

## Shukokai Karate Academy

### Kingswood Karate Club

Kingswood karate club, which is based in the Kingswood village hall, continues to go from strength to strength. The club is now part of the Shukokai Karate Academy (SKA), a new organisation affiliated to the English Karate Federation (EKF) and World Karate Federation (WKF), and which was formed by Joint Chief Instructors (Sensei) Chris and Katie Simpson, both from Kingswood, in October 2018. The SKA was formed so as to take students to the next level by becoming members of the EKF and beyond, giving students exciting opportunities.

The club runs structured classes for students aged 4 (in their "Little Ninjas class") upwards on Tuesday evenings at the Kingswood village hall and beginners of all ages are always welcome. All students receive a free taster lesson and are then sent details by email as to how they can join. The SKA believes in the true martial art and teach basics, kata (forms), kumite (sparring), impact and fitness as well as emphasising the importance of respect, discipline, focus, dedication and fun.



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We have also an ongoing problem with dog mess, I know that most of those people in the parish that own, love and walk their dogs are responsible and clean up after them but we have a few residents who fail to do so. This is not only anti-social; it is a health hazard; it could be you or your child that picks up a disease from mess that you have walked into your home. It is also a finable offence.

You may have noticed that with the increase in traffic in the lanes there is also an increase in litter. The Parish Council therefore thought that it would be a good idea to do something about it as Maidstone Borough Council obviously do not have the funds at the moment so Councillors organised a litter pick and with the help of volunteer residents collected about 50 bags of rubbish over a two hour period. Unfortunately this only touched the tip of the iceberg so we are planning on having another go later in the year. Keep your eyes open for the notices.

On the subject of volunteers, we are lucky enough to have, within the parish, a group of people who willingly and unselfishly give up their time to run the many clubs and organisations that are available. We also have those people like "Mick the Pick" who can be seen when walking his dog and quietly and without fuss collecting litter from our streets. We have friends and neighbours who go out of their way to help each other and I am sure that many of you know someone who is an "unsung hero". We would like to be able to sing their praises in the Parish Magazine, so if you know someone who deserve some recognition then let us know.

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## Broomfield and Kingswood Twinning Group

There is a small group of enthusiastic members of the Twinning Group who meet about 4 times a year to “brainstorm” ideas to keep the Twinning alive. The Kent “Twins” are more than happy to take part in the annual Spring and Autumn Walks. These are open to anyone in the village, they are advertised locally, and well patronised. They usually consist of an amble through local countryside and end with a pub lunch. The Spring Walk this April 15<sup>th</sup>. Was in and around the Lenham countryside. Lunch was at the Red Lion and 21 people attended.

The Group also runs a stall at the Village Hall Fete in July each year and they work hard at whipping up interest

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**Income**

Precept 2017/18

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Other Receipts

Additional Grant

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**SHELLINA PRENDERGAST  
MEMBER FOR MAIDSTONE RURAL EAST  
ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019**

Dear Resident,

It is two years since I came to represent residents of Maidstone Rural East at Kent County Council – and it continues to be an honour and a privilege to represent one of the very best parts of our County.

Kent County Council (KCC) approached the start of yet another financial year facing an immense challenge in setting the budget. After producing savings of some £640 million over the last eight years, the Council has risen to the challenge of finding another £73 million to fund rising spending pressures during 2019/2020. In line with most other Councils across the country, KCC has raised council tax by 2.99%, plus the 2% specifically allocated for social care – Councillors very much regretted that this proved necessary, but budget consultations indicated that residents were mostly accepting of a rise that would be “ring fenced” for protecting

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## LEEDS AND KINGSWOOD SCOUT GROUP

We have all 4 sections held at the scout hut in Lenham Road Kingswood, they are scouts, cubs, beavers and explorers.

We are pleased to say that beavers have started in January after a 5 year gap. We like to thank Claire and Cheryl for becoming leaders.

All sections take boys and girls.

### BEAVERS

We have 15 invested beavers. Beavers all had to work together in groups to make a robot out of lots of junk cardboard that donated by parents. They all learnt about the start of scouting by Baden Powell and his camping on Brown sea Island. They learned all about different ways to communicate. One was semaphore where they all had fun using flags on sticks and also had the chance to make invisible ink. Pancake making was very popular with them as they made pancakes with decorations and had races with them before eating them when finished.

If your child is between 6-8 years old and would like to join call Claire  
07732056139

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my part, when it was revealed earlier this year that the bus pilots launched in Kent would include enhanced services to many of the rural villages I represent. The pilot schemes are due to commence in June 2019 and will run for 12 months. I very much hope that the service will be popular and that increased usage will lead to a more permanent service.

- Many of our children are facing unacceptably long daily journeys to school and back – and I am in constant dialogue with bus operators on how these journeys can be shortened and to ensure our children have access to a high quality and reliable service to enable them to get to school on time.

## **Education**

The unprecedented population growth in Maidstone has put some significant pressure on early years settings and primary schools. I have worked with my Cabinet colleagues and Education Officers to ensure a sufficiency of places and was delighted that my work on the nursery school provision in Headcorn paid off – Juniors Nursery opened in January this year on a temporary two-year basis on the Headcorn primary school site – and I'm continuing with my efforts to secure a long-term solution. I am also working with other areas facing a similar shortfall – I firmly believe it is important to give our children the best start in life and give their parents/carers the opportunity to fulfil work and other commitments.

- With primary schools, I continue to work with Cabinet colleagues, the Education and Skills Funding Agency, Maidstone Borough Council and our MP to ensure that every child has access to a good or outstanding school within proximity of their local area.

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- The Key Stage School.

We continue to offer curricular clubs, Film, Green, S

## **Future Events**

**Friday 7th Jun**

**Thursday 27th**

**Saturday 13th**

## **Storytime for**

If you have a school for a story you on a Thursday the day.

Lynsey Sanchez

## Article for the Parish News – May 2019

It is with sincere pleasure that I am writing my very first article and introducing myself as Head of School at Kingswood Primary School. 'Hi, I'm Mrs Sanchez Daviu'.

It has been a lovely first couple of weeks settling into the Summer Term, where the family here at Kingswood, as well as the surrounding community, have been very welcoming. I am looking forward to the forthcoming weeks, especially as the school calendar is full of exciting upcoming events.

I look forward to meeting more of you, as together we strive to ensure every pupils' experience at Kingswood is an engaging and enjoyable one.

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## KINGSWOOD CHURCH

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NORTH DOWNS TEAM MINISTRY

### Annual report for Parish Council 2019

Kingswood Church (which is a Local Ecumenical Partnership) worships Sunday's in the village hall:

Monthly pattern:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Café Service with refreshments from 10:30am and Service at 11am.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Methodist Service 11am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Baptist Service 11am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Anglican Communion 11am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - When there are five Sundays in a month a service is held at one of the Southern Area Churches of Otham, Langley, Leeds, Broomfield and Kingswood in the North Downs Benefice.

As a Church we have celebrated the Christmas tree at Kingswood Church.

On Tuesdays, we have a service from 12:15 to 2pm and afterwards over a cup of tea.

On Fridays (term time) the prayer group meet for 30 minutes and we have thought for the week.

On Friday's Sonya and I finish with prayer.

We also run a coffee morning.

Chairman's notes

This past year has been a busy one for each Sunday and we have had a lot of chairs and a good number of more people from the village at Church and it's a pleasure to have