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Chairman's Report to Residents

Welcome to our Spring 2015 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; if using the services of one of our advertisers please mention that you saw their advertisement in *Village News*.

LAURIE KAYE

Prior to our last Residents' Association Committee meeting, Laurie had advised us of his intention to step down as a member of the Committee.

We should like to put on record our thanks for all his contributions to the Residents' Association over the past 6 years and to wish him all the best for the future.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Lower Kingswood Residents' Association will take place at 7:45pm on WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2015 at the Church Hall in Buckland Road; it will be preceded by the AGM of the Kingswood Village Hall Trust at 7:30pm. All residents are welcome to attend both meetings.

Any resident wishing to stand for election to the Residents' Association Committee should submit their application in writing to the Secretary (via the Chairman if more convenient) at least 7 days before the AGM.

DOG FOULING

We have received a number of complaints from residents about dog fouling in the Recreation Ground and some other local roads - in particular Josephine Avenue. It should be noted that a number of official complaints have been made and it is likely that the offender(s) may well face action from the Council.

Can we please remind those dog-owners who are exercising their pets that there are a number of bins located in the Recreation Ground specifically for depositing dog mess.

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YOU"**

**Help us plan
the future of
Lower Kingswood**

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council is making plans for future of planning across the borough. Many residents have views about how this should apply in our area...
The questionnaire on page 19 is a chance to tell us what you think.

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 a number of volunteers. If you would like to help, in particular with distribution, please contact our Chairman.

AND FINALLY....

We should like to take the opportunity of thanking Fidelity Investment Management for their assistance in the printing of your Residents' Association's newsletter *Village News*.

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council report

Dear Residents

This year we have been very lucky with the weather. Last year the clearing up process cost you a great deal of money and despair for many residents. Let's hope we get through the rest of the winter/spring without the same problems.

Our roads are not as we would wish them, and I spend a great deal of time driving over potholes and making a note of where they are. Surrey County Councillors Bob Gardner and Mike Gosling are fully aware of the problems and try to improve the spend in this part of the world, but the County Council can't spread its money everywhere, so please be understanding and tolerant.

We really do have choices, more school places, more care for the frail elderly, or more potholes repaired. My vote is for the school places and better care for the elderly. If any of you feel differently please let me know.

I can assure you that Surrey County Council does not fund 5 minutes care slots. You try getting through the bathroom routine, getting showered, dressed, and having your breakfast. No chance, and I suggest even the fittest of you would be hard put to achieve that.

Our children are our future, and our elderly are our past; without both groups we will become a third-rate country.

We live in a lovely part of the country, and I for one feel privileged to be a Reigate and Banstead resident; I hope that you do too.

If you have specific problems, please do not hesitate to call or email one of our team of local councillors.

We will all do our best to help solve your problems.

Kindest regards



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Surrey County Council report

Dear Residents

I thought rather than tell you all the great things that are going on, it would be also worthwhile telling you a bit about what has been achieved and what work has been done by me as your Surrey County Councillor - so far!

FUNDING SCHEMES

Funding of Village notice board
Funding cycling projects
Funding project Children in Care support
Supporting and funding the Village Fête
Contribution to the Church Hall double-glazing
Funding the cutting back of trees the length of Buckland Road
Funding and installing a pram ramp for the disabled use in Smithy Lane
Funding the Village Shop & Post Office sign
Funding and supporting the Lower Kingswood Bowls Club
Funding Job Clubs
Funding and arranging the British Legion Bench (in Merstham)
Refurbishing the war memorial (in Merstham)

ACTIVITY

Refurbishing the white road lines at the Buckland Road/Stubbs Lane cross roads
Cleaning of blocked drains
Repairing of drain ironwork
Provision of footpath lighting
Road repair schemes
Pothole repairs
Flood restoration
Parking control programmes
Provision of a salt bin A217/Buckland Road
Clearing fallen trees
Road speed limit measurement
Provision of road signs in Babylon Lane
Removal of fly tipping in Green Lane
Panel member of youth programs
Supporting the YMCA
Supporting the Scouts
School traffic calming

COMMITTEES

Panel member Age Concern Surrey
Governor of two Schools
Task Group for Epsom & St Helier Hospital
Task Group for East Surrey Hospital
Task Group for South East Ambulance Authority
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Chair the Impact of Welfare reform scrutiny committee
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Lower Kingswood watch

Welcome to our new Crime and Policing column.

CUT BACKS AFFECT LOCAL POLICING

Government cut backs in public sector spending are already having a real effect on the level of policing throughout Surrey; and there are more cut backs to come.

Kevin Hurley, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Surrey, has recently shelved his plans to hold a County-wide referendum designed to ask Surrey residents if they would pay an extra £1 per week (24%) in Council Tax to fund policing in Surrey.

Although Surrey is one of the safest counties in England, Mr. Hurley says we receive the second lowest level of funding per head of population in the country. He says, budget cuts in Surrey policing will mean fewer officers and staff over the next few years.

In place of his proposed referendum, Mr. Hurley has raised policing costs for Band D Council Tax by 1.99% to £215.89 for 2015/2016.

DAYTIME BURGLARIES

Increasingly, criminals are targeting homes in Lower Kingswood and Tadworth during the afternoon school-run between 2:00pm and 5:30pm. During one afternoon in January there were 5 separate break-ins and Police believe this must have involved more than one person and vehicle.

If you see suspicious vehicles or persons in your street, please do not confront them - but do make a note of vehicle registration numbers and inform the Police by ringing 101. The Police will not make a call out, but they will log the details - which may help with future investigations.

BANK CARD FRAUD

Recently there have been a number of cases where residents are telephoned by someone claiming to be from the Police or a Bank. The caller usually has your name and address and says

there is a security problem with your bank card or credit card. The caller then asks for further bank details or your PIN to confirm your identity. Sometimes the caller suggests sending a courier to collect your bank card.

On other occasions, the caller may suggest sending a courier to help you withdraw cash from a cash point so they can pay it into a more secure account for you.

The Police and Banks, will NEVER telephone you asking for your personal details: the Police don't need them, and your bank will have them already on file. They will NEVER send a courier to your home.

These criminals regularly target the elderly and vulnerable, robbing them their hard earned savings. The Police believe they use the internet and/or telephone directory to collect potential victims' contact details.

Elderly residents in Tadworth, Nork, Banstead, Epsom, Leatherhead and Ashted have been contacted recently. Sadly a man in his 60s from Epsom passed on his bank details and later, around £40,000 was removed from his account.

If you receive a call like this-

- ◆ DO NOT give out any of your details. Ask the caller to write to you instead.
- ◆ Dial 1471 and make a note of the caller's telephone number

Call the Police by dialling 101 and report the incident. Even if you do not give out your bank details, the Police may find the information useful when investigating future crimes.

WELCOME BACK

Lower Kingswood welcomes back PCSO Maureen (Mo) Langley to our district.

Residents' Association Committee report

A Meeting of the Committee took place on Tuesday, 11th November 2014. In addition to Committee members, Councillors Bob Gardner, Simon Parnall & Joan Spiers were in attendance.

Councillor Gardner reported on:

- ◆ Background information regarding a specific planning application.
- ◆ The recent trimming of trees, which had taken place along Buckland Road.
- ◆ It was reported that the on-going defective phasing of the traffic lights (on the southbound A217/Brighton Road) was still giving rise to excessive waiting periods for pedestrians, which was of particular concern to parents taking children to and from Kingswood Primary School. Cllr. Gardner responded that he was aware of the issue and would be dealing with it.
- ◆ The recent encroachment by travellers (and their vehicles) along the road to Fanny's Farm Shop; he added that steps

were being taken to establish ownership of the land as a prelude to enforcement action.

- ◆ In response to a further query regarding yellow lines, Cllr. Gardner stated that all necessary procedures had been followed prior to the creation of the yellow lines.

Councillor Parnall reported on:

- ◆ Investigations being made into the possible replacement of the existing dilapidated garages in Rookery Way by houses.
- ◆ It was reported that a number of property developers had made approaches to residents living in several areas of Lower Kingswood seeking to purchase all or part of their properties for various "infill" developments.

Councillor Spiers reported on:

- ◆ The failure of an appeal that had been made in respect of a specific planning application.

Land and Cities Family Trust

The Old Pheasantry

Merrywood Grove

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During 2014 The Old Pheasantry has been delighted to receive groups of children and young adults who have enjoyed the chance to visit the beautiful surroundings here at Mogador with 2015 set to be busier than ever.

In May 2014 The Old Pheasantry was able to open its doors to keen walkers who ventured along the 'Path of Life', as it is affectionately known (The Pilgrims Way) to reach the house where they were offered refreshments. The support and kind donations received on that occasion were greatly appreciated. It was wonderful to see new faces and together with the kind donations of cakes, all contributed towards a successful day. It is very much hoped to repeat the event during 2015.

The month of June will see the children with their parents and everyone who is involved with 'Shine Surrey', here at the house, who for many years have enjoyed meeting at The Old Pheasantry, relaxing in the garden whilst enjoying a picnic tea. They are truly an inspiring bunch of people.

Also fixed in the diary for 2015 is of course the Village Fête. This is always well worth visit, as the whole village participate and, regardless of the weather, everyone seems to enjoy the oc-

casian. This year, I believe will have a Circus theme, so we better watch out for the usual Clowns!

Sadly the old house and grounds did not survive the winter storms completely. We are currently having essential repairs carried out to the roof. The Trust would like to thank Tresan Roofing for all their efforts in making the building waterproof again. I would also like to thank Ken P for his continued support and help whenever a fallen tree crosses our path.

The Trust has been very lucky in receiving much-needed funds from local sources, in particular, Kingswood Village Hall Trust. In addition to this, the Trust was chosen by Aviva Insurance to receive a small donation. As we look forward to 2015, many thanks to every one who has contributed to the success of The Old Pheasantry during 2014.

Claire Larbey

Manager

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Kingswood Primary School



so far the sports have included dodge ball, hockey and indoor athletics. Recently the school won the local indoor athletics competition and will now go through to the Surrey finals. This is the second time in three years we have progressed to the finals. Earlier in the term, the football team also won the local competition and ended up coming 9th out of 66 schools in the South East. For a small school we seem to be successful at sport and the children certainly enjoy being active.

Later this term the year 6 children will have their final residential trip whilst at the school. The trip gives the children opportunities to speak French in a local market, learn how to make croissants at a local boulangerie and also spend some time at a World War I cemetery,

a visit particularly poignant, as it was 100 years since the start of the Great War last year. In the summer term the year 4 children will go on their first residential trip to an outdoor activity centre in Sussex and year 5 will spend a night camping in teepees close to Headley.

If any member of the local community would be interested in becoming a school governor, please contact the school for more information as we currently have a vacancy.

This term the children have an opportunity to participate in class assemblies, which involves sharing their learning experiences with the whole school and parents. For Chestnut Class, our youngest children, this involved re-telling 'The Gruffalo' story by Julia Donaldson and reading instructions on how to make marmalade sandwiches as their last topic was Paddington! Year 1 also based its assembly on a book, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda Armitage and the children were keen to share their writing, play their recorders and sing some songs. The other classes have hard acts to follow!

On the sporting front the school continues to employ a sports coach to teach PE to the Juniors. We have introduced half termly inter house competitions which the children seem to enjoy and

Duncan Steele
Head-teacher





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The Wisdom of God Church



DO YOU EVER FEEL THAT YOU ARE TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Do you ever feel that you are too small to make a difference or maybe, like me, you get frustrated with the state of things around you – things get under your skin and you feel powerless to change them. I don't know what it is that winds you up – perhaps it's the litter on the streets, graffiti on a park bench, maybe the rush-hour traffic, or perhaps, at a more personal level, it could be a fear of going out after dark, or loneliness and a sense of isolation. Whatever it is, I expect something deep within you cries out, "It doesn't have to be like this!" Even for those of us who lament the pace of change in society around us, the possibility of change is part of the hope we cling to.

That's why television makeover programmes are so popular. Even better that home improvement is the sight of human potential blossoming before our eyes, so whether your family gathered round to watch 'DIY SOS', 'X Factor' or 'The Voice', we tune in hoping to see a fairy tale story of transformation.

At the heart of this desire to see transformation on TV, or in the lives of others, is our need to have hope. Hope is so important to us that a life without the possibility of hope is hardly a life at all. Jesus said he came so that we could have life, and life in all its fullness (John 10.10), and he came to give hope to all. Famously, Jesus spent his time hanging around with those at the edge of society; he preferred to share meal times with the notorious tax collectors and prostitutes rather than the respectable 'in crowd.' He came to give hope to everyone, but perhaps especially to the least, the last and the lost.

What hope means to each of us varies according to our needs. Some of the people I meet in my ministry hope for better relationships at home or at work, others for better health, still others for a new direction. Jesus addressed each of these key areas of life when he was here on earth, but the key to understanding Christian hope is found in the meaning of Easter.

Christians look through the despair and despondency of Jesus' death by crucifixion on Good Friday to the overwhelming joy and hope expressed in His rising to new life on Easter Sunday. As one prayer puts it, "he offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms upon the cross."

Christian hope is sometimes mistaken for a sort of 'pie in the sky when you die' but that's only a small part of the story. The Christian message of hope is rooted in the self-giving, self-

sacrificing nature of its founder Jesus Christ. And all of us who call ourselves Christians and seek to follow him are called to bring hope to individuals and our communities by our self-giving and self-sacrificing.

We are right when our hearts cry out, "Things are not meant to be this way!" There is hope that things can be different, but as hope wells up inside us we need to convert it into action, simple small actions that bring hope to others and to our community. During the seven weeks of Lent, rather than giving something up, why not take up some point of action that will build up the community such as, picking up litter, engaging lonely people in conversation, or volunteering a few hours a week to charity. It's a challenge for each of us to be the change we want to see in our relationships, our communities and our neighbourhoods.

There is hope that things can change for the better, and that hope is contained in the Easter message with its promise of new life for all who seek it. There's a well-known quotation encouraging each of us to make a positive difference where we can, "If you think you are too small to make a difference you have never slept in a room with a mosquito!"

God bless you and give you hope this Easter.

Chris Colton

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Church Hall

It was with great sadness that we said good-bye to Laurie and Marianne Kaye who decided to step down from doing the Church Hall bookings and cleaning in order to enjoy their retirement to the full. We would like to thank them for 8 years of dedicated service, during which time they kept the Church Hall clean and tidy as well as looking after all our regular users and casual hirers with their caring and personal touch. We wish them a happy and relaxed retirement!

We would like to welcome Claire Slee as our new bookings officer and cleaner. Enquiries regarding booking the Hall can now be made through our new church email address of hall@parishofkingswood.org.uk or by calling Claire on 01737-246619.

The Hall is due to be closed for 3 weeks over the forthcoming Easter holidays to carry out essential insulation work on the roof. We are lucky enough to be able to cover the majority of this expense through a grant from The Big Lottery Fund. This is the work that has been held over from last summer. We apologise to all our regular users for any inconvenience, but everyone will benefit from this eco-friendly improvement with a warmer room and lower heating costs.

We are very excited that 'Tumble Tots' are starting a weekly slot on a Monday morning during term time and starting in February. Tumble Tots is the UK's leading physical play programme which covers three different age-groups from babies through to pre-school children. It will not only benefit children in the village but also bring many people to the Hall and village for the first time.

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 until 3:00pm is currently available *at the time of writing*. Otherwise, please remember us when you are next planning a function.

Lower Kingswood

Residents' Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Church Hall, Buckland Road

7:45pm on Wednesday
3rd JUNE 2015

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CAMEO Club

'Come And

Meet Each

Other'

We do not normally meet in January but we tried it this year and had an informal afternoon which proved quite successful.

In February we had a visit from our local County Councillor - Bob Gardner - who gave a very interesting talk on his work in the community and I am sure we all learned things about Surrey we did not know before. An opportunity was also given for questions to be put to him.

In March we will be having another visit from Dennis Sexton who plays the trumpet or should I say 'trumpets' as he has quite a collection of them.

We normally meet at 2:00pm on the second Monday of the month at the Evangelical Church in Smithy Lane, but for April only it will be the third Monday (20th April).

We would be very pleased to see any new members, you will be very welcome.

Lower Kingswood Strollers

The weather was kind to us and we managed a walk in January; a familiar one from Reigate Hill to Colley Hill. As I write this we are expecting to have a walk in February.

We normally walk on the fourth Monday of each month and in March will be meeting at 2:00pm again at the Evangelical Church in Smithy Lane. You are very welcome to join us.

Lower Kingswood Village Fête - 4th May 2015

We are now being told almost daily how many days there are to the General Election – at the time of writing some 70 days! This is really scary as the Lower Kingswood Village Fête will be over and done with before the Election!

However, to bring you up to date we plan to have circus activities in the arena as well as half-hour workshops demonstrating circus skills, and stilt walkers. The Hangar 51 laser game has been booked along with many of the usual activities - candy floss run by Bernice who loves getting covered in a pink spiders web, Dr. Bike, bottle tombola, teas, cakes, burgers, Royal Gurkha, the Owl Man, Pearly King's museum and loads more.

We are now taking bookings for table spaces, which are £15 per table.

If you have an idea of something that would be really fun, good, interesting, do let us know your idea. You can always telephone or email the chairman. We will also need help to deliver programmes, set up on the day, clearing up afterwards. If you are willing to help with anything a phone call or email will be really welcome!

DON'T FORGET THE DATE - MONDAY 4TH MAY!!



Refreshments
Softplay
Dressing Up
Games

Lower Kingswood Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday, 10am - 12noon
The Church Hall, Buckland Road,
Lower Kingswood



E2 entry

Lower Kingswood Toddler Group, situated in the church hall on Buckland Road, is a well-established community run group for parents and carers to take young children to play and socialize - in a warm and friendly environment.

Recently the group has been taken over by new volunteers, Jayde is a local mum of 3 and Lauren is a local nanny, with childcare qualifications and experience working in a busy nursery. New things to look forward to at toddler group include, music, story and song time, arts and crafts, baking, fancy dress and themed weeks. The Toddler Group also offers complimentary tea, coffee, juice and biscuits, as well as a range of speciality teas and coffees, cakes and snacks available for purchase.

Our opening times are 10:00am to 12 noon on Thursdays in term time only. We also ask for a donation of £2.50 per child and 50p per sibling to cover costs. Join our Facebook page for weekly updates.

On behalf of everyone at Toddler Group, we would also like to thank Amanda, Iona and Michelle for running the Toddler Group for past year and a half; you all made it such a lovely place to come and visit every week.

The Courtyard Theatre

CHIPSTEAD PLAYERS 2015 SEASON
Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th April:
'SAY GOODBYE TO SATCHWELL ROAD' (Youth Theatre)
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So far this term we have been on a night walk with Tadworth Guides and our torches; the end result was yummy chips so we all walked fast! We did some homemade Italian cooking and made fresh pasta and pizza dough, with very achy arms afterwards. We spent an evening doing a senses treasure hunt and wide game. The girls recreated ready steady cook, and the green peppers and red tomatoes went head to head to create the best puff pastry! The best evening of the term so far was all things chocolate, the girls created their very own chocolate bar and pitched their ideas to the 'Dragons Den' panel, who all invested a lot of money to either tasty treats.

Do 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.

Kingswood, Walton & Tadworth Horticultural Society

Kingswood, Walton and Tadworth Horticultural Society proudly present their 2015 SPRING SHOW:

Saturday 11th April from 2:00pm to 5:00pm - at the Church Hall, Church of the Good Shepherd, Tadworth - including homemade teas, plants for sale and a raffle.

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Copy of the NGS Leaflet and Fuchsia plug plant Free for members; we welcome new members.

Visit our website for more details of the Society and all our events: www.kwthortsoc.co.uk

Kingswood Parish Events Committee

Our next outing is planned for Thursday 7th May and will take us to the southeast corner of Kent for a tour of the famous medieval churches scattered around Romney Marsh. We shall start our visit with morning coffee at the Rose & Crown Inn, in Old Romney, before being taken on a guided tour of two of the churches. We shall then come back to the Rose & Crown for a ploughman's lunch, after which we plan to visit two more churches. Our tour will conclude at Brookland, where an excellent afternoon tea will be provided for us by the local W.I. We should be ready to set off for home by 5:00pm and expect to be back by 6:45-7:00pm.

The price of the outing, to include the coach fare, guided tour, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, is £44 per person.

The coach will leave from St. Andrew's Church, in Kingswood, at 8:15 a.m. and from the bus stop near the the Fox on the Hill, in Lower Kingswood, soon afterwards.

We are keen to stress that these trips are open to everybody in our area and that you don't have to be connected in any way to our two churches in Kingswood in order to join us, and hopefully enjoy yourselves!

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We continue to retain healthy numbers in all three sections - Beavers (6 - 8 years) and Cubs (8 - 10½ years) and Scouts (10 ½ to 14 ½). The latter we run as a combined section with colleagues from Chipstead. Both Beavers and Cubs are at maximum capacity with short waiting lists. We run a widely balanced programme of fun activities with strong values delivered via an ordered array of badges.

The Beavers have been making cakes, experimenting with helicopters and tried to compete with Robbie Burns with poems and a haggis on Burns Night. They have planted bulbs and are awaiting the growing results!

The Cubs have been working towards an international challenge with various activities themed around the Far East including Japanese games, words and culture and the Chinese New Year. The Scout Association has published a whole raft of supporting material along Japanese themes in anticipation of the forthcoming Scout jamboree in Japan.

The Scouts also have indulged in several Japanese topics.

They have had Taekwondo experiences and tried Japanese crafts and lead casting. Additionally they have been working towards their promise challenge and astronautics badges

The Group held three pre-Christmas events:

- ◆ The Cubs went carol singing for the elderly at Furze Hill in Kingswood, which was much appreciated by the residents.
- ◆ We had a local Christmas tree sale at Kingswood Primary School. This was a modest success with local delivery offered. We may repeat this exercise in future years if the demand is there.
- ◆ We offered a Christmas post service to the whole village for cards to be delivered within Lower Kingswood and Mogador for a suggested 30p donation. Sadly many people in the village did not take this up so we are unlikely to repeat the exercise.

Geoff Dunstan

(Group Scout Leader)

Monthly Coffee Circle

The Monthly Coffee circle set up by a group from the Wisdom of God church six months ago continues to be well supported and enjoyed by a regular group of villagers both ladies and gentlemen! Whether it is the allure of free homemade cakes, coffee and tea or just a chance to sit and catch up with friends old and new in the Church Hall it is good to see this new venture continuing to appeal to many people.

Due to the popularity of bookings in the Church Hall we will continue to meet in the first week of every month but from March this will move to a Wednesday morning at 10:30am to 12 noon.

So if you or any of your neighbours would like to come and join us we would look forward to seeing you.

Dates for 2015 are as follows:

Wednesday 1st April

Wednesday 6th May

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At about 10:45am we all stop for Story Time, where we listen to a true story from the Bible being re-told. **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 on Smithy Lane – you will be sure of a warm welcome.

Are you registered to vote?

With only a matter of weeks before voters go to the polls to elect your Member of Parliament and local Councillor(s), if you're not registered you may lose your opportunity to vote.

REGISTER ONLINE

It's quick and easy to register online at: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

The way we all register to vote changed last year. Now individuals are responsible for registering themselves; apart from the obvious name and address details, the only additional information required for registering online is the individual's date of birth and National Insurance number.

The Council has already written to all households in the Borough with details of those currently on the electoral register; anyone living at the address, but whose name is not included, should register to vote as soon as possible.

DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE

John Jory, Electoral Registration Officer, has said: "Anyone not yet registered to vote should do so as soon as possible to be able to have their say on issues that affect their lives and who represents them. It only takes a few minutes to complete the form online."

The deadline for receiving applications for registration is Monday 20th April – and a day later for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications (and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes).

CONTACT

Electoral Registration Officer
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Castlefield Road
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Surrey
RH2 0SH
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Banstead History Centre

Another postcard from the collection held by the Banstead History Centre at Banstead Library.

This one dates from the mid-1930s and shows the junction of the London Road with the then named Buckland Lane and Smithy Road!

The Fox Hotel is still clearly recognisable, but note the absence of much in the way of traffic!!

Business Directory

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