



Village News

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Chairman's Update

In recent months the weather has placed a strain on the condition of our road network and drainage systems, resulting in an increase in potholes, water pooling and other damage. This increase in reported damage has placed additional pressure on Surrey Highways, which has resulted in a delay in their response times and, in some cases, a lack of keeping the reporting residents informed. We have now been told that Surrey Highways have announced they no longer have the resources to carry out what we would consider essential functions and are seeking to outsource these responsibilities to Volunteer groups. The sort of things they are suggesting are:

- Grass cutting
- Cutting back vegetation overhanging the road or footway
- Clearing footways of weeds/moss
- Road Signs, cleaning, minor repairs
- Drainage, cleaning channels
- Storm debris and litter

My initial view is frustration and a feeling that the Council is on a cost-saving mission creep to outsource its responsibilities to the local community. We already have local volunteer groups, such as the litter pickers, who do a fantastic and sometimes frustrating job supporting the Council to keep our village tidy. However, this initiative by SCC may be the only way to get essential tasks done. The LKRA will look at the feasibility and practicalities of such a scheme before expressing a view on whether we wish to get involved.

We would welcome any comments from residents on the idea, and please let us know if you would be willing to participate in such a voluntary scheme. These comments can be emailed to us via the contact page on our website. At this stage, we are only looking to gauge the feeling of residents and if there is any interest. A brief article on this and a link to the relevant SCC webpage are on our website, or you can scan this QR Code to access the SCC webpage for further information.



Our Village is fortunate to have many varied facilities; one I would like to highlight is the Allotments off Smithy Lane. I admit to being prejudiced as my wife, and I have recently taken on a plot, and we aim to make good use of this excellent facility. It has a great community spirit, gets us out into the fresh air, and hopefully, we will enjoy the fruits of our labours later this year. We are all fortunate to have open space around us and great community space in the Recreation Ground and elsewhere, so as the weather warms, let's make use of such facilities and, by doing so, demonstrate to those in authority their importance to the community. Finally, looking back for a moment, I hope everyone had an enjoyable festive period and took some pleasure from the three Christmas trees the LKRA put up this year; I would like to thank all the committee members who turned up on a very cold Saturday to put them up. A further thank you to our local Scouts for supplying excellent trees and helping us by delivering them to each location. Unfortunately, the weather hit us hard this year, the trees may just have survived, but the two reindeer outside the Post office weren't so lucky and have been damaged beyond repair, so if we are to repeat this display next year, we will have to seek to replace them.

Lower Kingswood

Residents' Association

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Update for residents on a meeting between the LKRA with Reigate and Banstead Council

In previous editions of the Newsletter, I mentioned that the LKRA was planning to explore locally raised questions with the leader of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and our Ward Councillors. The meeting took place at the beginning of December. The first and by far the lengthiest subject explored was the Recreation ground; this included its current and future use. Whilst few decisions were made, the Council did explain its position. Negotiations continue to finalise the leasing of the pavilion to a local club. This will improve its condition, help protect it from vandalism and ensure its regular use. In addition, it should allow its use for occasional not-for-profit community activities. Parking both within and outside the Recreation ground was discussed at length. The Council stated they are aware of the issue, but there is little they can do externally as they have no enforcement powers for legally parked vehicles. Any further on-street parking restrictions would be a matter for Surrey County Council. We did discuss increasing the parking space within the Rec, but it became clear this will have to form part of any future discussions. Other subjects covered were improving access and expanding the sporting and leisure facilities. The council support the principle of increasing its use by other sports and the idea of improving access; apparently, the council are currently considering expanding the number of pathways, which will help all users during the winter months and improve access for disabled users, parents with pushchairs and others. The question of the toilet block being reinstated was asked. The council stated this was not possible as council policy doesn't allow for the maintenance of toilet blocks that are not attached to a building. Finally, the situation last summer where the grass was allowed to grow too long was raised. The Council agreed it had been a problem and will be addressed next summer. To take these initial discussions further, it was suggested we explore these topics in a group discussion with users such as Kingswood Terriers Football Club and others, the Council Greenspaces department, and our Councillors.

On the question of litter, both sides agreed it is a problem across the borough, particularly the misuse of the recycling area in Stubbs Lane. The Council assured us that the Street Cleansing Team are always looking at ways to combat the issue. The ideas discussed included the current and ongoing education for the younger generation, better public engagement and information, more forceful signage and ways of ensuring enforcement against those who abuse the recycling site.

Many residents, particularly those who use social media, raised questions last summer regarding the council policy on cutting highway verges and the central reservation on the A217. RBBC informed us that Surrey County Council has now taken back the responsibility for this service. The questions around the idea of wild flowering, the height of the grass and its collection after cutting still exist. We will have to see if the SCC approach differs in any way. The link to SCC Blue Campaign for highway verges on their website can be found on the LKRA website. Or use this QR code.



Another subject touched on during our meeting was the installation of 5G masts. A concerning development explained to us was the introduction of new legislation that may hinder the council's ability to respond to phone companies replacing existing masts with much larger ones under the authority of permitted development and not having to go through a planning application process. Whilst we all want better 5G signals, consideration should be given to the masts' impact on the local environment. Finally, we spoke about the need for the council and communities to work together to help residents during the current cost of living crisis. RBBC stated they already offer several services, as do local volunteer and church groups, Reigate and Banstead's website provides information on where and how residents can access such help. It was a productive meeting that provided a baseline on topics for ongoing conversations and action with our Ward Councillors.

**Lower Kingswood
Residents Association
Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 19th April 2023

Church Hall, Buckland Road

at 7:45 pm

**Invited guests include
local Councillors**

**The Village Hall Trust AGM
will precede this meeting.**



The Wisdom of God Church

Don't procrastinate!

In my line of work, I'm all too aware of our human mortality. This week, while away with family, I've seen so many advertisements on the TV about taking out health insurance or buying funeral plans. "Do it now while you can," they all seem to say "and save your loved ones the trouble." Worse still, there are the adverts for Direct Cremations with no funeral service. I wonder how many people realize what a fundamental part of the grieving process they are depriving their families of when doing away with a service and the planning of it. However, I am an advocate for not procrastinating.

All too often I've seen people who have had such great plans for later life, or their retirement, only to have them thwarted by lack of mobility and ill health. I suppose I'm trying to learn from other's mistakes. So, I take the opportunities I have to travel and see the world, to experience things I've never done before.

We all make plans and some folk attempt to put their affairs in order when they feel they don't have long left. My philosophy is to do it all now, for our own sake, not only for the family. Not just legally and financially, not just practically and domestically; we should also put our lives in order spiritually: making firm our relationship with God and looking to the future beyond our life here on earth. Of course, that's perhaps where I can help. Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today, as the saying goes, and have fun while you're at it.

With every blessing,

Rev'd. Chris Colton



LKRA Newsbites

Newsletter

Our wonderful people who deliver the newsletters have holidays and other reasons they cannot always do the delivery. Could you offer to be on a reserve list to help when needed?

Please phone 07942 369478 or email kenutting26@gmail.com if you could do this.

Monthly Coffee Circle

Wednesday:
 April 5th
 May 3rd
 June 7th
 July 5th
 10.30 am - Noon

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During term time.

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 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.



The Old Pheantry

As I write this article it is currently -4c and getting colder. Of course everyone is struggling with the cost of utilities and here at The Old Pheantry-let's not forget, it was built 110 years ago without double glazing or insulation, and you can imagine the heating bills for such a large old house!

So we are looking ahead to warmer times and really good year at The Old Pheantry. Bookings are increasing, and guest groups returning, who haven't been able to stay here for a few years, for one reason or another.

We were so lucky to have the inside of the house decorated for Christmas by Sutton MenCap and they made a lovely display and the Christmas Tree looked very traditional. Thank you Sutton MenCap team!


Looking forward to this year we are really excited about being part of the village Fete in May. We are running the Raffle so if anyone reading this wishes to donate any good prizes, just let me know and I will arrange pickup. Anything will be considered as its all in a fantastic cause - Lower Kingswood!

As I said above it's the 110th anniversary of the house being built this year and we would like to offer local people the opportunity to visit and see the house and gardens for themselves, the Charity/Trustees, think everyone will be pleasantly surprised at the beautiful internal areas, and gardens, and it will give us the opportunity to meet and chat through what we are trying to achieve.

Our new website - www.theoldpheantry.org.uk has lots of detail, and you can leave a message, or an e-mail for us to get back to you. If there is sufficient interest, we can organise some tours, with light refreshments.

Best wishes,
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Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

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Girlguiding

WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN??

Lower Kingswood Guides had a late start after Christmas, and it coincided with the Chinese New Year so celebrate we did! We had a really enjoyable time making lanterns, and dragons and ended with a mini-Chinese meal. Great thanks to Tong at Chau's Garden for making our mini meal of egg fried rice, small spring vegetable rolls, prawn crackers and fortune cookies. We loved them! We have lots of other exciting things planned for the spring term and we would really love to encourage any girls to come and have fun too. If there are any 9 + year old girls in Lower Kingswood who fancy getting involved then go on the Girlguiding website www.girlguiding.org.uk and just register and choose Lower Kingswood Guides. You will then go on to our waiting list and our Leader, Sharon (also known as Shaz) will send you an invite. You don't need to have been a Rainbow or even a Brownie so just come and have some fun on any term time Friday in the Church Hall, from 6.30pm to 8.15pm **WE HAVE CHANGED THE TIME!**

One of our Councillors is standing down.

Let me start by stressing that nothing I say here is party political or in any way involving ourselves in the May election. That said, with some personal sadness and a degree of frustration, I have to report that Councillor Rachel Turner has withdrawn herself as a candidate for the Council elections in May after serving nearly 23 years as a Borough Councillor. Unfortunately, the circumstances of her departure are sudden, and the reasons unclear and need some clarification. To ensure nothing was untoward, Tadworth and Walton and Lower Kingswood Residents Associations have jointly asked the Conservative Association for an explanation of the circumstances resulting in her withdrawing her candidacy. We will update residents on any further information we receive.



In paying tribute to Rachel, as a departing Councillor of long-standing, I would like to say that since becoming Chair of the LKRA, I have found her to be a true friend to Lower Kingswood. I'm sure Tadworth and Walton will say the same. Rachel is the type of Councillor that puts the residents first and understands she is our representative and is willing to take our issues forward and argue the residents' case with the council. In return, she will tell you things straight, and honestly, these are things that can't be said about many politicians. She has vast experience and is a mine of useful information, which she is happy to share to help us. Rachel has lived in our Ward since 1976, brought up her family here, and has served as a Councillor for nearly 23 years. Unfortunately, I haven't got the space to list what she has done for this Ward, but it's extensive. I had hoped we may have the opportunity to continue the community-focused work we have started. The LKRA will miss her, but we will, of course, work with whoever is elected in May and build a good relationship with them. I hope it will be someone with a vested interest in our ward and maybe even a local who can understand and appreciate the issues important to residents, but as always, that is for others to decide. I will finish by saying a big thank you to Rachel from the LKRA and hope we can continue to engage with you, as I know you intend to continue to be involved in voluntary work within our Ward.

Kingswood Primary School



A very happy new year to all parents and carers from the Kingswood school community. It has been a very tough couple of years but it was lovely to be able to celebrate the most 'normal' Christmas we have been able to have in a long time. It was wonderful to have you all attend our two performances and I was blown away by the quality of performances from all our children - from the very youngest to the very oldest. Thank you for the large numbers of family in attendance at these performances. A full crowd just gives such a great atmosphere for the children and I know you were not disappointed! It is also a very proud moment for me as Headteacher. It makes me immensely proud of the children and their talent, drive and commitment but also of my staff for the same reasons.

As we move into the new term, we look forward to continuing the hard work laid down in the Autumn. There will be some challenges, such as the strike action, but as ever I am grateful for the support and trust of the parent community. There will also be some preparations for the future taking place this term. The school governing body will be looking to appoint my successor along with the consultation and advice from the school staff.

They will also be starting to consider whether to initiate the formal process of academisation from our current position as associate member of Greensand MAT. This is not a short process and this decision by no means triggers instant membership. It will just start a process which involves formal consultations with yourselves as parents and members of staff at Kingswood, as well as due diligence processes from both sides. It may seem that not much has changed as a result of our associate membership, but we feel this is one of the key positives of Greensand - they do seek to change their schools. They want them to retain their autonomy but will offer 100% support to improve and progress. This is certainly what we have experienced already.



Best wishes—Andy Powell (Headteacher)

LKRA Newsbites

Postbox Toppers, Buckland Road

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank again the very artistic people we have in the village who have continued to entertain us all with the Postbox Toppers on the postbox in Buckland Road. The lovely Christmas one was replaced in the new year with a



Topper dedicated to Service Personnel. A couple of whom appear on the front page of this newsletter.

Like the rest of the village we look forward to their further creations.



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LKRA Newsbites

John Bass

As many of you are aware tragically John Bass, a very long-time resident of the village, died as a result of a road traffic accident on his bicycle in early December. His funeral on 16th January at the Wisdom of God Church was so well attended that the church was full to more than its capacity. Fortunately those unable to get in were able to watch the livestreamed service at the Kingswood Village Club where the wake was later held. John was a fountain of knowledge, especially concerning local history. He will be greatly missed by many locals.

We have been asked by Jenny Bass, John's wife to publish the message below

A heartfelt Thank You to many villagers who turned out to pay their respects to my husband John Bass on his final journey. The service was held in the church of the Wisdom of God, relayed to Kingswood Village Club. We were overwhelmed, what a send off, John would have been so proud.



Sincerely,
Jenny Bass.

**Kingswood Village
Hall Trust**



You only have to ask...

The Kingswood Village Hall Trust has been delighted to support some very worthy and important activities and projects over the past year, including LKRA in its provision of the Platinum Jubilee bench in the recreation ground and our local toddler group, but we know that there are many groups out there who would benefit from a small grant to enhance their service to our community.

If your group needs additional funding to support its activities and services, please don't hold back, the trustees are keen to support any and all organisations who provide for our community, so please contact:

Gill Utting,
Secretary to the Kingswood Village Hall Trust
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Music Festival Mogstock 14/15th July 2023

We are pleased to announce that Jeff the farmer has kindly lent us his field at Dents Farm again for our charity music festival to bring you **Mogstock with Xtra Cheese** this summer! We once again have some talented acts lined up.

Street Cocktails will be providing their lively fun whilst whipping us up some delicious cocktails and the bar will also be stocked with locally produced wines, craft beers and ciders.

Mogstock is a registered CIC (Community Interest Company) meaning it is not for profit, set up for the benefit of the community and all proceeds go to charity. Our ethos is 2-fold: Inclusive Community as well as Care for the Environment. We make the event as inclusive for everyone and as eco as possible by avoiding single use plastic, recycling all the waste and providing electricity from our solar panels. Last year we also had a survey from a qualified ecologist to check we were not disturbing any nesting skylarks on the farmland.

We will again be supporting our resident charity PSDS (www.psd.info) along with The World Land Trust <https://www.worldlandtrust.org/appeals/buy-an-acre/> an International Charity tackling climate change by buying land of threatened habitats to preserve for wildlife and local communities.

We would love to see you there joining us with friends and families to celebrate birthdays, end of exams, community spirit and summer fun!

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If you are a local business, charity, musician/ artist who would like to support, display at or perform at the event, we would love to hear from you. Volunteers looking for work experience and a reference in entertainments/ media or bar/catering welcomed! Email: info@mogstock.com

Our local community free **Run the Rec 5k** is back with dates on **Sundays** in 2023, starting on **16-April** in the **Kingswood Recreation Ground**.

Please join us @9:00am to run, jog or walk, open to adults and children of all abilities and your welcome to bring your dog. If you would like to join in the fun but not the activity you can help as a volunteer.



To take part or to help as a volunteer in this event or for these future dates this year;

- 25-June
- 3-September
- 3-December

Please register via our

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

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

Belinda Harrington & Jackie Cox

9th (Reigate) Lower Kingswood Scout Group **www.9thReigate.org.uk**



The 9th Reigate Beavers have another exciting programme planned and again we welcomed several new Beavers into the Group.

This term the Beavers have been working on their Skills Challenge badge, which has included making Mug Cakes, learning how to Light a Candle (safely and with a responsible adult to hand!) and we celebrated National Pizza Day with Toaster Pizzas! We also worked on our Communications badge, learning about different ways of communicating such as email, morse code and how to make a telephone call. Part of that was memorising their emergency contact number ... all great life skills!

Amongst other activities our Cub section has enjoyed crafts, making hopping frogs using origami and learning about the importance of kitchen safety. Later on Cubs 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.

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

9threigate.org.uk/join or joinus@9threigate.org.uk

Beavers (6 & 7 years) – Thursdays 5.15pm – 6.15pm **Rachel Thornhill 07855 388693**

Cubs (8 – 10 ½ years) – Thursdays 6.30pm – 8.00pm **Claire Butler 07711 574184**

Scouts and Adults (10 ½ - 14 years) – Fridays 7.00pm – 9.00pm **Alan Slee 07555 710210**

LKRA Newsbites

LKRA Christmas Trees

The LKRA Christmas trees, located at the Post Office, BP petrol station & just outside the Holly Lodge Mobile Home Park were very well received. As previously reported unfortunately the lit reindeer outside the Post Office didn't survive the winter weather.



LKRA Newsbites

Come & join us on the LKRA Committee

We are looking for more people to join our Committee especially people living in areas we currently don't have representation including,

- ◆ Josephine Avenue,
- ◆ Rookery Way,
- ◆ Buckland Road,
- ◆ Green Lane,
- ◆ Chipstead Lane,
- ◆ Babylon Lane and
- ◆ Brighton Road.

Under the terms of LKRA Constitution nominations for Committee members must be received in writing 7 days before the AGM. The AGM this year will held on Wednesday 19th April, so nominations must be received by Wednesday 12th April.

If you are interested and want a chat about what's involved give us a ring on 07942 369478 or email us info@lowerkingswood.co.uk

BANSTEAD COMMONS CONSERVATORS GUIDED WALK PROGRAMME 2023



Flora and Fauna of [Park Downs](#) Friday 9 June, 10am until 12pm

On this short walk you will learn more about the management of this Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). You'll find out about how it has resulted in the reappearance of typical chalk plant species and exploding butterfly populations, as well as other much loved native wildlife which can be found on Park Downs.



Flora and Fauna of [Banstead Downs](#) Saturday 17 June, 10am until 12pm

On this short walk you will learn more about the management of this SSSI. You'll find out about how it has resulted in the reappearance of typical chalk plant species and exploding butterfly populations, as well as other much loved native wildlife which can be found on the Downs.



History & countryside management of [Banstead Heath](#) Friday 14 July, 10am until 12.30pm

Join Banstead Commons Conservators for a guided walk on Banstead Heath taking you through a mosaic of habitats on the Heath including open meadow, secondary woodland and areas of mixed gorse heathland.



Historical and archaeological features of [Banstead Downs](#) Thursday 7 September, 2pm until 4pm

Join Conservator Cllr. Peter Harp for a walk looking at some of the historical and archaeological features on this part of the Commons. Leaving from Banstead Downs Golf Club, you will take a leisurely stroll through history looking at the Saxon burial ground, Potters Lane and other historical features on the common.

Walk of Remembrance on Banstead Heath Friday 10 November, 10am until 12pm

Banstead Heath and its villages played an important role in both world wars. Signs of its martial use can still be found. Join local historian Timothy Richardson for a short walk around Banstead Heath to find out more.



Walk numbers are limited and there is a suggested donation of £5 to reserve a place. Places will be issued on a first come first-served basis. Dogs on leads are welcome.
To reserve a place, please email clerk@bansteadcommonsconservators.co.uk

Kingswood Terrier Football Club



Our community football club has been busy over the winter months.

In addition to winter training, some matches were able to go ahead until the ice & rain arrived. So some of the children got involved in World Cup Predictions competition 🏆 which proved great fun 😍



Kingswood Ladies

Following the cold snap and rain, the Kingswood Ladies were eager to get back to playing football at the rec. The players from the Blue team battled the cold and muddy conditions, as they took part in their first league match of 2023 against Bourne Blades. Kingswood Blues started well against a strong team, with some amazing saves from Jackie Cox in goal. Whilst the Blues had some chances, Bourne remained strong. A goal for Bourne in the second half made the Blues dig deep and in the last 15 minutes of the game they had lots of chances to equalise. Unfortunately, the whistle blew before Blues could find the back of the net and the final score was 0-1.

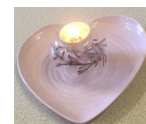


Off the pitch, there is a great feeling of togetherness with the Kingswood Aqua and Blue players. Friendships have grown and a support network has developed. Our energetic Entertainment Committee always comes up with fun ideas and they did not disappoint at our Christmas party. Thank you to Aqua Blues, our team sponsor, for the prosecco and Lower Kingswood social club for hosting.

Kingswood WI



On Wednesday 8th of February, Kingswood WI lit a candle at their meeting in remembrance of a very special member Marjorie Knight, who died this month aged 93.



Marjorie had been a stalwart member of Kingswood WI for 60 years. She was always ready to volunteer to help with flower shows, fete stalls, and her model of Bruce Forsyth, displayed in Wisley garden, was legendary.

She ran play reading afternoons and directed and produced plays, always encouraging members to have a go. Marjorie led rambles and ambles, art and craft classes and was a very talented artist herself. She enjoyed 15 years of outside all year patio ping pong. She was an absolute whizz on scrabble days remembering those unusual two letter words which gave her a winning advantage.

Marjorie often opened her beautiful garden for WI tea parties. Last summer we celebrated the Queens Jubilee in her garden. It was a fun afternoon as Marjorie had organised games and quizzes as well as tea and cake.



Such a talented and well loved member, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.



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Opening Hours

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Useful Contact Details

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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, 6.30-8.15pm 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



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1ST MAY '23 1PM KT20 7DN

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