



Village News

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Chairman's Report

I had hoped to begin this report with an update for residents on the questions outlined in the last newsletter. These have been shared with Reigate and Banstead Council, but unfortunately, we haven't been able to move forward as the meeting to discuss them had to be postponed. Hopefully, it will be rescheduled, and I can update everyone on the council's response.

As I write this update, members of the Lower Kingswood Residents Association spent the previous weekend putting up Poppies in our area; I hope residents enjoy them and pause to think for a second what they represent. We laid a wreath on behalf of our residents at the Remembrance Sunday parade in Banstead. We understand it was well attended with an increasing number of young people attending. Whilst putting up the poppies, we saw the beauty of our area and some of the challenges. Litter was the first thing I noticed. Our local litter pickers do a fantastic job. I can only empathise with their frustration that as soon as they clear an area, some



thoughtless individuals discard their rubbish rather than keep it, take it home or dispose of it responsibly; all I can do is plead with residents and others to please be responsible. It is an issue we will continue to raise with the relevant authorities. Next, we noticed the overgrown hedgerow along the A217, which currently obscures and damages vital road signs and street lights. Other things that caught our eye were our roads deteriorating condition and the drainage systems inadequacies. This reminded me that Rebecca Paul, one of our local County Councillors, recently raised a petition suggesting an improved formula of central government funding to maintain and improve our road network; I know she handed it to No 10. Hopefully, they will respond to it positively, as it is a topic that impacts residents in Lower Kingswood and beyond. I know other Resident Associations have similar concerns. Maybe together, we can keep these issues at the forefront of local and central governments' minds.

On a more positive note, we are moving quickly towards Christmas, and the LKRA is planning to repeat last year's display of four Christmas trees. If anyone has any outdoor lights or decorations they want to donate, don't hesitate to contact me or any of our committee members. For those who wish to attend the Tadworth and Walton Christmas lights, they will be turning them on, on the 2nd of December at 4pm outside the shops in Station Approach, with many activities taking place during the afternoon and evening.

We understand residents are having issues with paying for carparking at the Horseshoe in Banstead, be assured our councillors are liaising with the company concerned to make the system more user friendly.

Lower Kingswood Residents' Association

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The 9th Reigate Beavers have another exciting programme planned and we welcomed several new Beavers into the Group. To celebrate Diwali they were able to make simple lanterns using jam jars and coloured paper.

Both Beavers and Cubs also had a wonderful Muai Thai (Kick Boxing) introductory demonstration which was thoroughly entertaining to watch and they got to try out some gentle moves.

Most recently the Cubs have been doing Fire Safety awareness in preparation for this time of year. They are looking forward to the very exciting participation in Scram 2023, 17 June at Hook Road Arena in Epsom.

We are always looking for volunteers to support the Group, not only with the scheduled meetings and activities but also for skilled assistance in the ongoing Scout Hut maintenance from time to time. If any one wishes to come forward to help us continue with our wide-ranging agenda with our young people please do not hesitate to step forward.

We continue to enjoy the Youth Shaped initiative within our Group which encourages our young people to gain confidence and learn leadership skills. Due to the previous success of supplying Christmas Trees to our community and beyond we intend to continue with this initiative this year so please watch out for the advertising and book online.

If you have children and young people who would like to join in the adventures...

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Thursdays 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Claire Butler 07711 574184

Scouts and Adults (10½ - 14 years)

Fridays 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Alan Slee 07555 710210




Scouts
9th Reigate
(Lower Kingswood)

Locally grown Christmas Trees

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Thank you for delivering us our beautiful tree with perfect top - Sue, Mogador*



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Please visit 9threigate.org.uk/shop to order your Christmas Tree and sundry items.

All prices include free local delivery or pick up from The Ron Stoneman Scout Hut from 2nd December.

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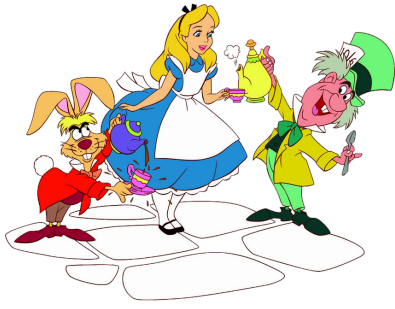
Selection of trees to view on 3rd December at Kingswood Primary School Christmas Fair, Buckland Road, KT20 7EA 10am-2pm

LKRA Newsbites

Defibrillators

We have found that our 2 defibrillators that are located at the Church Hall, Buckland Road and the Baptist Church, Smithy Lane will need their batteries replaced shortly. Each battery will cost in the region of £160 to replace. We wonder if any local company would be interested in buying one of these for the village in exchange for a free quarter page advert in the newsletter for a year (4) issues?





LOWER KINGSWOOD VILLAGE FÊTE **1st May, 2023 1.30-4.30 pm.** **in the Recreation Ground**



The Fête Committee have now met twice but due to the Coronation we were very much in limbo as to whether the first Bank Holiday in May would be moved until after the Coronation. But now with the announcement just a few days ago that we would have an additional Bank Holiday this made things clear and easy for us to get going with booking activities.



We have a wonderful theme for 2023

Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

So shall we all dress as Alice, rabbits, hares and have tea underground? Well you will have to come and see! You can also come along and help with this special fun day for our wonderful village community.



In case newcomers to the village are unsure about the Fête, let us tell you about it. All the local groups help plan with ideas and suggestions run a stall or games and help with putting the day together (and dismantling it!) and when all general expenses have been paid, the profit is divided up equally between the groups to help with their expenses for the following year. It is FUN, so why not get involved, give us a call and offer to join in? If you would like to do that please ring the Admin Team on 833237 or 832654 and you won't regret it!



Lower Kingswood Baby and Toddler Group

Parents, carers and childminders in the Lower Kingswood and surrounding area can come together with their children to socialise, chat and make friends at the Church Hall on Buckland Road. Led by volunteers, Lyn and Chris, Lower Kingswood Baby and Toddler Group provides a fun, safe space for children to play and develop with a host of toys and activities. Each week we have a different arts and crafts activity for the children to participate in, we also do messy play activities, big play cars and we have a bouncy castle which is a particular favourite for our mascot, Claude the Dinosaur.



We are open every Thursday morning during termtime from 10am until 11.30am. we charge £3 per family and offer tea and coffee for the grown-ups. There is parking on site, disabled access and somewhere to park your buggies if you are within walking distance.

You can find us on Facebook by looking up: Lower Kingswood Baby and Toddler Group and looking for our dinosaur logo! We can't wait to have you join us!



The Wisdom of God Church



The Humble Candle

Candles might not feature quite so largely in our 21st century lives as they did with our forebears. We're not so dependent on them as they were (although candles are very handy if a power cut comes along!). We're perhaps more used nowadays to seeing them in comedy programmes (did Hyacinth Bouquet's candle-lit suppers ever take place?), and the Two Ronnies' four candles sketch lives on in the memory. We're also used to seeing candles in period costume dramas.

But it's in our church lives that candles play the most important role nowadays - on the altar reminding us that Christ is the light of the world, in memorial candles lit to the memory of loved ones, and we still experience the excited anticipation of a candle light Carol Service.

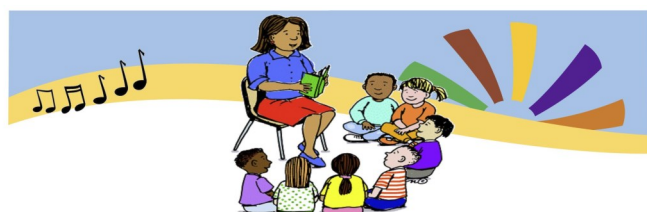
Sometimes when I think of candles, one particular image comes to mind. A picture by a Dutch artist - Gerard von Honthorst - entitled 'Christ before the High Priest.' A marvellous use of light with the High Priest seated at a table on which a single candle burns. A passive Jesus stands the other side - their faces are highlighted - the High Priest wags an admonishing finger at the Christ who gazes serenely down at him. Shadowy officials lurk in the background, foretelling the brutality to come.

The picture is of immense intensity - it draws us into its very substance and immerses us in what's happening. Incredibly, each time I look, although Christ's face hasn't altered, every time I imagine the different thoughts passing between them. Sometimes Jesus seems to be rebuking the High Priest - other times there's immense pity and sorrow in our Lord's gaze. It's absolutely mesmerising

I hope candles will figure in some way in your Christmas & New Year celebrations for which Martin and I would like to send you all our very best wishes as we prepare to welcome the Light of the World once again.

'The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it.' Amazing - all this can be found in a humble candle!

Rev'd. Chris Colton.



Wisdom Stories at Tea Time



A time for all the family to enjoy some action songs, a bible story and some prayers.

**Every Wednesday at 3.30pm
During term time.**

**The Wisdom of God Church,
Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood**

Refreshments supplied.
All welcome

Pick up from Kingswood Primary school available by DBS checked volunteers. Parents can collect from Church at 4.30pm.

Contact: Kate Love 07957 510503. Free of charge.



Monthly Coffee Circle

Wednesday:
7th December
4th January 2023
1st February
1st March
10.30 am - Noon



The Church Hall

Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood

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**Please contact us if you require transport.
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We are also looking for volunteer drivers.

For more information contact Linda 833779.

The Old Pheantry 'Where the Disadvantaged can find their wings'

Did you know that The Old Pheantry was built in 1912, and a 110 years later, it has retained most of the original features. Think Downton Abbey meets Miss Marple!

Its almost 43 years since the Charity moved into the house, and despite the Pandemic and other challenges, the Charity is going from strength to strength.

We have improved the inside of the house for guests and made a lot of changes outside, but there's more to come.

In addition to planting more trees and shrubs around the house and gardens, and having taken advice from Surrey Wildlife Trust and The Woodland Trust, we are planning to turn the disused paddock area between Merrywood Grove and the motorway into a Wildlife area, complete with new pond, re-invigorating the old one, planting a couple of trees and shrubs (well over 200!) and making the stable into a teaching/resource centre, with water collection from the roof for the pond and planting.

We are looking to place new nesting boxes around the site as we hope to encourage far more flora and fauna into our neck of the woods.

Bet you didn't know that there is a tunnel for wildlife under the motorway, which had been blocked off, but we will re-open it next year.

Once complete we hope local residents will come and experience the area, especially children and young adults, whether they are staying in The Old Pheantry, or not. They will be welcome!

If you work with disadvantaged children or adults and you want more information, please visit our new website: <https://theoldpheantry.org.uk>

It's now open with links for more news and updates.

And if its not too early, may the Trustees wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year!

Jeff. Harris/Bob Gardner
Joint Chairmen
Land and City Families Trust

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Newsletter

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The GPs, nurses and staff in general practice are at risk of exposure and if they pick it up, the practice will be short of staff. This puts pressure on the service the practice can provide and their ability to see you.



Girlguiding



Well the weather certainly hasn't helped this last week or two. Firstly the school's firework evening got postponed and then the bonfire the Guides had invited the Brownies to at Crossways Farm. Farmer Richard Kent had generously agreed to having a bonfire on one of his fields and kindly offered two of his staff to build and light the bonfire, provide a truck for seating and all we had to do was turn up and eat bangerinaroll and have a good old camp fire sing song. Sadly we had to change the venue in the morning and we nevertheless had some fun in the church hall. None of the Guides had ever been to camp due to the pandemic so had never had the fun of singing silly songs, whilst some of the Brownies had had a sleepover during the summer holidays and learned a few. We have an electric camp fire which we all sat around, ate our bangers in a bun and the proverbial flapjack and joined in with some rowdy, fun songs led by the enthusiastic Jenny Bass. Some of these were action songs so with two special "B" songs we all got to jumping up and down every time a word beginning with B occurred. One of the "B" songs was Bessie bought a bicycle for Bertha's Baby Boy which on repeating got faster and faster until we collapsed in a heap of laughter.

Come and join us if you'd like to any Friday evening in the Church Hall from 7-9 pm. If you come along soon you could even come to the panto with us!

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Postbox Toppers, Buckland Road

During the last few months we have been very fortunate that our local craft ladies Barbara Foley, Irene Dungavel & Sandra Jones have produced 3 more Postbox Toppers. Making their latest Postbox Topper they were joined by Lynda Trussell who helped to make the poppies. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for producing these amazing works of art. They are much appreciated by everyone. We've heard that there might be another one for Christmas too!



Barbara Foley & Irene Dungavel with their latest Postbox Topper

LKRA Website

The LKRA website is now up and running. As an example of why we encourage residents to access it, we recently posted information on the proposed changes to the parliamentary boundaries; unfortunately, by the time you read this in our quarterly newsletter, the consultation period will be approaching its end. We will post further information on the website to update and encourage you to get involved with local issues affecting us. On the website there are links Santa Run the Rec and the Scout's Christmas trees.

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Kingswood WI

An AGM can be quite a daunting and often boring event, but not in the Kingswood WI. It was a lively and fun afternoon with our President, Secretary and Treasurer skillfully guiding us through the business.

Our members enjoyed hearing about our years' activities, ranging from garden parties to lunches at local pubs, a coach outing, scrabble and card afternoons. The monthly talks were very interesting and varied, with the sixties music afternoon getting the ladies onto the dance floor 

The Bell Team gained honours and a cup at the Reigate Music Festival and three members sang with the Surrey Serenaders Choir at the Dorking Halls in October.

Sharon, a member, gave us a wonderful demonstration of how to use our garden greenery to make a lovely Christmas Wreath for our front door.

We also collected many items for the local food bank which were gratefully received by the Epsom Food Bank.

Fiona and Valerie served up tea and cake, with more chat and laughter a good AGM.

We look forward to our Christmas lunch at the Beehive and to hearing Frances Fry sing at our Christmas meeting.

It was with great sadness that we heard that Audrey Tarrant, a past president of our WI had died. The WI send their condolences to all her family.

Our meetings take place every second Wednesday of the month at 14:00 at the Church Hall, Buckland Road, do come and join us. If you would like more information about the local and Surrey WI please contact Eleanor Dearn on 01737 241491.



Kingswood Primary School

I was hoping that my entry into this newsletter would be mainly talking about our wonderful FPTA organised Fireworks Night, but the wonderful British weather had other ideas. This event was postponed to the 15th November and as I write this, we are hoping for no rain or wind this time! Thank you to all those who bought tickets for the first event and still attended despite the change of date! As well as the fireworks there were teas/coffees, a bar a BBQ and also the 'Spooky Hall' where the children could test their nerve – and get some sweets for their bravery!



There were also some fantastic entries to our Halloween Pumpkin Carving competition. Lots of the children entered and the standard was really high! Well done to the winners (see picture below). Although, the Autumn Term can be a long one with the weather worsening and the nights drawing in, events like this from the FPTA help to make it fun and memorable for the children and the parents. Still upcoming we have the FPTA Shopping Night and it will be fantastic to once again be able to conduct our KS1 and KS2 Christmas services (KS1 will be at KPS and KS2 at the Church of the Wisdom of God) for the children and their families.

Please may I also bring your attention to the fact that we are still looking for a 'Parent Governor' to join the school governing body and we are always interested in anyone who would like to volunteer to read with the children in school (subject to a DBS check).

Andy Powell – Headteacher @ KPS



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Bowling Green Building

I feel frustrated and angry to report that idiots have burnt down the wooden Bowling Green building in the Recreation Ground. The picture here shows what is left; it had already been vandalised, but this was a stupid and dangerous act. We hope the Police are successful with their investigation and hope that anybody with any information has or will pass it on to the police. On a positive note, the council have cut the grass on the old bowling green to make it a usable space again.



Surrey County Council Parking Review

The Surrey County Council parking review has now been completed for this year. In our area, they have decided to consult on installing double yellow lines on the north side of Mogador Road from the National Speed limit to the junction with Buckland Road. The explanation given is to improve sightlines and road safety. The other location is an extension of the double yellow lines in Smithy Lane to outside number 59; again, it is to improve sightlines and deal with parking issues. Notices have been posted at these locations giving details of the consultation process.

Local Asylum Seekers

A question has been raised with us regarding locating asylum seekers in this area. I can confirm that a small number of individuals seeking asylum have been housed at the Bridge House Hotel on Reigate Hill; they have registered their details with the Home Office and applied for leave to remain in the United Kingdom. This is a Home Office-led programme and doesn't involve our local Council. How long they will stay with us is for the Home Office.

Kingswood Village Hall Trust



It's a sure sign that we are recovering from the effects of the pandemic, that the Kingswood Village Hall Trust has received an increased number of applications for grant funding this year, but the trustees are also keenly aware that some of these requests result from the rapidly unfolding cost of living crisis which faces us all individually and as community groups.

We are keen to hear from any non-profit making groups providing activities or services for the benefit of the residents of the villages, provided that they're not otherwise funded through rates, taxes or other public funds.

We know that times are tough, so if your group is in need of additional funding to support its activities and services, and you wish to know more about how to apply, please contact:

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Secretary to the Kingswood Village Hall Trust

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Kingswood Terrier FC

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The Kingswood Ladies have been playing in all weathers & the season has proved successful in their League, Tournament & Friendly matches.

Sunday Soccer School

Our Sunday Soccer School is growing in numbers as reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children are enjoying these sessions.

For more information, please contact
Coach Callum on 07710 665260.

We are always looking for sponsors, volunteers & players across our youth & Ladies teams to join our community club.

If you might be interested in finding out more, please contact us via the website
www.myclubhouse/kingswoodtfc.co.uk



Calling all Santas
the **'Run the Rec 5k'** event has gone all festive,
please join us in your Santa suits on
Sunday 4-December 2022
in the Kingswood Recreation Ground.

All Santas are welcome to run, jog or walk, open to adults and children of all abilities and you're welcome to bring your dog.

If you would like to join in the festive fun but not the activity you can help as a volunteer.

To take part or to help as a volunteer in this event or our future events, please register on **eventbrite**

via <https://runtherec.kingswoodrecreationalground.eventbrite.co.uk>

Thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Belinda Harrington & Jackie Cox
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LKRA Newsbites

Local Main Roads

We'd like to join our local Councillors in expressing our gratitude to local residents' for their patience, and our thanks to Surrey Police & Surrey Highways for dealing with multiple incidents recently including protests on the M25 & an oil spillage on the A217 Reigate Hill that caused the road to be closed for 2 days.



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Village Contacts, Meetings & Events

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Baby & Toddler Group – Meet in the Church Hall, Buckland Road on Thursdays 10am-11.30am during term time. £3.00 contribution

Contact: Lyn or Chris; email: lowerkingswoodbabyandtoddler@gmail.com

Rainbows – Meet in the Church Hall Thursdays, 5.00-6.00pm during term time. Age range 5-7 years Contact: Jane Cramp, 01737 351033; email: crampjane@aol.com

Brownies – Meet in the Church Hall Mondays, 5.00-6.30pm during term time. Age range 7-10 years. Contact: Jane Cramp, 01737 351033; email: crampjane@aol.com

Guides – Meet in the Church Hall Fridays, 7.00-9.00pm during term time. Age range 10-14 years. Contact: Shaz Brown, 07753801171; email: lkguides@hotmail.co.uk

Beavers – Meet in the Scout Hut, Buckland Road Thursdays, 5.15-6.15pm during term time. Age range 6 & 7 years. Contact: Rachel Thornhill 07855 388693

Cubs - Meet in the Scout Hut, Thursdays, 6.30-8.00pm during term time. Age range 8-10½ years. Contact: Claire Butler 07711 574184

Enquiries about Adults or Scouts – Age range 10½-14 years

Contact: Alan Slee 07555 710210; 9threigate.org.uk/join, or joinus@9threigate.org.uk

Kingswood Terriers Football Club – several teams play in local Leagues

Contact: Rowan Cox 07795 106257; www.myclubhouse.co.uk/kingswoodtfc

Kingswood WI – Meet in the Church Hall, second Wednesday of each month from 2.15pm.

Contact: Eleanor Dearn, 01737 241491; email: eleanordearn@outlook.com

Allotments & Garden Society Shop at Tattenham Way. Open Sunday mornings 9 am-12noon all year for all your gardening needs. Contact: John Rowland 01737 813332

If any additions / amendments are required, please let us know