Hat Day" campaign to support Taylan's Project (www.taylansproject.com) and raised £25 for such a worthy and important cause (and the children and adults looked great in their hats). In April, we held a Ladies' Night in the Village Hall to raise money for new books for the Group. Although the turnout was very disappointing, those who did come along created a fabulous atmosphere and we managed to raise £100. Many thanks go to Nicky Sutcliffe for her above-and-beyond help on the evening, as well as the Playgroup helpers. We are now in the process of preparing an application to the Kingwood Village Hall Trust to get funds for important safety equipment, general toy repairs and replacements. Keep your fingers crossed for us, please.

Playgroup is open every Thursday in term time, from 10:00am to 12 noon, in the Church Hall on Buckland Road. All children 0-4 years old are welcome to come along and enjoy craft activities, a safe baby zone, ride-ons, dressing up, song- & story-time and so much more. And for the mums, dads, childminders and grandparents there are plenty of refreshments and lots of chatting! Entry is only £2. Hope to see you there.

Lower Kingswood Rainbows

Rainbows is a member of the GirlGuiding group for girls aged between 5 and 7 years. Girls reaching the age of 7 would then hopefully then go on to join Brownies.



We have a fun-packed programme of activities including arts and crafts, baking, sharing news and working together towards badges and of course we always get to play group games at the end of the session.

Last term the children raised money for the charity Children with Leukaemia by wearing 26 items of clothing and racing each other around the Church Hall! They also had lots of fun hunting for Easter Eggs and making some great monkey masks.

We meet in the Church Hall, Buckland Road, on Thursdays between 4:30pm and 5:30pm. Please note there is currently a waiting list, so ideally you should contact us prior to your daughter turning 5 so that we can add her name to it.

1st Lower Kingswood Brownies

The Brownies had a busy finish to the Spring Term. They celebrated World Thinking Day by wearing their Brownie Uniform to School and completing a food relay, enjoying foods from around the world. Brownies worked hard to complete their Road Safety badge, learning plenty of important information along the way.

As the summer term starts we hope to enjoy some warm weather, especially for the Lower Kingswood Village Fête, County Campfire and our Out and About badge. Brownies will also be running their own meeting, which will give them the opportunity to demonstrate their Brownie Leadership skills.

The Brownies are also looking forward to the Centenary Celebrations at Port Lympne Wild Animal and Safari Park.

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

Kingswood Village Hall Fund

The Trustees wish to remind residents within the Parish of Kingswood the existence of the above fund.

The Kingswood Village Hall Fund is a charitable trust 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 capital was invested by the Charity Commissioners and a scheme was set up for the administration of the income from this for the benefit of local groups and organisations. This is allocated by the Trustees within the terms of the Trust and where other provision is not made through public funds.

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They are interested in preserving and recording the history of day to day life of the Banstead area. History is not just about Kings & Queens hundreds of years ago it's about us and our ancestors and what we do and what they did.

Photographs, maps, brochures, letters, newspaper cuttings, newsletters, event programmes all make up our history and if you have any that you want to clear out then please contact Banstead History Centre (by email: banstead.history@ntlworld.com) before you throw them away.

Banstead History Centre was set up 7 years ago to encourage interest in local and family history not just in Banstead but also Burgh Heath, Chipstead, Hooley, Kingswood, Lower Kingswood, Netherne-on-the-Hill, Preston, Tadworth, Tattenhams, Walton-on-the-Hill and Woodmansterne. The Centre holds an extensive range of resources including census records, parish registers, large scale maps, directories, illustrations and photographs. Equipment includes a microfilm and microfiche reader-printer and there is access to the internet on the library computer terminals.

Although based in the Library, Banstead History Centre is also staffed by volunteer stewards on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month (from 2:30pm – 4:30pm) and every Saturday between 10:00am and 12 noon. The stewards are available to help in the use of resources and equipment. If they can't answer a question, they can refer to local experts or Surrey History Centre and, when the Centre is not staffed, written queries can be left.



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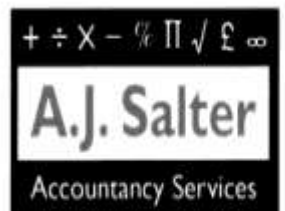
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EARLY SUMMER SHOW

Saturday 3 July - open to the public at 2:00pm - at the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Tadworth

Delphiniums or clematis? Pansies or sweet peas? Hostas or herbs? Whatever your favourite, you're sure to find it on display this afternoon. In amongst the roses at this show is a new class: 'Most Fragrant Rose', which will be judged by the public, so come along and cast your vote. For those who like to "grow their own", strawberries and gooseberries will be on display, alongside broad beans, cabbages and potatoes.

The Decorative section will have interpretations of 'Cottage Garden' and 'Pink and White' with extremely nimble fingers and perhaps magnifying glasses needed for 'Arrangement in an Egg Cup'!

The Domestic section will be tempting you with chocolate cakes, date crunchies and strawberry flans, not to mention pizza, cocktail nibbles and fudge.

'Alliums' and 'A Face' are the subjects for the Photographers with the Crafters showing off their cross stitch and woodwork. Both of these sections are judged by the public, so remember to bring along some loose change to vote for your favourites.

The Juniors are making fruit salad for one, designing wrapping paper for a flower shop and creating flower pictures from dried pasta and pulses.

Teas, coffees, and raffle tickets will all be available as usual, along with the ever popular plant stall – go early for the best choice.

SUMMER SHOW

Saturday 21st August - open to the public at 2:00pm - at the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Tadworth

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The Decorative section will be a section of contrasts, with 'Pastel Colours' displayed next to 'Summer Heat', complemented by 'Arrangement in a Coffee Cup' for those who prefer something more delicate. Don't forget to bring some loose change to vote for your favourite in the Photography section. Subjects this time include 'Hydrangeas' and 'Tadworth, Walton or Kingswood' - perhaps you'll see some places you recognise.

The Domestic section will be tempting you with such treats as carrot cake, shortbread, ginger biscuits and chocolate pouring sauce – just right for dunking those ginger biscuits in!

The Juniors will be exhibiting Smartie biscuits and photos of 'My Weekend' and will also be making 'Tropical Birds'. There should also be vases of flowers grown from the seeds they collected at the Spring Show.

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Committee meeting report

At the Residents' Association AGM (held on 13th April) it was agreed that a brief report of the proceedings at the Residents' Association committee meeting(s) would be included in the next available issue of *Village News*, the following therefore represents the first of such reports.

A meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday 11th May. In addition to Committee members, Councillor Joan Spiers and Councillor Michael Gosling were in attendance; the Police were not represented. In addition to formal matters -

Councillor Spiers reported on:

- The results of the recent Reigate & Banstead Borough Council elections and the selection of a new Chief Executive of the Council
- The steps being taken to repair the Recreation Ground gate
- Specific planning issues and re-iterated her concerns about developments that may encroach on 'Green Belt' land

Councillor Gosling reported:

- That his portfolio on Surrey County Council was still **Adult Care**, which consumed 40% of the Council's total budget, and expressed his concerns over future funding and invited members to view the Council's budget on its website
- That between £300m and £400m were needed to repair the potholes which existed throughout the County and outlined the steps which were being planned to improve the situation
- On the complaints which had been made in relation to the lack of salting at the A217 end of Green Lane during the harsh winter and the measures which were being taken to avoid a future recurrence
- That he was appalled by the state of the road surface in Beechen Lane and said that remedial work would be undertaken during 2010. He was reminded that the crash barrier at the A217 pedestrian crossing still required repairs and certain hedges still encroached on footpaths, and Councillor Gosling undertook to investigate both of these matters

Kingswood W.I.

Kingswood W.I. meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm in the Church Hall, Buckland Road. We are a small band of ladies who enjoy a variety of activities including rambling, play reading, craft days and hand bell ringing. Apart from these activities we have a monthly speaker; and this year we have had talks such as 'Felons and Fingerprints' (it is amazing where fingerprints can be found!).

Our 79th Birthday Party in March was a great success (lovely tea!)

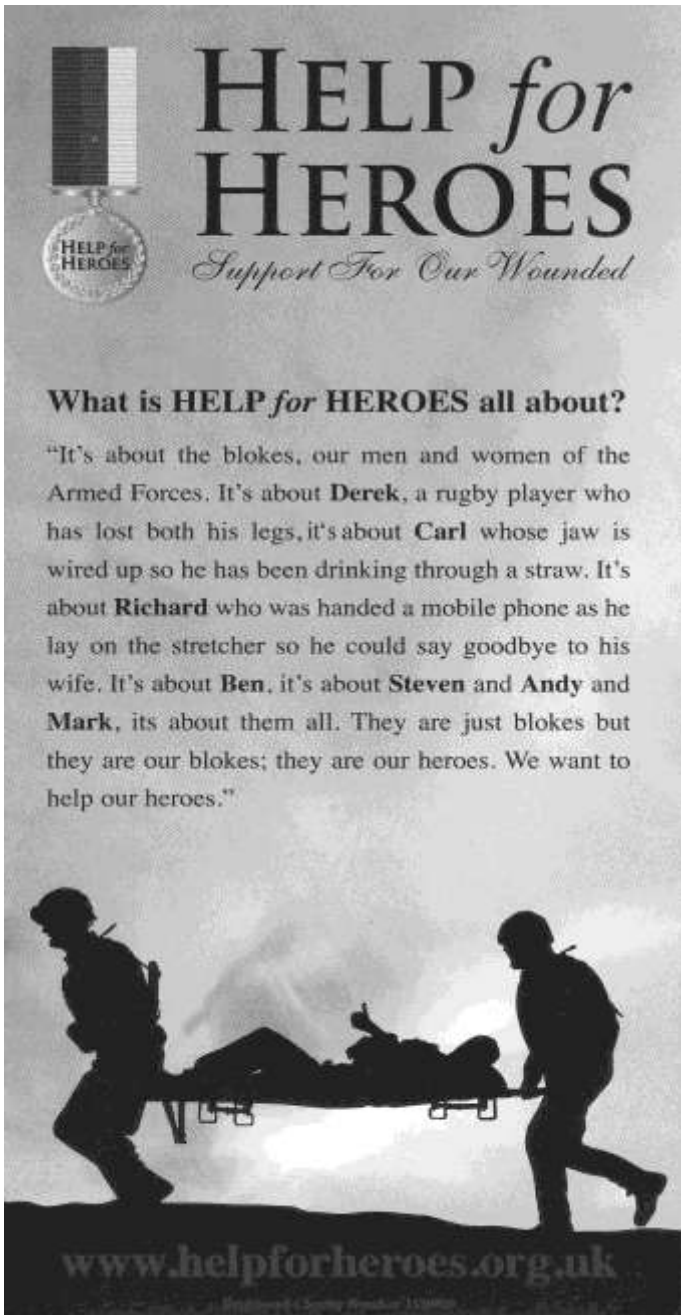
with Paul Weakley, a tenor from the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, to serenade us.

Forthcoming talks and events are:

- Rudyard Kipling and his poetry
- Rocky Mountains
- A visit to the Wild Life Trust Centre in Sussex as a follow up to a previous talk at one of our meetings.

Belonging to our local W.I. also means you are a member of the National W.I., which gives you the opportunity to go to the W.I. College at Denman as well as to join like minded members for science talks and computer education or try activities like paragliding and croquet in Surrey. You can also get involved in resolutions put to Government and much, much more.

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