



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## Chairman's Report to Residents

Welcome to our Summer 2014 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.

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.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Lower Kingswood Residents' Association took place on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

We should like to thank our Borough Councillors - Ros Mill, Simon Parnall & Joan Spiers, one of our County Councillors - Michael Gosling and PC Kelly Houghton & PCSO Chris Wright for attending and addressing the various issues raised by residents. [Unfortunately our other County Councillor - Bob Gardner - was unable to attend this meeting.]

### LEST WE FORGET

2014 serves to commemorate two events which had a major impact on the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (and beyond). It marks 100 years since the start of the First World War and also 70 years since 'D-Day' one of the major turning points in the Second World War.

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council is in the process of cleaning and renovating the various war memorials throughout the Borough; these contain the names of the various individuals, not all of them in the armed forces, who made the ultimate sacrifice in both World Wars.

### LOCAL PLAN

Your Borough Councillors are encouraging local groups (i.e. Residents' Associations) to get involved in working with the Council in determining what sort of development may be best for their area, what type and style of housing may be appropriate etc. Specialist Council staff are available to offer initial assistance and guidance.

If we, the Residents' Association, are to become actively involved with this, we need the help and support of our local residents.

If you are able to assist in this project, can you

**please contact your local Residents' Association** Committee representative or contact us via our website.

### QR CODE

For residents with a "smartphone" or tablet (e.g. an iPhone or iPad), you can now gain direct access to the Association's website by scanning the QR (Quick Response) Code in the bottom left-hand corner of this page. [NB. You will need an appropriate 'App' on your smartphone to utilise this facility.]

### YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES NEED YOU

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 help with distribution please contact our Chairman.

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### BREAKING NEWS

The Post Office is engaged in a project to modernise many of their various branches and this is likely to mean some changes to our own Lower Kingswood Post Office. This would involve:

- Post Office services being available from a till on the retail counter.
- Longer opening hours (e.g. weekdays 7:30am to 6:00pm, Saturdays 7:30am to 5:30pm & Sundays 7:30am to 12 noon).
- Most of the same Post Office services still being available.
- A closure period of a few days in July/August whilst the refurbishment takes place.

A comprehensive leaflet is currently available in Kingswood News giving further details.

# Reigate & Banstead Borough Council report

Dear Residents

We would like to take this opportunity to address a very topical issue - our housing planning policy.

The Core Strategy - the Council's plan for meeting housing demand for the Borough for the next fifteen years - is to be approved by the Council in July. There has been a very slight delay whilst we conducted a due-diligence exercise following a key letter from the Planning Minister to the Inspectorate, specifically concerning their examination of Reigate & Banstead's policy, but we are now in a position to proceed.

The Core Strategy will give us Borough-wide planning policies for meeting housing demand and it will also give the opportunity to create specific so-called 'spatial' policies that apply to distinct areas within the Borough. We are openly inviting and encouraging local residents groups to help to define what is an appropriate form of development for their areas. What type and style of housing works best in the various parts of this community? In this ward, the residents associations in Kingswood and Burgh Heath are separately and actively working with the Council to do this, and there is opportunity for Lower Kingswood - probably through your Residents Association - to do so if you would like. A variety of approaches can be used, but key to both the groups who are tackling this so far has been the involvement of the whole community through questionnaires and other tools.

It has been good to hear directly from many residents about specific issues and problems that we have been able to address or consider for future funding, and the Lower Kingswood Residents Association proves an invaluable forum for discussion of broader topics. **But please don't wait, if you need our help or advice, don't hesitate to call or write - our contact details are shown below and also appear under 'Useful Numbers' on the back page of this newsletter.**

With best regards

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## ***Editor's Note:***

*Councillor Spiers has announced that she will be standing down as Leader at the end of the 2013-14 municipal year. A new Leader will be elected at Annual Council on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and will then appoint members to his/her Executive.*

## **Residents' Association** **Committee reports**

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Bob Gardner & Joan Spiers were in attendance.

Councillor Spiers reported on:

- **The current situation in respect of 'Highlands'.**
- The Chairman asked, following the development adjoining the Village Club, whether any Section 106 (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies were available. Cllr. Spiers noted that, whilst such compensation was paid to the Borough Council for general purposes, application could be made from Lower Kingswood for specific projects etc. and would be given consideration.
- The issue of the Recreation Ground car park was again raised because of continuing weekend parking problems in Buckland Road. Cllr. Spiers stated she would discuss **the matter with the Council's Chief Executive.**
- The agreement reached with the Bowls Club allowing their continued use of the bowls green. Cllr. Gardner stated that he had allocated his allowance to the club to assist them in meeting their financial obligations.
- Local hospital Accident & Emergency Departments, which had avoided closure and would thus be continuing for the foreseeable future; although the general aim was still for the NHS to focus specialist care in specialist units.
- One of the Committee members reported that she was currently undertaking St. John Ambulance basic training and suggested that a defibrillator should be provided for the village in relation to possible accidents or illnesses occurring in the Recreation Ground or elsewhere. It was indicated that Council financial support could be available for the provision of such equipment.
- The regeneration of Redhill; part of which would involve the expansion of the present Sainsburys along with the provision of a hotel and other retail outlets in the present shop/office complex. The Memorial Park was being prepared for the commemoration of the First World War and this would involve its closure for a period of time.
- Work on the new Banstead Leisure Centre would shortly commence.
- Plans to redevelop a particular part of Merstham, which would be replaced by attractive housing and supporting facilities.

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- The positive steps taken by the Council following the various recent gales and flooding issues. Where necessary sandbags had been provided and fallen trees cleared away.

Councillor Gardner reported on:

- The Chairman noted that some of the recently painted “yellow lines” had caused confusion and consternation to some local residents and businesses, particularly as there had appeared to be no advance notifications given. Cllr. Gardner stated that he would investigate matters.
- The apparent lack of any significant issues arising from the use of local roads by Fidelity employees; he added that the Company was acting in a responsible manner. It was noted that there were still on going issues in Chipstead Lane with speeding traffic (and commercial vehicles) but most of this traffic seemed to be using Chipstead Lane as a cut through to/from the A23.
- The over-night parking of a commercial vehicle in Josephine Avenue which was causing damage to the verge; this particular vehicle did not appear to have any indication of its ownership.

al Police patrols to enforce them. Cllr. Spiers added that parking enforcement wardens could back them up.

- The proposal to sell alcohol from the new store adjacent to the BP garage was discussed and it was noted that several residents had expressed concern about after-hours drinking; it was noted that if residents were concerned about the matter, objections could be lodged.
- The issue of Police representatives being present at periodic Surgeries in the village was discussed but, given the very low levels of attendance at recent events it was difficult to justify the use of Police resources for that purpose. PC Houghton added that she would, of course, be in attendance at the forthcoming AGM.

Councillor Parnall reported on:

- The recent conversion of a garage into residential use without planning permission had been notified to him by a resident and he stated that the Council was now dealing **with the matter. It was noted that the Residents’ Association normally only dealt with more substantial residential planning applications or matters concerning encroachment on Green Belt land etc.**

Councillor Spiers reported on:

- The Core Strategy – including details of a recent letter received from Crispin Blunt (MP) and the apparent change of focus in terms of housing vs. Green Belt by the Department of Communities & Local Government. She added that she would shortly be attending a meeting on the matter and was concerned that, having taken some **4 years at substantial cost, if the Council’s plans were not “signed off” in the near future they could be delayed until after the next General Election.**
- Concern was expressed that, if the Councillors did not agree to the Core Strategy as a matter of urgency this delay could be capitalised upon by developers and it was further noted that the lack of an agreed Core Strategy had been quoted in the recent Public Inquiry in respect of ‘Highlands’.

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A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Bob Gardner, Joan Spiers & Simon Parnall along with PCs Kelly Houghton & Christine Turton were in attendance.

PC Houghton reported on:

- Having been away from the area for about 4 months, she was pleased to be able to say there had been no major crime events in Lower Kingswood.
- Several burglaries that had taken place in Kingswood and urged all residents to be vigilant and report anyone behaving suspiciously.
- Chalk marks, which had been observed outside some local properties, and stated that these were possibly signs to criminals about the properties and/or occupiers; these too should be reported whenever seen. She added that local Police patrols had been increased and unmarked Police cars were in use on the A217 and other local roads.
- Leaflets produced by the Police concerning “cold callers”, general crime etc. could be made available.
- The new yellow lines in the village were discussed and it was noted that it might be necessary to instigate addition-

Councillor Gardner reported on:

- Cllr. Gardner was provided with a copy of an email from one of the Committee members who was unable to attend the meeting. These issues concerned the crumbling pathway along the A217, a clanking drain cover and the damaged solar sign (both on the same road) and speeding traffic in Chipstead Lane. Cllr. Gardner undertook to deal with these matters.

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## Kingswood, Walton & Tadworth Horticultural Society

Kingswood, Walton and Tadworth Horticultural Society proudly present their 2014 Gardener's Delight Weekend:

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on both days.

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# Surrey County Council report

Dear Residents

## LOCAL ROADS

An update on the Road activity; we have since January repaired 18,500 pot holes in Surrey and will spend £23m on road repairs along with £100m on 'Project Horizon', to replace road surfaces over the next 5 years.

## LOCAL FOOTPATHS

During a recent Councillors surgery, I have had a number of residents complaining about vehicles parking on footpaths with either two or four wheels, damaging verges and mounting kerbs at high speed causing near fatal accidents with pedestrians. I have been informed that Surrey Police and Parking enforcement Officers will be focusing on this issue to make our footpaths safer for all.

## HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

High Speed Broadband comes to Lower Kingswood by the end of June, please ensure you register your interest on [www.superfastsurrey.org.uk](http://www.superfastsurrey.org.uk)

## LOWER KINGSWOOD VILLAGE FÊTE COUNCILLOR SURGERY

I would like to thank all the visitors to the Fete Councillor Surgery, I firmly believe this is a better way of finding our your issues, and having the right people to take them forward for you. The points raised were:

- Fly tipping
- Skate board parks
- Overgrown hedges
- Parking at road junctions
- Trees
- Parking on verges
- Driving on footpaths at speed
- Blocked drains

However, since many such issues demand an urgent response and/or action, please do not wait for the next surgery, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NEEDS ARE REPORTED ONLINE:

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online)



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## Encore Arts

Encore Arts received great support in its recent participation in the Lower Kingswood Village Fête, with the group getting high praise from no less than the Pearly King himself, who was impressed with the old time songs performed.



Since April, the children attending (from 5 to 16 years) have engaged in activities with vocals (speech/singing) and drama, exploring the topic 'A Tribute to the First World War and Music Hall'.

The group have engaged in learning songs from this era, whilst creating small drama pieces based around information shared regarding the First World War. Many people joined the war effort from Lower Kingswood and surrounding areas. This has been incorporated into a themed show.

All activities help to encourage development in the arts, whilst building confidence in group and solo work. The culmination of teaching will be shown to parents in our end of term show.

The show is designed not as a full costume production but to show all what has been learnt and achieved in the one-hour weekly sessions.

Several children have completed the Arts Award Discover programme this term. Separate to Encore Arts sessions, 5 to 25 year-olds can achieve a recognised qualification in the Arts through Trinity College London.

# Surrey Police report

Dear All

I would like to start by introducing the newest member of your local neighbourhood team, PCSO Chris Wright. Chris has taken over the role from PCSO Hayley Keegan, who sadly left us in February to join the Metropolitan Police Service. Chris has joined us from Epsom & Ewell, where he worked as a PCSO for 5 years, so is highly experienced in dealing with local neighbourhood issues!



radius of Lower Kingswood. These were made up of: anti-social behaviour 6, burglary 1, criminal damage & arson 1, other crime 1, other theft 2, possession of weapons 1 and violence & sexual offences 1. This website also allows these instances to be viewed street by street! However, comments from our local police officers have previously indicated that Lower Kingswood itself continues to have relatively low levels of reported crime. Nevertheless you should notify Surrey Police immediately of any suspicious callers or people loitering in your area, any unfamiliar vehicles, or any suspicious activity at neighbouring properties.

There has been an increase in reports of badly parked vehicles along Buckland Road and the top of Rookery Way during school drop off and pick up times. Myself and Chris will be patrolling during these times when our shifts allow, but please can I ask you all to be respectful and courteous when parking your cars. If you follow these rules then you won't have a problem:

- Do not park along double yellow lines
- Do not park in front of driveways or dropped curbs
- Do not park near to/opposite a junction
- Do not park on zig-zag lines
- Do not double park where an obstruction will be caused

Failure to comply with these could result in you being served a Fixed Penalty Notice.

I am pleased to say crime in your area has reduced, but please stay vigilant and keep your property safe and secure. If you would like any security advice then please make contact via the Surrey Police website and we will be more than happy to assist.

I hope you all have a lovely summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon.



Kind regards,  
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## Editor's Note

The mechanism for viewing crime statistics can be accessed from the national police website [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and this shows that, for the month of March 2014, there were a total of 13 instances of crime & anti-social behaviour within a one mile

## MAY UPDATE

With the warm weather (hopefully) approaching, it is important to remind you all to protect your property!

Please see below out top tips to keeping your home and property safe.

### Protect your home

- Make sure doors and door frames are strong and in good condition.
- Ensure windows are locked when you leave your home.
- Make potential thieves feel exposed when approaching your property by fitting outdoor lights.
- Fit a burglar alarm.
- Ensure any side entrance to property has a strong, secure gate.

### Protect your vehicle

- Do not leave anything inside your vehicle. Typical items, which attract offenders, are: satellite navigation systems, mobile phones and loose change.
- Remove the stereo or stereo fascia if possible.
- Close all windows and sunroofs and lock the doors and boot.
- Where possible keep your vehicle parked in a garage.
- Get an alarm fitted.
- Look after your keys, and keep them out of sight, even at home.



If you have information about crime and don't want to leave your name, call Crimestoppers on:

# 0800 555 111



## Kingswood W.I.

Kingswood W.I. meet every second Wednesday of the month at the Church Hall in Buckland Road.

We have had some interesting meetings this year, including a harpist, it was lovely to hear and see a harp up at close quarters. Our May meeting was entertainment by the 'Play Readers', a jolly number about char ladies and their theatre cleaning turned acting careers!!

We have plenty of extra activities as well as the monthly meeting, including art classes, craft afternoons, outings, lunches out and hand bell ringing.

The hand bell team entered for the Reigate music festival this year and gained an honour in their class and came home with the cup; well done to all the team. Barbara Reader will be retiring from the team in June, after 20 years of playing with us, and so we wish her well and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the team.

There are many more activities on offer for WI members in Surrey; choirs to join, science groups to engage with, craft sessions, cooking, bread making, photography and much much more. Why not give the W.I. a try we are so much more than "Jam and Jerusalem". Just turn up at 2:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month to hear different speakers, have tea and chat with new friends

Please contact our Secretary for further information.

## Village 1914 Exhibition - do you have something you would like to lend us?

We are planning to put on an exhibition in the Wisdom of God Church on the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September to try to show all aspects of life around 1914.

As many of you will know it is the centenary this year of the outbreak of the First World War and we are trying to understand what that period was like for all of our ancestors.

Many of our parents/grandparents and families were directly involved in the War itself but many others were farmers, shopkeepers, housewives or even suffragettes! We are interested in the history of all of the people who live in our village now even if your families didn't live in Lower Kingswood at that time. It would be lovely for many of our children to see what life was like at that time.

So, if you have any family photos or mementos from that period, and you would be willing to lend them to us for the weekend we would love to hear from you.

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# Kingswood Primary School



The first half of the summer term was very short but the children seemed to be busier than ever!

Years 1 and 2 went to Brighton as part of their 'Seaside' topic work and Years 5 and 6 had a local historian telling them about life in Lower Kingswood during World War II.

Year 4 had three fantastic days on a residential trip focusing on team building and nature based activities. Luckily the weather was dry so the children could recover after being waist high in mud! For many children this was their first trip away from home and they coped brilliantly.

Year 5 spent a night camping near Box Hill and the children

loved toasting their marshmallows on the blazing fire whilst listening to stories!

Year 6 also had to take their SATs and all the children adopted sensible and positive attitudes throughout the week.

The second half of the summer term sees the Reception children going on a trip to Ladyland Farm and Year 1 going to Brooklands Transport Museum. Years 3 and 4 are having a Tudor day with a theatre company visiting the school. We will also be welcoming some local pensioners from a home in Walton-on-the Hill into school to share songs and stories with them.

By the time this article is being read, all the children will be working towards their production of 'Oliver' which they are performing in the Church Hall at the end of the term. The dress rehearsal is on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm and members of the local community are welcome. As well as this musical, the school choir will sing war centenary based songs at The Beacon Secondary School in an end of term event involving over 300 children from local schools.

Finally I would like to wish Year 6 all the best as they leave Kingswood and start on their next stage in education.

*Duncan Steele*  
Head-teacher



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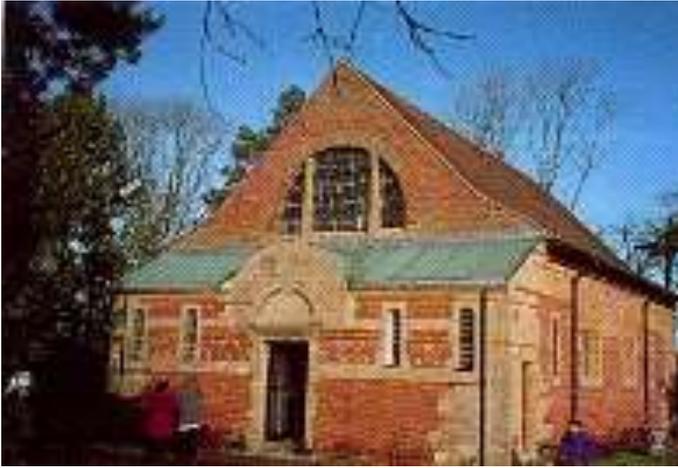
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## The Wisdom of God Church



Although we are unlikely to have a new Incumbent appointed before early 2015 it is business more or less as usual. Services are being maintained with just a few combined services, which are being well publicised. Baptisms, weddings and funerals are still taking place as usual, the only change being that I am conducting baptism services on Sunday afternoons.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> June there is an important festival, Pentecost, sometimes better known as Whitsunday; so called because it was one of the traditional times in the early Church for people to be baptised. The custom was to wear white hence the term 'White Sunday', which became abbreviated to Whitsunday

On this occasion the Church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to give life to the people of God. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that in the early Church the people devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. This is the same as we do today. We meet to receive teaching and gather knowledge. We have friendship one with another and that includes love and support. We have the breaking of bread (Communion) and prayer. We read that three thousand were added to the Lord's family. The Church moved from being just for the Jews to embrace Gentiles as well. In other words it is for everybody.

In our day it is crucial that we reach out to people. The Anglican Church reaches out through our core membership but also we offer our ministry to all who wish to benefit from it.

As a priest I spend a significant amount of time ministering to people who, up to that point may not have had a great deal of contact with the Church but nevertheless feel that they would like the church involved in a very special occasion such as a baptism, wedding or a funeral. I do so gladly. I hope and pray that I can touch them at the deepest level with the wonder, joy and comfort of our faith. I feel if when they leave one of our services they will be so touched or at least have warm and happy memories and that will be a beginning. To start where people are, not where we think they ought to be is a good beginning. So what ever your reason for coming to the churches in Kingswood and Lower Kingswood I pray that you will feel warmly welcomed and helped.

*Arthur Bowyer*

Honorary Curate - Parish of Kingswood

## St Andrew's Church

Do join us at **St Andrew's Church** for a SERVICE to COMMEMORATE the CENTENARY of the START of the FIRST WORLD WAR

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
2014 at 10:30am

then at 11:45am at  
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names of those who  
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## Church Hall

The Church Hall has recently under-gone a major over-haul in the garden. In an attempt to stem rising costs, the Committee have decided to try and maintain the grounds in-house. This has started with a thorough digging over of the left hand bed alongside the car park. This bed is now covered with a weed membrane and topped with bark chippings for a low maintenance surface. We will now plant shrubs and ground cover plants as we go along. We are also the proud owners of a small lawnmower to keep the grass under control.

Hopefully, by the time you read this report, the notice board will **finally have a brand new surface.** This is our "self-healing" covering, meaning that when removing the drawing pin from the board, the hole fills itself in again. Many apologies to all our Hall users for the inconvenience of not being able to pin notices up whilst we researched the best solution for our notice board. Please make sure that all long-term notices are laminated so that the notice board looks super tidy!

Members of the Committee once again enjoyed helping out at the successful Village Fête, by helping with baking and running of the teas served from the pavilion in the Recreation Ground.

The Hall continues to be busy with many one off events as well as our weekly users. If you are considering booking a regular slot in the hall, all day Friday and Monday until 3:00pm are available at the time of writing. Otherwise, please remember us when you are next planning a function.

Please contact Laurie & Marianne Kaye for booking information and prices on 01737-832848.

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## Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church

“All good things come to an end” is a familiar phrase, which, in one form or another, has been around for many years. An internet search leads to a 2006 Canadian pop song, but the idea seems to appear first in English in a poem by Geoffrey Chaucer in 1374. In the 1662 Prayer Book we read “I see that all things come to an end” (quoting Psalm 119 v 96 from the Bible in Coverdale’s translation). Who originally put these ideas into words we do not know, but the reality is something with which we are all familiar. In the world we live in all our experiences, good and bad, do come to an end eventually. This is one of the most disturbing things we have to deal with in life, something we prefer not to think about if we can avoid it.

“... but all bad things can continue forever” was added to the phrase by the American author Thornton Wilder while a more recent adaptation continues (in various forms) with the idea “but great things go on forever”. In fact this is the sentiment behind Psalm 119 v 96, which, in an expanded translation, reads: “I have seen that everything [human] has its limits and end [no matter how extensive, noble and excellent] but Your commandment is exceedingly broad and extends without limits [into eternity]”.

At the time of writing this article we who form Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church do not know what our situation will be when these words are read, except that things will be different. On a personal level, health problems mean that this will be the last article that I write for the Village News on behalf of the Church. How do we face this awesome fact that “all things must change”?

I wrote in the spring issue of *Village News* about how vulnerable our hopes and expectations are to unforeseen events. It would now be easy for us to think that this means that all the work and effort put into the life of this local Church by many people over the past 91 years has been wasted, but has it? When the Church was established in 1923 the intention was that the premises were “to be used ... as a place for the public worship of God and ... teaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ ... such worship preaching and instruction [to be] on undenominational evangelistic lines”. We noted last time the modernised wording in our Trust Deed; we are here to “To serve the village of Lower Kingswood ... through the proclamation of the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ”.

It has been said that such a small Church fellowship “did well”



to open a modern purpose-built building debt-free in 2008. The relatively short history of this Christian fellowship records many such landmarks, equally significant and remarkable in their own way; but the original purpose was confined to being a worshipping and Gospel-teaching community. Ultimately the buildings, special events and other things that make headlines are incidental – because the essence of the Church is not in these things: the Church is the Christian community. The notable events are only significant to the extent that they truly contribute to the core purpose for which the Church is here: to proclaim “the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ”.

Some of the “good things” that we have enjoyed – and achieved – do seem to be coming to an end; but the “great thing” at the heart of this small Christian community will not end. Every effort will be made to ensure that an evangelical community will continue in Lower Kingswood, meeting in a different way but still worshipping, and seeking to proclaim “the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ” in the village.

While we are still here, you will be very welcome to meet with us on Sunday mornings at 10:30am at our premises at 47 Smithy Lane.

You can also find us on the internet at: [www.lkec.org.uk](http://www.lkec.org.uk), where you will find the latest information. We look forward to meeting you.

*Paul Burden*

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## CAMEO Club - 'Come And Meet Each Other'

CAMEO continues at the moment.

We have just had our May meeting when we enjoyed a wildlife film taken through the seasons in a corner of England. On

June 10<sup>th</sup> we will be seeing 'A holiday in Poland'. Then on July 14<sup>th</sup> we will have our usual Strawberry Tea.

Do come and join us, you will be very

welcome. We meet at the Evangelical Church in Smithy Lane at 2:00pm on the second Monday of each month.

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## Lower Kingswood Strollers

We are just a small friendly group who meet usually on the fourth Monday of the month outside the Evangelical Church in Smithy Lane at 2:00pm for a leisurely stroll.

Recent walks have been locally to Colley Hill area and over the

Heath and also to Oaks Park and in May we enjoyed the beautiful bluebells in Banstead Woods.

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## Lower Kingswood Rainbows

The Rainbows have continued having great fun on a Thursday afternoon in the Church Hall. We all get sticky, gluey, painted but some great works of art are the result. During the spring term we had a camp fire with sing song and marshmallows “cooked” over night lights, we made musical instruments from junk (yoghurt pots, spaghetti etc.) and tried playing them; we also made beautiful flower arrangements for Mother’s Day and we ended the term with a ‘Pot of Gold’ tea party for two Rainbows who went on to Brownies in the summer term.

We haven’t had much of the summer term yet, but so far we have had a scavenger hunt inside the Hall with Rainbows chasing round everywhere in search of buttons, marshmallows, string, leaves, cotton reels, wool - great shrieks when items were found! We also helped at the Village Fête.

We had help from a lady in the latter part of the spring term who was considering becoming a Leader and we all kept our fingers crossed that she would accept. She did! So we now have Jane Cramp as a new Rainbow Leader who will take over from September BUT she will need at least two more ladies to assist in order to comply with adult/child ratios of 1 to 5. So if anyone reading this would like to see what goes on give me a ring first and arrange a visit.

We have a full complement of girls. If you would like to put your daughter’s name - or indeed your own name if you would like to become a helper - on the ‘Join Us’ list go to: [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) and fill in the required details. You will be contacted when there is a space in the Unit.

Unfortunately the Brownie Unit is also full so we have to wait for spaces there to become available before we can send more Rainbows on their guiding journey.



To all girls who are 10 years old.

Have you thought about becoming a Guide? Guides are a movement that has been going strong for over 100 years. It aims to give girls between the ages of 10 and 14 the chance to

develop their individuality, grow their life skills, while making new friends and getting involved in the community.

This term we are going to ‘Scoutabout’, it’s a huge weekend camp for 5,000 Guides, Scouts and leaders in Surrey. It’s a packed two days full of fun and excitement, including caving, bungee slides, paragliding, zorbing, quad biking, climbing, fire crafts and lots more! It’s an event done every three years, defiantly not one to be missed. We are also doing fire lighting skills, garden games, making our own ice-cream in 10minutes! And the girls have written their own murder mystery and performing it to all their family and friends, to achieve their performance badge.

So far the girls have become expert honeycomb and fudge makers and can make many different icings and royal icing designs, while doing their confectionary badge - even if they did go home slightly hyper! It was all worked off at our piloxing and zumba evening, which was fantastic!

If you like the sound of this, we would love to have you come along and meet us and discover what we do and help our unit grow. We are happy to welcome you to any evening meeting, at 7:00pm on Fridays (term time) at the Church Hall in Buckland Road.

If you would like to find out more, please contact our local assistant leader.

## 1st Lower Kingswood Brownies

The Brownies had a very busy spring term.

We spent some time working on our disability awareness badge where the girls learnt some basic sign language including the alphabet, their names, colours, fruits and animals. The Brownies will finish this badge this term. We also celebrated Valentines Day by making cards and heart shaped biscuits to decorate. We continued to complete activities for our ‘Big Brownie Birthday Challenge’ and spent some time at ‘DISH’ in Reigate painting plates for Mother’s Day. We finished the spring term with an Easter egg hunt in and around the grounds of the Old Pheasantry.



In the next term we are looking forward to joining in with ‘STARQUEST’, which is a day at Painshill Park (Cobham) with many activities for the Brownies - which is another event to celebrate 100 years of Brownies. The Brownies will also enjoy making different crafts for Father’s Day. We will also be holding a mini world cup football tournament and an end of term barbecue/summer party.

BROWNIES CELEBRATE THE BIG BROWNIE BIRTHDAY AT STARQUEST



On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Brownies from all around Surrey will meet at Painshill Park to celebrate the Big Brownie Birthday. Each unit has been given a Star Quest map to help them go round the 18<sup>th</sup> Century landscaped garden in Cobham (Surrey).

Brownies will spend the day finding activities all around the park, collecting stars as they go. The activities include games from the past in the Amphitheatre, making edible star wands at the Temple, making a rocket by the Great Cedar tree and making alien masks at the Mausoleum.

It’s a fantastic opportunity for the girls to meet up with other Brownies and celebrate 100 years. The current leader of Lower Kingswood Brownies said: “We are all really excited. It’s been a fantastic year with so much opportunity for the girls. We went to Big Birthday weekend in Butlin’s in January and now this.” The event will end with a starry themed closing ceremony.

We are now looking for a new Brownie leader to join us from September. Our current leader is keen to continue, as she loves Brownies but would like someone to take over the running of the unit. If you might be interested, please register your interest on [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or alternative contact the Kingswood District Commissioner.

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## Scout Group

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The village of Lower Kingswood is supported by several pillars - the village shops, social clubs, Churches and various organisations. They are there for us but sometimes we do not fully appreciate the opportunities they offer. The Scout group in Lower Kingswood is one of those pillars designed for all young people and offering a values-based structure of fun, adventure and friendship - and it gets kids away from incessant computer games! We are the local part of an increasing strong world-wide organisation and the largest youth organisation in this country. We provide appropriate scouting activities for 6 to 14½ year olds in Lower Kingswood and the link to Reigate for older children.

The Beavers have continued their weekly programme with structured games etc. and had a "Superhero" themed fun day at Reigate College. They are looking forward to a sleepover at The Pheasantry in the near future - their first night away from home for many!

During the winter, the Cubs had New Year "beach party", made bird boxes along with food balls and garden wind chimes, to take home ready for spring as part of their DIY badge, and made Mother's Day cards and gifts. 3 Cubs and 1 Scout read a lovely poem to Mothers at the Church service. Our Cubs took part in the Reigate District Swimming Gala. In the summer term there is a district football competition and an Activity Day at Jordan

Heights followed by a sleep over at the hut.

St George is the patron saint of Scouting so 23<sup>rd</sup> April is a special day, which is always marked by all sections of Scouts (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and adults) renewing their promise. This year this was combined with fun activities for each section at Reigate College.

The Scout section is currently running a successful joint programme with Chipstead Scouts to enable an imaginative and wide ranging programme. The numbers have steadily increased and we are looking forward to a summer camp. One of the leaders is preparing and fund raising to attend the world Jamboree in Japan next year.

The group took part in the Village Fête in early May, providing stalls with a chocolate tombola, "catapult the knight" and a putting game. We are glad to be part of a thriving village community.

All enquiries to the Group Scout Leader.



With this season now finished, already we turn our attention to the next season and we have now set our trial dates to bring in new players.

We would love to see as many new faces at the trials as possible and hope that many of these are from the local community. We

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I will finish up with the same message for new members/players. We are still looking to attract more local players to join us. If you are interested in coming to see what we are about or you know someone who might be, then call Denis on: 07900-581769 or e-mail us at: [kingswoodfalconsfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingswoodfalconsfc@hotmail.co.uk).

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Kingswood Falcons FC are also looking for new players at the following age groups for next season:

# Crumbs



## Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church Parent & Toddler Group

Crumbs are a friendly and welcoming Toddler Group in Lower Kingswood. We have enjoyed meeting new mums, grandmas, child-minders and children this term.

We meet on Friday mornings during term-time between 9:15am and 11:00am at the Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church in Smithy Lane. We play with different toys each week indoors and outside (weather permitting!) and we try to provide a craft activity every week too.

At about 10:45am we all stop for Story Time, where we listen to a true story from the Bible **being retold. While we're all sat down together,** we enjoy singing some of our favourite songs and rhymes, sometimes getting out instruments too.

The smell and taste of fresh coffee is usually accompanied by cake, and often one or more of us have had chance to bake something to bring and share, which we all enjoy!

Do contact us or pop **along if you'd like to** join us on Friday mornings at Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church in Smithy Lane – you will be sure of a warm welcome.

## The Old Pheasantry Children's Trust

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How nice it is to be enjoying a (brief) spell of beautiful warm weather. The Old Pheasantry once again enjoyed being at the Village Fête. I would like to thank everyone who supported us with their help and of course the kind donations of plants given on the day. It was great to see so many attending such a traditional village event.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, the Trust was very happy to offer refreshments to walkers, who were taking an early morning stroll, on arrival they could simply enjoy the opportunity to sit and relax in the garden. I would like to thank everyone who supported this event and in particular the kind donations of cakes.

The rest of the year is set to be busy, with children using the house and grounds throughout the summer.

*Claire Larbey* - Manager

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## Memories of a Lower Kingswood resident

### **Editor's Note**

*One of our residents has very kindly provided us with the following transcript of notes originally provided by Mr Campbell Beverly Smith (1881-1977) a resident of Lower Kingswood for much of his life.*

*Campbell Smith was born in Sussex in 1881, the eldest of 11 children. His father, also named Campbell Smith, had earlier married Florence Emily Beverly Johnson. The family moved to Surrey around 1885 and, by the time of the 1891 census, were living in one of the Margery Cottages (New Road). By 1901 the family had again moved to one of the Oxford Cottages (London Road – some of which are still standing near the Shell garage). By 1911 most of the family appear to have remained in the same property at 7 Oxford Cottages (which benefited from having 7 habitable rooms) whilst Campbell Smith (junior) was married and living in Buckland Lane (in a property with 5 habitable rooms).*

*We think that readers will be surprised by the contrast with life around 100 years ago in and around our village!*

My father was a local builder; he had a penny-farthing bicycle and, to mount it, he had to use 3 rungs of a ladder!

In Buckland Lane [now Road] there were two or three cottages; the fields went straight across to Tadworth with just Rookery Farm and the occasional gypsy caravan. There was the Manor House and an odd cottage in Stubbs Lane. There were three or four cottages and a smithy in Babylon Lane. There was another smithy, which was converted to a bungalow, in Smithy Road [now Lane] and three sets of cottages on the London Road [now Brighton Road/A217]. There were three public houses 'The Fox', 'The Mint Arms' and 'The Sportsman'. The local School was at Tadworth, and this meant we had to walk - Kingswood School did not open until 1893.

When I started work with my father, I was indentured as a carpenter and had to be at the actual place of work at 6:00am. My area was Banstead, Sutton, Reigate, Redhill and Nutfield. I often had to get up at 4:30am to be on time, as there were such long distances to walk, carrying all my tools on my back, including pots of paint and brushes to touch up. My indenture papers stated that all "Late Time" must be made up! At that time all doors, windows etc. had to be made by hand. The nails had to be forged and wood came in 3-inch planks. After work, on two evenings a week, I had to walk to Redhill to attend Technical School. This finished at 9:30pm and then I had to walk home.

I was married in 1910 and in 1921, my father built two houses in Buckland Lane and they lived there until their deaths. [These cottages are the pair beside the present Post Office.]

Land at the time could be bought for £30 or £35 per plot in Lower Kingswood and 7/6p per foot frontage in Walton-on-the-Hill.

We had to walk up to the top of Reigate Hill for drinking water from the well; any that spilt ran down ditches at the side of the road. Occasionally the water cart would come round and water would be sold at a penny-halfpenny per bucket, but even then it had to be cleansed before drinking.

At the back of our house was a huge elm tree and a wood of beech trees. Every spring a nightingale sang evenings and mornings and there were also white barn owls. When the Elm tree was felled I counted 170 rings on it, before they intermingled with the centre of the trunk; as you know each ring marks one year in the life of a tree. A farm lay at the back of the wood and one of the family would take the jug to the cow, laying a piece of muslin over the top for straining purposes. [This area is where Rookery Way is now.]

If a doctor was needed, I had to walk to Reigate, the doctor would come up on horseback, and then I would have another walk back to Reigate for the medicine. Reigate was considered an old fashioned town, and my wife would walk to Redhill each Saturday to do the shopping. There was only one shop in Lower Kingswood (owned by George William Martin) a sort of general store – including draper, grocer and Post Office.

At the bottom of Buckland Lane, there was a big triangular green; there was of course very little traffic, mostly farm carts, carriages and the like. It was quite a sight to see all the men sitting outside the 'The Fox', the ponds by the side, and all the horses going round the green. The gypsies would walk their horses into the ponds up to their knees and one occasion a horse was taken out as usual but either got stuck or refused to come out. The gypsy was thrashing the horse, when along came Lord Charles Russell, who was then Lord Chief Justice and was lord of the manor of Tadworth. He took the gypsy to task quite severely, the gypsy was annoyed and told Lord Russell that what he did with his own horse was his affair. The story goes that sometime later the gypsy appeared in court where Lord Russell was presiding, and he received a sentence far in excess of what he deserved. The ponds disappeared when the drains were laid.

I remember when the gypsy families would draw in their caravans beside the lanes and build huge fires, set their children to collect hazel wood, the women then stripped back the bark and the men then cut up old tins to bind the clothes pegs together, which they could then sell.

The Wisdom of God Church was built in 1892 at the instigation of Sir Henry Cosmo Orme Bonsor and Dr Edwin Hanson Freshfield. They were so impressed by the Byzantine church architecture that they tried to copy the style and instructed the architect appropriately; some of the marble was bought from Greece.

When the fields were ploughed, women were employed to gather the flints into piles; they were paid by the square yard. Stone-breakers then took the flints between their feet cracking them with one hammer blow. These were then strewn on the lanes for the farm vehicles etc. to "bed" them in.

The pubs were open all day and were the centre of village life for the menfolk. Men who had finished work would call in and join those already there. It was a common sight to see men being collected from the side of lanes and ditches and being wheeled home in barrows with their red spotted handkerchiefs still tied to their belts.

The Chipstead Valley Line was built at the instigation of Sir Henry Bonsor, he was Chairman of the South Eastern Railway at

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## Memories of a Lower King- swood resident (continued)

the time and so was able to promote the building of the line in spite of opposition of some of his fellow directors. The line was built in two stages – the first from Purley to Kingswood and the second, extending the line to Tattenham Corner, was completed by the time of the Derby in 1901. Sir Henry Bonsor also had a private drive built across open land direct to the railway station (at Kingswood), as at that time he lived at Kingswood Warren.

I remember that Sir Henry Bonsor and Lord Charles Russell were the principal landowners around here. Dr George Taylor lived at Margery Hall and also built the hamlet of Margery along with the Presbyterian mission room in Lower Kingswood; he also had a little factory at the bottom of Colley Hill for the excavation of stone, mainly for hearth stones. The tunnels were supposed to go right under the hill.

Alfred Benson was a director of the family owned business of J W Benson – a firm of jewellers based in the West End. The family lived at Upper Gatton Park and each member of the family had a personal coachman. They also employed 7 gardeners, 7 strappers for the horses, 19 maids plus a ladies maid, a butler, a footman and a pageboy! Mr Benson always made sure before employing anyone that they were cricketers - he had his own team. There was a cricket pitch with two pavilions in his grounds, one for the family and one for the rest! Amongst his greenhouses he had a special “buttonhole house” where the special flowers for the family’s buttonholes were grown. His wife even had a special buttonhole room.

Sir Jeremiah Colman’s family lived at The Hall - Gatton Park; he was known as “The Mustard King” and all their carriages were painted yellow to show they belonged to the Colman mustard family. *[Gatton Park is now the site of the Royal Alexandra & Albert School.]*

Walter Cunliffe, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Cunliffe lived at Headley Court. The devil was depicted in the wrought iron gates. I remember being called to do some repairs, and met a gentleman at the gates. I wished him a “Good morning Sir” and he replied “Good morning to you too, my Lord”, I never made that mistake again!

I remember the Vanderbilt family very well; they always had a lovely coach and four horses, with the coachman having a post horn.

Finally, I remember the Thatched Cottage in Babylon Lane, which was “bought” by a certain gentleman(!), but no deeds were ever found. Rumour had it that said gentleman, being a solicitor, knew this and so managed to acquire the cottage without payment!!

## Banstead History Centre

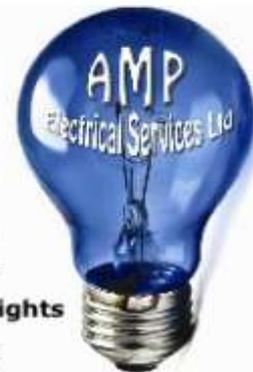
Banstead History Centre is pleased to announce that arrangements have been made for Dr Kate Williams (author, social historian, constitutional and royal expert, broadcaster and novelist) to give their annual talk on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at the Banstead Community Centre.

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Bolters Lane  
Banstead SM7 2AN

The BANSTEAD HISTORY CENTRE offers an extensive range of resources including census records, parish registers, large scale maps, directories, illustrations and photographs covering the following local areas:

BANSTEAD	NETHERNE-ON-THE-HILL
BURGH HEATH	PRESTON
CHIPSTEAD	TADWORTH
HOOLEY	TATTENHAMS
KINGSWOOD	WALTON-ON-THE-HILL
LOWER KINGSWOOD	WOODMANSTERNE

Volunteer stewards are available to help:  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month from 2.30 - 4.30 pm  
Every Saturday between 10.00 am and 12 noon

**NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

Further details from:  
[banstead.history@ntlworld.com](mailto:banstead.history@ntlworld.com)

Our latest newsletter can be downloaded from:  
[www.surreycc.gov.uk/bansteadlocalhistory](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/bansteadlocalhistory)

# Business Directory

## **A P S GAS & HEATING**

Central heating, other household gas work & plumbing (including kitchens & bathrooms); Gas Safe registered engineer. Telephone: 01737-245798 or 07956-232485 or email: [apsgasandheating@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:apsgasandheating@hotmail.co.uk)

## **A WOMAN'S TOUCH**

Exceptional lady decorator – attention to detail we all crave. Telephone 07814-013077 or email: [a.womanstouch@live.co.uk](mailto:a.womanstouch@live.co.uk)

## **BARR CO – solicitors**

Specialist solicitors in all areas of employment law – for both employers & employees. Green Lane, Lower Kingswood, KT20 6YB. Telephone: 01737-833850 or email: [m.trench@barrco.org.uk](mailto:m.trench@barrco.org.uk) or see our website: [www.barrco.org.uk](http://www.barrco.org.uk)

## **BUTTERCUP & DAISY CHILDMINDERS**

A warm, safe and friendly environment: where children will experience lots of activities & enjoyment and you have peace of mind. Telephone: 07761-808272 or 01737-833087 or email: [webb.c2@sky.com](mailto:webb.c2@sky.com)

## **CHOI KWANG DO**

Full time martial arts centre in Redhill, offering classes for children & adults from 5 to 101 years old! Get fit and learn to defend yourself. Telephone: 0800-298-7096 or see our website: [www.eackd.com](http://www.eackd.com)

## **CHRIS – 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS DRIVING SCHOOL**

Free first lesson for all, fully qualified, patient, high pass rate, competitive prices. Telephone: 01737-223034 or see our website: [www.chris-1stclassdriving.co.uk](http://www.chris-1stclassdriving.co.uk)

## **DECORATING SERVICES**

Interior/exterior decorating, fencing/garden work/handyman services etc. Telephone: Tony Richards on 07717-008693

## **DEXTER CONTRACT SERVICES Ltd**

Surrey's painting specialists. Telephone Wayne Freeman (projects director) on 01737-233513 or 07590-106375

## **DIANA MURRAY INTERIORS – bespoke curtains & blinds**

Free, no obligation initial consultation in your home. Quality soft furnishings made in fabric of your choice. Telephone: 07939 028670, email: [diana@dianamurrayinteriors.co.uk](mailto:diana@dianamurrayinteriors.co.uk) or see our website: [www.dianamurrayinteriors.co.uk](http://www.dianamurrayinteriors.co.uk)

## **DISCOTRONICS – computer sales, upgrades & repairs**

We also advise on and can install wiring for computers, networking, telephone, CCTV, digital TV & satellite. Telephone: 01737-833254 or email: [sales@discotronics.co.uk](mailto:sales@discotronics.co.uk) – also see main advert in Village News

## **DOG COMMUNICATION - adult dog socialisation classes**

Socialise your dog in a secure controlled environment with teaching dogs - dogs that help other dogs to learn social skills. Telephone: 07831-173773 or email: [pen-el@dogcommunication.co.uk](mailto:pen-el@dogcommunication.co.uk) or see our website: [www.dogcommunication.co.uk](http://www.dogcommunication.co.uk)

## **HAIR BY EMMA**

Mobile Hairdresser: 07984-497690

## **HYPNOBIRTHING® - local antenatal classes**

Classes with a difference for couples, a time to suit you: HypnoBirthing® the mongon method allows women to use their natural instincts to bring about a safer, easier, more comfortable birthing. Telephone: Leila Gardiner 07775-425301 or email: [lei-la.gardiner@gmail.com](mailto:lei-la.gardiner@gmail.com) or see our website: [www.inspiringbirths.com](http://www.inspiringbirths.com)

## **KINGSWOOD PLASTERING & CONSTRUCTION**

Plastering, screeding, extensions, loft conversions, kitchens, bathrooms - the best quality work at competitive prices. Telephone: 07930-647040 or email: [king-woodconstruction@live.com](mailto:king-woodconstruction@live.com)

## **KINGSWOOD VILLAGE CLUB**

Friendly village social club offering entertainment (snooker, pool & darts) with draught beers & drinks well below pub prices. New members welcome and two halls with bars available for hire. Telephone: 01737-832082 or 01737-832880

## **LADY GARDENER**

Reliable & friendly local gardening service. General garden maintenance & tidying up: mowing, pruning, planting, flowerbed edging & weeding. For garden care with a woman's touch, please telephone: Lid Arthur 01737-830598

## **LANDSEER HOME MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS**

Local company with expertise in painting and decorating, plastering, tiling, building works, and repairs. Member of the Federation of Master Builders for 15 years. "We do it all, big or small". Call Phil Twiddy on 01737-831172

## **LIL DRAGONS – for children 3-5 years old**

Improve your child's confidence and social skills while having fun and exercising at the same time. Telephone: 0800-298-7096 or see our website: [www.eackd.com](http://www.eackd.com)

## **LITTLEYEARS CHILD DAY CARE SERVICES**

OFSTED registered childminder with full and part time vacancies, ages 1-8 years. First Aid & CRB accredited. Committed to providing a safe, happy, fun & stimulating home from home environment for your child. Telephone: 07787-548477 or email: [littleyears@btinternet.com](mailto:littleyears@btinternet.com)

## **MALBY PHOTOGRAPHY - children and pet photography**

Creating memories that will last a lifetime: local photographer, based in Lower Kingswood. Telephone: 07831-173773 or email: [info@malbyphotography.co.uk](mailto:info@malbyphotography.co.uk) or see our website: [www.malbyphotography.co.uk](http://www.malbyphotography.co.uk)

## **ORCHARD COTTAGE RIDING STABLES**

B.H.S. & A.B.R.S. approved – established 1926. Babylon Lane, Lower Kingswood, KT20 6XA. Telephone: 01737-241311 or see our website: [www.ocrs.co.uk](http://www.ocrs.co.uk) – also see main advert in Village News

## **PHOENIX TRADING - beautiful cards & stationery**

Contact me for a brochure or come and see me at the Lower Kingswood Coffee Morning on Wednesday mornings or at the Toddler Group on Thursday mornings. Telephone: 07515-632090 or email: [rochelle.phoenix@gmail.com](mailto:rochelle.phoenix@gmail.com)

## **POOCH PARLOUR – dog grooming**

Over 30 years experience: we groom / bath / clip. Telephone: 01737-841010 or 07831-621227

## **PRIORY PROPERTY SERVICES – for a quality finish and a reliable service every time**

For a complete range of interior & exterior property services including painting & decoration, fitted kitchens, wooden floors, carpentry, fencing and garden maintenance. Telephone: 07831-525459 or 01737-240611

## **RED CARPET ENTERTAINMENTS**

We provide entertainment acts for parties, weddings etc. and can also provide discos, live bands and tribute acts. Telephone: Susie Homes 07958-478620 or Ray Lowe 07852-351620 or email: [info@redcarpetentertainments.co.uk](mailto:info@redcarpetentertainments.co.uk) or see our website: [www.redcarpetentertainments.co.uk](http://www.redcarpetentertainments.co.uk) (follow us on Twitter @redcarpetents)

## **S.D. SERVICING**

Mobile mechanic. Telephone: 07877-107246

## **SEETHRU WINDOW CLEANING**

Residential & business. Telephone: 07877-107246

## **THE SMART LOFT COMPANY**

Specialising in loft conversions and extensions in Surrey. Contact us on (office): 01737-831460 or (mobile) 07711-780547 or email: [info@thesmartloftcompany.co.uk](mailto:info@thesmartloftcompany.co.uk) or see our website: [www.thesmartloftcompany.co.uk](http://www.thesmartloftcompany.co.uk)

## **STONEMAN FUNERAL SERVICE – 5<sup>th</sup> generation family funeral director**

Local offices at Redhill (01737-763456), Reigate (01737-243164) & Tadworth (01737-814406) – also see main advert in Village News

## **THE STRAND - hairdressers for ladies & gents**

Colours - highlights, wash, cut & blow-drying, perms – shampoo & sets. Telephone: 01737-832835.

## **THOMAS PLUMBING & HEATING**

Boiler & central heating installation, servicing & breakdown and plumbing work from tap washers to bathroom installation. Gas safe registered. Telephone: 01737-832836 or 07834-607082. See our website: [www.thomasplumbing.co.uk](http://www.thomasplumbing.co.uk) or email: [info@thomasplumbing.co.uk](mailto:info@thomasplumbing.co.uk)

## **TOP HAT STAGE & SCREEN SCHOOL SURREY**

Every Friday during term time at Kingswood Primary School 4:30-7:30 "no experience necessary just bring your enthusiasm. Contact us on 01737-831184 or email: [sur-rey@tophatstageschool.co.uk](mailto:sur-rey@tophatstageschool.co.uk) or see our website: [www.tophatstageschool.co.uk](http://www.tophatstageschool.co.uk)

## **WİNTECH COMPUTERS Ltd**

Sales of computers, laptops and peripherals. We also offer a repair and upgrade service, networking and broadband. Contact us on 01737-225520 or email: [sales@wintechcomputers.com](mailto:sales@wintechcomputers.com) or see our website: [www.wintechcomputers.com](http://www.wintechcomputers.com) – also see main advert in Village News

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