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Chairman's Report to Residents



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Welcome to our Winter 2009 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. Please remember that, without the continuing support of local residents, our local businesses – both old and new – may find it difficult to survive.

COUNCILLORS' & POLICE SURGERY

There were a considerable number of residents who attended the Surgery held on 14th November but, unfortunately, due to last minute illnesses and medical issues, only one of our Borough Councillors was able to attend. We should like to offer our thanks to Councillor Ros Mill for braving the inclement weather and dealing with the issues raised by residents. We will be scheduling the next Surgeries at some time during May & November 2010 when hopefully we will have a full complement of Councillors and Police representatives.

KEEP LOWER KINGSWOOD TIDY

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

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

We have also had a few reports of areas within the Recreation Ground being used as a public toilet; any such anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police.

POLICE NEWS

We are fortunate that instances of criminal activity within Lower Kingswood remain low; but that is not

to say we should be complacent.

Our local officers (PC Ed Ferris & PCSO Laura Nolan) have stressed the importance of reporting all crimes to the Police as that may well help them build up a case against those responsible. This even includes instances of break-ins to outbuildings. **Don't forget, ANY suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, should also be reported to the Police.**

RECYCLING BLUEPRINT

Within the Reigate & Banstead Borough Council area some 40% of waste is currently recycled but, because the UK Landfill Tax is increasing year on year and there is only a limited amount of landfill capacity available to Surrey County Council, the Borough Council has set a target of 60% of waste being recycled.

The Borough Council has set out to seek the views of residents by devising a 'Recycling Blueprint' and there is an online survey available for completion from their website; alternatively your views can be sent to Catherine McDermott, Community Liaison, Town Hall, Reigate, RH2 0SH; but in any event your comments must be made before 13th January 2010.

VILLAGE NEWS

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

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We would also like to acknowledge the continued support of Fidelity Investment Services.

AND FINALLY

Whatever our beliefs, Christmas gives us all an opportunity to reflect on its true meaning and also to take the time to think of family & friends as well as those less fortunate than ourselves. On behalf of the Committee of the Residents' Association, we should like to take this opportunity of wishing all Lower Kingswood residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Surrey Police report



It has been a fairly low crime build up to Christmas. We have however seen an increase in certain crime types. There has been an increase in theft of vehicle number plates in the Buckland Road, Green Lane, Josephine Avenue & Rookery Way areas of Lower Kingswood. These in many cases have been used a short time later to take petrol from nearby petrol stations without paying for it. We

have made an arrest recently and are continuing to monitor the persons suspected to be committing these offences. We urge residents to secure their number plates with 'anti theft screws'. These are special screws designed to be only turned on in one direction (screwed in) and cannot be unscrewed without a special tool. They will make it harder for and likely put off, prospective thieves. They are available at local police stations and local auto/car parts stores.

Also we plead with residents that they check and check again that their vehicles are locked and secured when they leave them unattended. Insecure vehicle theft is one of our highest occurring offences and can be easily prevented.

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

Please do report ALL instances of vehicle crime or attempted crime - we need to keep good records of offences so we can plan to target the area and the correct times of day.

We always see a slight increase in burglary offences in the lead up to Christmas. Don't let them get away with it.

Keep expensive items out of sight
Lock back doors even when you're in the house
Keep keys away from front doors and out of sight

You can contact your local officers through the Surrey Police website www.surrey.police.uk or on 0845-125-2222 for non emergencies and their telephone contact details and areas covered can be found on the website also.

Thanks and have a good Christmas.

PC 3029 Ed Ferris
Tadworth Village, Walton, Kingswood, Lower Kingswood,
Hooley & Netherne Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO)
Banstead Police Station
OWE 157613
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Neighbourhood Team EXT 39707 or website
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BURGLARIES IN THE AREA

There has been a recent increase in the number of burglaries north of the M25. It is imperative that you remove all valuable items from view of windows and doors. In particular car keys,

house keys, laptops, handbags, wallets & purses. These are items that are currently favoured by thieves as they are easily carried away from a property. House and car keys which are left by doors or windows are being targeted. Burglars are using rods to place through the letterbox and remove keys, in particular car keys which are then used to drive away with your vehicle. It is advised that you take all house and car keys along with handbags and wallets upstairs with you at night.



CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Doors and Windows – If your front and back doors are not secure, neither is your home. Keep them locked even when you are at home. Fit five lever mortise locks, plus a rim lock to all external doors, including French Doors. They make it harder **for a burglar to get out again. Don't leave the key near or in the door or in an obvious place.**

Letterbox cages – These are ideal to fit to prevent any objects being put through the letterbox to remove keys or even try and open the door.

Outdoor Lighting – Dusk to dawn lighting is low energy lighting which only comes on when it is dark. Place lighting in areas which are secluded around your property, include one at the front and rear of the property.

Garden gates – Prevent intruders from getting to the back and sides of your home by installing strong fencing and gates. Fit a strong lockable gate to prevent any access to the rear of your property. It is advised to make use of planting thorny scrubs; this can be off putting for burglars.

Garages and sheds – garages and sheds contain a number of tools, which can be used to break entry to the house. Never leave a garage or shed unlocked. Fit strong padlocks to shed and garage doors and make sure they are strong enough to prevent them from being kicked in.

Ladders – Never leave ladders insecure around your property. These are easily used to gain access to the upstairs of your house. Secure these in a garage or shed, if these are not available to you then secure them to an outside wall using a sturdy bracket and a padlock and chain.

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

0800 555 111



If you have a genuine emergency requiring the attendance of the police, such as a crime is in progress or someone is in immediate danger, call:

999

(Minicom users: 01483 539999)

For non-emergency policing matters only, call Surrey Police on:

0845 125 2222

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Perhaps the most successful crime prevention scheme ever conceived Neighbourhood Watch is well established in East Surrey.

However, we are always keen to hear from potential new members in areas not currently covered by the scheme. NHW membership carries numerous benefits. Please contact us for more details.

Editor's Note

Statistics for the area comprising Tadworth, Walton, Kingswood, Lower Kingswood, Hooley & Netherne covering the 3 months August to October 2009 with the same period in 2008 show an average decrease of 17.4% and whilst most types of crime have decreased there have been increases in vehicle crime (28.6%) and anti-social behaviour (42.7%). Full details of the crime statistics can be found on the Surrey Police website. However, comments from our local police officers indicate that Lower Kingswood itself continues to have relatively low levels of reported crime. Nevertheless you should notify Surrey Police immediately of any suspicious callers or people loitering in your area, any unfamiliar vehicles, or any suspicious activity at neighbouring properties.

Street surgeries are planned to be held outside Kingswood Primary School, Buckland Road on Wednesday 20th January and Wednesday 17th February (from 3:00pm to 3:30pm on both dates).



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Reigate & Banstead Borough Council reports

FACING UP TO DIFFICULT TIMES

Life goes on despite the recession, and we at the Town Hall are fully aware of how much some residents are feeling the squeeze. We have taken some draconian measures this year, to try to save money whilst leaving our services at a high level of efficiency

In order to get a 0% rise in the rate of Council Tax we have had to save £1.7million. We are still £270,000 short of that target, but we will reach it. This is on top of saving £8million in the last 5 years.

This time we have looked at each department again post by post with the Director and Portfolio holder. Some staff have been made redundant, others have retired, temporary staff, unless they are essential have not been re-employed. All staff from the Directors down have had a salary freeze, and some extras, such as free parking have been removed. Our Directors have voluntarily given up their bonus. All staff members were seen by their Directors and I have been told that most staff would rather keep their jobs and not get a pay rise.

Councillors have also, of course, had their allowances frozen and are expected to do more for less.

Next year we shall be trialling our Recycling blueprint and, as you requested, collecting more from the door. You will be kept fully informed and supplied with recycling bins and boxes.

KITCHEN WASTE WILL CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED WEEKLY. I know this is something that has concerned some of you.

The new rounds for collection of waste & recycling have gone extremely well, with very few complaints or missed bins. This is I think because of the enormous publicity campaign that we had before it began. Some of you thought that it was a waste of money, but we have had so few calls that the three people allocated to deal with the problems which might arise has been reduced to one. Restructuring the rounds has saved us one whole round and a lot of money

Waitrose in Banstead has reopened after just a year, thanks to superb working with Waitrose and our Borough planners. Asda has made an application to expand its store, and although we have some problems with it I am expecting it to increase its size which will be good for all for us. More jobs, more choice for products.

Michael Gosling your Surrey County Councillor has continued his co-operation with us with regard to roads, potholes and flooding. He has budgetary constraints similar to ours, but he does his very best.

Please do not hesitate to telephone or e mail us if you have anything worrying you.

We wish you good health for the New Year.

Best wishes from your Borough Councillors, Ros Mill, Joan Spiers, Julie Tomlinson.

Joan Spiers

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Editor's note:

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council has published its 'Recycling Blueprint' for consultation and there is an online survey which can be completed - these can be viewed on the Borough Council website. The main proposals are as follows:

weekly food waste collection – a specially designed locking food caddy (plus a small caddy for kitchen)

weekly cans and plastic bottles collection (55 litre box)

weekly paper and card collection (55 litre box)

weekly mixed glass bottles and jars collection (44 litre box)

alternate weekly residual waste collection – wheeled bin

organic garden waste collection (fortnightly subscription service)

The online survey is open until 13th January 2010 and if you want to express your views you therefore only have a few weeks to make your opinions known.

Well the winter weather is closing in with the darker start to the day and the same for the early evenings, so we all need to stay very aware when leaving our homes and our cars - so please lock up. The Surrey Police team have been with us all the way with cracking down on crime and being there at our regular Street Surgeries which take place outside Kingswood Primary School in Buckland Road. We welcome your response to any concerns you may have.

I wish to thank Kingswood Primary School for putting yet another fantastic firework display as always it was well organized and went off with a BANG! also thanks go to our local PCSO Laura Nolan for finding time to pop along as well.

I would also like to add that I am aware that there is an ongoing problem with the parking when parents are dropping and picking up their children from school, so I have been working with the Police and highways to see how we can resolve this problem, I will keep you posted.

With the recession still hitting hard and with Christmas fast approaching I don't need to remind you all to keep safe, lock up and don't leave anything in view to temptation.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Julie Tomlinson

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Kingswood Primary School



funded by the FPTA. It is a memorial to one of our pupils, Jasmine Mahoney, who sadly died last year. Both her parents and sister were able to attend the ceremony along with some children, staff and parents from the school. It has been named 'Jasmine's outdoor classroom'.

The school is involved in an international schools' project and as part of this, Jen Hills, along with teachers from Shawley and Epsom Downs Primary School spent 10 days in Malawi. She visited different primary schools and spent time with teachers discussing how we can sustain links and build communications between our countries. On her return to school, she led an assembly and showed a video to the children of her experiences. She is now planning on carrying out some further work so children can learn more about life in a Malawian school.

The first term is now drawing to a close and as usual lots has been happening.

Our Reception children, who started in September, have settled so well into school life and are always busy in their classroom.

A number of trips have taken place this term including Year 6 **visiting France**. This year the children's work was focused more on the Etaples War Memorial. Once back in school, the children were able to research soldiers who had lost their lives in World War I and then they helped put together an assembly for Remembrance Day.

Years 3 and 4 have been busy planting a variety of plants and vegetables in our new garden area in the school. The hope is that we will have vegetables to use during cookery as well as colourful flower beds.

We opened our new outdoor classroom in November which was

Recently there have been a number of requests to hire the school hall for different functions. If you would be interested in this, please contact Megan Jones who works in the school office. The school is also considering the possibility of running some computer courses for a small charge which would be open to the local community. If you would be interested in improving your computer skills please contact the school.

I hope everyone has a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Duncan Steele
Headteacher



Lower Kingswood Village Fête

The first meeting for the 2010 Lower Kingswood Village Fête committee has taken place. Claire Larbey was voted in as the new Fête Chairman. The Committee thanked Polly Neath for her hard work as the Chairman of the 2009 Fête.

Several attractions were already planned, as they had asked to be included in the next Fête. Gill Utting agreed to be Booking Secretary. There were several new faces at the meeting, which was nice to see.

The date for the 2010 Fête will be on Monday 3rd May.

The date had been widely debated, but was still felt to be the most suitable; as it seemed that there was always something else on other weekends.

The date for the next meeting has been confirmed as Tuesday 12th January.



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LOWER KINGSWOOD BOWLS CLUB



Well, another outdoor bowling season has come and gone all too quickly & we were fortunate enough to enjoy some glorious weather.

Our Presentation Evening took place on 8th November at the Reigate Hill Golf Club We were wined & dined in excellent surroundings & all members appeared to have a very enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to all the winners, especially the Club Champions for the 2009 Season

Ladies: **Barbara Webb-Jones**

Men: **Peter Andrews**

The 'John Boulton Trophy' was presented to: **Alan Webb-Jones**

Race Night - Back by Popular Demand!!

We are planning to hold another Race Night at the Lower Kingswood Social Club in Buckland Road

Saturday 30th January 2010

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For further details please contact:
our President or Club Captain

1st Lower Kingswood Brownies

The Brownies have had a busy Autumn Term which started with a performance of the G.R.O.T.s (Get Rid of That), a short play about recycling and the environment as well as competing in the Kingswood District Swimming Gala. All the Brownies did excellently and were very proud to come joint 2nd. Halloween was celebrated by carving pumpkins and getting very wet apple bobbing. At the beginning of November we were lucky enough to have our own campfire at The Old Pheasantry where the Brownies sang traditional campfire songs and took a walk around the grounds by torchlight.

As always, many of the activities involve working towards Brownies badges and this term sees the Brownies working towards their Adventure 100 badge, in line with the Guiding Centenary Celebrations, as well as their Stargazer badge. The term will end with a special Panto treat at The Harlequin Theatre which is a reward for the Brownies participation in the 2009 Fete.

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



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Signs of God in Answered Prayer

Dear Friends,

One question we may ask is: "Why does not God make his presence more felt?" At times it seems that God is far away, or even not there at all. However the Bible makes it clear that if we seek Him, then He will be found, and often we actually do try to find him only when things are tough. It has been said that if God is far away from us, guess who moved? When we move back towards God, such as when we try to help others, then we find prayers are answered and His presence felt. Recently the parish was able to pay for a lorry load of cement for the building of St. Patrick's hospital by the Church in Central Zimbabwe. The money was paid over only to go missing and seemed to be lost forever, yet after prayer, and months later when things there were very tough indeed, a lorry load of cement arrived out of the blue so now the building is nearly completed! Such events encourage us to know that God is not absent but alive and at work, and also they encourage us to keep praying!

I wish you every blessing,

Garth Barber,

Vicar, St. Andrews with the Wisdom of God.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

You will find details of all our Parish Seasonal Services in the Christmas Card being delivered to your door.

Into 2010....

Christingle Children's Party
Christingle service at 3:00pm on Sunday 3rd January at the Wisdom of God Church, followed by a **Children's Party and Tea.**

Confirmation Service

Led by the **Bishop of Southwark, Tom Butler**, in **St Andrew's Church** at 6:30pm on **Sunday 17th January.**

Churches Together – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 24th January 24 at **St Mary's Church, Headley**, at **6:30pm.** Refreshments will follow.

Ash Wednesday Services **17th February**

10:00am and 8:00pm with Ashing in St Andrew's

Lent Lunches

Lent Study Groups

Women's World Day of Prayer **Friday 6th March**

St Peter's Church, Walton on the Hill

Senspiration! - the Gospel in song

Saturday 13th March at 7:00pm in the Wisdom of God Church

A group of interdenominational mixed voice Christians, present the gospel in different styles of music. Do come.

Mothering Sunday Family Worship **Sunday 14th March**

9.30am at The Wisdom of God;
11:00am at St Andrew's

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



Church Hall

The Church Hall has been very grateful to the Youth Offending Team for painting the two side rooms, front of stage and the kitchen. They also did some work in the Church Hall grounds and the Church grounds. We are also grateful to the Village Trust for their help with funding for the new loft ladder. The Hall stores equipment for the Village Fête and the wooden ladder had become unsafe after many years of use. We now hope that it will be a safe access for adults to use.

The Hall has seen a problem with the litterbin outside the Hall, by the notice board, as someone has been using it to dump household rubbish. This has resulted in a notice being placed on the bin with a warning of fines. Please do not use it for anything except tins, paper rubbish, sweet wrappers etc, as the Hall could not pay the fine of £50 a time. We are a team of volunteers on the committee and do try to keep cost down by doing many jobs ourselves; thank you for your assistance with this problem.

The Hall continues to be used for a wide variety of groups, and is available for weekend parties etc. Again we thank those who use it and take care when using it.

Thanks to the Committee and their continuing support. We are also grateful to Ian Parfitt for his help in solving unexpected problems at short notice.

Laurie & Marianne Kaye are the booking secretaries and can be contacted for further information on 01737-832848.

Lower Kingswood Evangelical Church

The past 18 months have seen many changes at 47 Smithy Lane, especially the opening of the new Church premises and the appointment of James Murkett as our new Pastor. In between there was a great deal of activity on the site as the finishing touches were put to the premises, including the refurbishment of the “old” building to a standard comparable to the “new” premises.

These are the visible and most obvious changes, but there have been other and more subtle changes going back to 2007, when we learned that Tollgate Evangelical Church had devoted their annual “Awayday” to considering how they could support the work in Lower Kingswood more substantially than simply sharing their Pastor with us as our Moderator. From that point onwards, the relationship between the two Churches grew, to the extent that in 2008 both Churches committed to a shared “development plan”, as part of which James Murkett was appointed by both Churches to work primarily at Lower Kingswood but also at Tollgate.

There has been a slight increase in average congregations, but we are still a small Church, perhaps still reeling at the rapid changes we have seen. We recognise that most of this would not have hap-

pened – humanly speaking – without the involvement of Tollgate Evangelical Church. But a church is not merely a human group; **God is involved.** Tollgate’s commitment to Lower Kingswood arose not merely out of sympathy, but because they were convinced that the teaching of the Bible and the example of Churches in the New Testament required them to offer support to another Church if they were able to do so.

We believe that we find in the Bible principles on which life should be based, both individually and corporately. Recent developments in Smithy Lane are an example of what happens when Churches seek to put those principles into practice. There has not been a great deal of fuss, but the outcome so far is there for all to see. What next? The future has not yet been written, but we would be glad if you were to become part of it.

We are here to share the Good News of the Christian Gospel through what we say and do. If we can be of help to anyone, why not come to one of the services or contact us through the website www.lkec.org.uk?

CAMEO Club—‘Come And Meet Each Other’

Come And Meet Each Other meets on the second Monday of each month at 2:00pm in the Evangelical Free Church in Smithy Lane.

At the October meeting we all enjoyed the visit of Christina Ward who entertained us with songs, recitations and a piano selection. This year our members brought along a total of 47 Christmas shoeboxes ‘Joy in a Box’ for the Romania Aid Foundation charity. Some members gave monetary gifts which in total amounted to over £100. These boxes and gifts are now on their way to Romania. On 9th Novem-

ber we all enjoyed the return visit of the R.N.I.B choir from Redhill. The choir sang many old popular songs, which the members sang to. Derek, the choir pianist, played brilliantly and the choir sang superbly; a really wonderful afternoon. The December meeting was our ‘Christmas Special’ when we had once again the very popular David Battley singing western style.

We do not meet in January but restart on 8th February 2010 when we have booked a representative from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to tell us of their

work.

Our numbers are continually increasing; if you also would like to come along please contact us for more information. We welcome both men and women of all age groups to our informal meetings, which finish with a light tea followed by a short epilogue. If you are looking to make new friends or renew old acquaintances this is the meeting for you.

Lower Kingswood Strollers

As the last issue of ‘Village News’ went to press, we were anticipating the “August Special”. This year we went to the Isle of Wight – on Bookham Common. We had not realised there were two of them and, to be fair, we saw nothing like the real thing! This was the first time we had ventured onto Bookham Common and 8 of us enjoyed a delightful wander through summer woodlands and around depleted ponds. The welcome cup of tea was at the home of two of our number who are rarely able now actually to stroll – but once a stroller always a stroller!

September saw us start from the Evangelical Church site for a change, heading South along the A217 before taking the footpath from opposite Stubbs Lane towards Grubb Wood and then through Mugswell before returning across Gatwick Farm land to Green Lane. It was only later that we discovered that we had actually covered about 3 miles – 50% more than our usual distance. In the process we discovered some different views of the outskirts of Lower Kingswood and benefitted from some recollections of childhood adventures along the same footpaths: quite a few trees were significantly larger than remembered!

Totally new territory was tackled in October when we had an in-

triguing excursion through the woodland alongside the Reigate and Brighton Roads. It was amazing how quiet the woods were despite the nearness of two very busy roads. Also surprising was the fact that 2 miles of footpath lurked in what we thought was a relatively small plot of land. Having started at the Western end of the ASDA car park, we crossed the A240 onto a footpath leading to Chetwode Road before venturing onto Burgh Heath proper. Chetwode apparently combines ancient British and Anglo-Saxon words for “woodland”, and literally means “Wood wood”! Just before the A217 a sharp left turn brought us to the Burgh Heath junction, and a footpath leading north behind the garage brought us to a BMX bike enclosure. None of us had been aware of it before – we should have brought our bikes!

Winter wanders beckon, weather permitting, and we would be glad to welcome anyone who would like to share some gentle exercise in this beautiful part of the world. We usually meet at about 2:00pm. on the fourth Monday each month.

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Kingswood W.I.

The AGM of Kingswood W.I. began with a rousing singing of 'Jerusalem'. The minutes of the October meeting were read and the reports of the year were given. It was a good reminder of all the fun and interest we have had, with speakers ranging from "Fanny" from the farm shop, reflexology, police dog training, Fair Trade talks and much more.

Thanks must go to Marion Beisiegel who keeps our accounts in immaculate order and our funds are well in the black; thank you to all those members who held garden parties and tea parties which raised over £700 this year.

A new committee has been voted in and a vote of thanks was given to the outgoing committee for all their hard work this year.

Although a small W.I. we continue with new interests and meet for play reading, craft, hand-bell ringing, rambling and much more besides. Why not join us every 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Church Hall, Buckland Rd, Lower Kingswood at 2:15pm.

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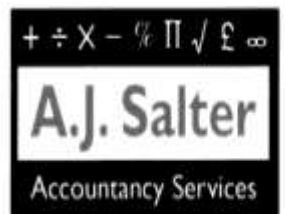
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9th Reigate Scout Group

Lower Kingswood



In previous newsletters you will have seen articles asking for adult volunteers to help run Beavers, Cubs or Scouts in our active and thriving Scout Group. This winter we are running a major recruitment campaign to find new local people to help us. You may have seen these articles, and thought that it might be good to help the young people of the village - but never quite got around to making contact. So read on...

For a more positive future that will leave you beaming with a great sense of achievement, work with young people ... Join the Adventure...

Over 400,000 young people enjoy Scouting every single week. Whether it's a six-year-old Beaver Scout taking their first steps on a rotating climbing wall or a 20-year-old Scout Network member becoming the youngest Briton to climb the highest mountain in each continent, Scouting helps young people to reach their full potential. But there are still some 30,000 girls and boys on our waiting lists due to a shortage of adult volunteers. With your help, we can help inspire more leaders of the future.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERS

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS

Scouting simply would not exist without the skills and enthusiasm of thousands of our adult helpers. Whether you can spare two hours a week or a day a month, we need instructors, treasurers, administrators and people to help out at meetings. The most important thing to remember is that everyone has something to offer. And no matter how much time you can spare, there is a role to suit everyone in Scouting.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRUSTEES

Parents place a huge amount of trust in us; because we have a duty to protect the children in our care we make sure that Scouting is safe as well as enjoyable. We also have a duty to ensure that large financial resources and property are administered properly. It is therefore essential that we have responsible individuals who can help us maintain our high standards.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEER MANAGERS

With your excellent organisational skills and ability to motivate teams of adults, you are the sort of person we need to oversee the work of adult volunteers. You will also be out and about visiting Scouting as it happens in Meeting Places, at camps, activity centres and plenty of other places besides.

WHAT YOU'LL GET OUT OF IT...

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

OUR SCOUT GROUP...

We are 9th Reigate (Lower Kingswood) Scout Group, part of Reigate Scout District, within the Scout County of Surrey. We are the local village group based in the wooden Scout Hut next to the Church Hall in Buckland Road. Our Scout Group was formed over 70 years ago, and continues to grow and flourish. All members of our Group wear a royal blue scarf as part of our uniform.

THE SECTIONS...

Each Section covers a particular age group and it's up to you which one you work with.



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SCOUTS are aged 10½ upwards. Our Scout Troop meets Friday evenings at 7:30pm

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

Contact:

Mike Buzwell Group Scout Leader - 9th Reigate (Lower Kingswood) Scout Group

Telephone: 0844-414-2215

or email: Scouts9thReigate@live.co.uk

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