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Broomfield & Kingswood Summer News



FREE ENTRY

**Broomfield & Kingswood
Parish Council**

Bar and BBQ supplied by
The Kings Head Sutton Valence
Raffle
Ice Cream Van
Baking competition
Arts and Craft Exhibition
Live music from The Old School
Samba Band and The Invicta Jazz
Orchestra
Fire Eating
Nerf games
Football games
And much more!

**Join us for some
family friendly
fun at the
Village Fete!**

**21st September 2024
2pm—7pm
Kingswood Village Hall**



BROOMFIELD & KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH CLERK/RFO

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Since the last issue we have repaired and reinstalled the Silent Tommy Statue, a third defibrillator has been installed at the sports field on



Scout Hut, we have held a number of village litter picks and some Pop Up Cafes.

We have also received nominations for and announced the winners of the Tom Hoy

Award 2024. This award was established by the Parish Council to honour Cllr Tom Hoys memory and to acknowledge and give recognition to a resident of Broomfield and Kingswood who has made a significant contribution to this community.

This year the award worked slightly

differently to previous years, it was separated into two awards. The first award for a local group, organisation or business and the second for an individual. Once the closing date for nominations was reached all nominations were considered by a panel and a winner for each category was chosen. This meant that even if there was only one nomination for this individual/organisation they would still have a chance of winning. This years winners were chosen and we are very pleased to announce Ceridwen Clarke and the local Speedwatch group as the winners. You can find a list of all nominees and the reasons why they were nominated on the back of the Parish News. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the nominees and thank you for everything you do for our community. On the 21st of September we will be holding a Village Fete with stalls, music, food and lots of games and activities. We would love to see as many of you there as possible for what should be a fantastic day! More details on the front cover! No ticket required, it is a free entry event.



ALL INCIDENTS

MUST BE REPORTED

It is useful to keep residents informed via social media such as Facebook however it is equally just as important to ensure that all incidents are reported to the Police. If incidents are not reported the Police are not aware and cannot respond or take necessary action. One comment the Parish Council receive frequently is that the Police 'do nothing'. Councillors have relayed this back to Kent Police who have assured the Parish Council that all reports are taken very seriously. Things do happen behind the scenes, every report is collated and it enables officers to build up a picture about timings, type of antisocial behaviour etc and a plan of action can be made. There will be more Police presence over the coming months due to the recruitment of more officers. Just because you do not see them doesn't mean they aren't there! Our new Beat Officer PC James Phillips is patrolling the area and should you see him please do stop him and have a chat regarding any concerns or issues you may have. You can also email the Parish Clerk who can also ask PC Phillips to contact you if you wish to speak to him.

You can report crimes and incidents online using the following link <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/> or alternatively by calling 101. If any residents require any help please contact Hayley, Parish Clerk who is more than happy to help you. One of our Councillors could even come and submit the report with you!

Highways issues including potholes, broken signs, damaged signs, blocked gullies, pathway issues <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

Kent Police – New Community Interactive 2 Way Messaging Service

My Community Voice is a new and exciting two-way messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

My Community Voice allows you to comment by clicking the 'reply' link within a message. This will be sent back to the person that posted the alert. All emails are read and actioned. This service should not be used as a crime reporting tool. Please use www.kent.police.uk/report or in an emergency, if a crime is in progress or life is in danger, call 999.

To find out more please visit www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk



Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council



ANNUAL REPORT

Social Media

The Clerk continues to maintain a private residents email distribution list and regularly forwards relevant emails such as road closure notifications, public consultations and useful local information to residents on that list. If you would like to receive these emails please email the clerk at parishclerk@bandkpc.org granting permission for the Clerk to add your email address to her list.

The clerk also posts relevant information on our Facebook page. Please search for 'Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council' on Facebook and follow or like our page.

What else has the Parish Council been doing?

Purchase of replacement bench at The Sports Field.

Organisation of regular litter picks around the Parish.

Applying for a grants to cover the Silent Tommy repair and bug, bee, bird and bat boxes

Stenciling of 'pick it up' dog poo signs around the village.

Management of repairs to the playground equipment.

Updating and improvement of the Parish Council website.

On-going management of the Sports Field and the noticeboards in the Parish.

Purchase of a new noticeboard at The Sports Field.

Approving or refusing planning applications in the Parish.

Action as a liaison between the community and other local organisations and Councils on anything related to the local community.

Production of the Parish News three times a year.

Purchase and placement of wreath at Broomfield Church on behalf of the Parish for Remembrance

Sunday and purchase of lamp post poppies in aid of The RBL.

Liaison with our local PC re issues within the Parish.

Liaison with our MBC Community Warden re issues within the Parish.

Helping to resolve residents' issues and concerns.

Progressing of the Village Hall Project.

Organisation of a regular Parish Council Pop Up Café.

Organisation of a Coronation Event for the community.

Provided assistance and support for the Parish Speedwatch group.

The installation and maintenance of two Silent Tommy Statues in the Parish.

The continuation of a once a week bus service with the help of local Parishes and Nu-Venture.

Budget 2023/24

The Councils accounts are prepared in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (amended 2006). They are subject to external and internal audit (by an independent auditor).

Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council Annual Finance Report 2023/2024

Statement of Account

Opening balance 31/03/2023 £ 77,470.12

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	61,160.00	Administration Expenses	3,473.87
Parish Service Scheme	3,388.70	S137	6,060.80
Rent	1,233.06	Publicity	1,745.00
VAT Refund	4,093.24	Parish Costs	2,105.80
Advertising	1,170.00	Sports Field	9,912.95
Bank Interest	2,761.33	Staff Costs	22,738.63
Additional Income	2,114.55	Subscriptions	791.23
		Miscellaneous Expenses	8,569.96
		VAT Paid	3,610.29

Closing balance 31/03/2024 £ 90,331.68

This is an overview of the income and expenditure for the year 2023/2024.

The Internal Audit took place on Tuesday 16th of April 2024 and the audited accounts will be published shortly. The complete figures will then be audited by the government appointed external auditor Mazars and will be available upon request to the Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer.

Please remember to register on the electoral roll with each and every revision; MBC uses these numbers to decide how much to give the Parish Council each year through our annual Parish Service Scheme Grant, we need every penny to prevent further increases in our precept.

Donations and Grants 2023/24

Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council awarded the following charitable donations and grants in 2023/24:

Air Ambulance	£500
Friends of Kingswood School	£103
Royal British Legion	£125
Heart of Kent Hospice	£750

Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council's Chairman's Annual Report 2024

Once again it has been a year of highs and lows.

The lows started with the closure of the Leeds Road, from July to October and all its accompanying problems. The various road closures meant that there were lengthy delays on some roads, while other roads returned to the golden days when it was safe to walk. We can only hope that the contractor and the local authorities learnt from the project.

Road closures, both planned and emergency continue to be an ongoing problem and your Parish Council is doing whatever we can to try to ensure you have as much information as possible. We are talking with Maidstone Borough Council and Kent County Council to try to get more enforcement of traffic regulations with regard to HGVs. A new Co-ordinated Parish Traffic Group has been set up to bring together several parishes in the hope that several voices will succeed where one fails. Please continue to let Hayley have any photographs you might have of inappropriate vehicles using our lanes.

The Sports Field continues to be well used by parishioners of all ages, and the Parish Council are pleased to be able to ensure that it is well maintained and a developing space. This year we have planted a further three new trees, two of which are heritage apples, and it will be interesting to see how they do. We replaced one of the wooden benches that was broken and, unfortunately, have also had to replace one of the picnic tables, when it was destroyed by someone using it as a BBQ stand.

New goal posts have been installed and Headcorn FC are making good use of them on a regular basis during the season. The club includes quite a few of our Kingswood boys and there is also a girls' team.

As part of our continuing programme to encourage biodiversity in our woodlands we obtained a grant for £400 from Maidstone Borough Council under their Love Where you Live scheme and used the funds to provide bird, bee, bat, and bug boxes around the Sports Field, all made by our talented Martin Worrall.

The First Aid Course in October was well attended, so well in fact that, with the aid of another grant, we are going to be putting on several more courses during the coming year. The course covers how to use the defibrillator and we are pleased to announce that a further defibrillator is being installed at the Sports Field, on the Scout Hut. There is also a new one installed by the Village Hall Committee at the Village Hall and of course the one on the side of the Village NISA Shop. Kingswood now has three defibrillators, and I will be very happy if they never get used.

Then we came to November and once again our local crafters pulled out all the stops for the Poppy Installation at the white finger post sign. We are also gradually buying more poppies to display both in Broomfield and Kingswood.

Two Silent Tommy's were installed, one in Broomfield and one in Kingswood. Unfortunately, the one in Kingswood was vandalised shortly after it was installed and had to be repaired, only for it to be vandalised once again, this time beyond repair. I must admit that the sheer stupid disrespect of the vandalism left me, for a while, almost speechless with rage. However, we are not going to let the vandals win, Tommy will be back, like the Allies on D Day, stronger and better prepared.

While we are on the subject of vandalism and crime, we have a new PC whose name is James Phillips and it's his job to help tackle these issues but if he doesn't know about them he can't do anything, so if you experience or see any sort of crime, or antisocial behaviour, report it either direct on 101 or via the internet.

While we are talking about antisocial behaviour we might as well mention those perennial problems of litter and dog poo. The litter has got worse since the pandemic and although we have a trustee band of volunteers who turn up for the litter picks, they, even with the help of the Scouts, this last time, can only do so much and it is up to us all to "take our litter home" or use the bins that have

been provided. There will be another litter pick shortly so watch out for the notices and come along, there is always free coffee and cake afterwards.

With regard to dog poo, what is there left to say, pick it up, drop it in the bin or take it home and put it in your dustbin. It's not rocket science, and I know that the majority of our lovely dog owners are responsible enough to do this.

The planters, which were installed several years ago, were starting to look a bit tired and shabby so once again we called on the services of Martin to spruce them up with new wooden covers and we recently installed the new "Welcome to Broomfield and Kingswood" signs, I think they look very classy. Our thanks to Cllr Shellina Prendergast for providing funds from her members allowance to help pay for the signs.

The Wednesday bus service is still being well used and funding for this has been obtained until May 2025.

The Coffee Mornings that are being held during school holidays (we have had seven this year), must be enjoyable because the attendance is going up each time. So come along, meet up with friends old and new and enjoy the cake, it is all free and open to everyone.

The Parish Council are not the only ones organising events for Kingswood, this year we have had a Kingswood Safari organised by Kat Aylward and her team, and I know that people came from far and wide, despite the rain, to try to find a bargain from one of the stalls outside people's homes.

The Kingswood Crafting Group organised a Butterfly and Caterpillar hunt, with crocheted and knitted butterflies and caterpillars scattered around Kingswood and the surrounding woods with the idea that if you found one you made a donation at the post office, if you decided to keep it, or you put it back and let someone else find it. It was a lovely idea and raised £80.55 for The Three Suttons Helpline. Our thanks go to those anonymous ladies who I suspect are also responsible for the post box toppers that had brought a smile to so many faces.

Christmas came and with it the Reverse Santa, who despite thick fog, made a tour of the village and instead of giving presents, Santa collected donations for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Once again parishioners showed how generous they could be and gave an enormous amount of food that was much appreciated. The evening was rounded off with mulled wine and sausage rolls in the Village Hall. Thanks go to Terry and Ceridwen Clarke for their organisational skills, to Donna and Colin Rawlings for their cooking skills, and, of course, to all the elves and pixies who helped out on the evening. It was an enormous success as you could tell by the buzz in the Village Hall. Santa will be back this year!

The Scouts provided a delivery service within the village of Christmas Cards that were posted in a special box in the Post Office, a great idea. Thank you to all who took part.

It only remains for me to say thank you to Hayley Roberts, for her never ending patience and organisational skills and the fact that no matter what I ask she always seems to say that it is possible and finds a way.

Thanks also to my fellow Councillors for all their hard work and support over the past year.

Thanks go again to all those who run the various clubs, the crafters, the bakers, the organisers, the litter pickers. Thanks especially go again to all those who, by small acts of kindness, make someone's day just that little bit better.

Tina Clark, Chair

Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council

Annual Ward Members Report 2024 - Gill Fort, MBC Councillor for Leeds

Annual Report for 2023/24

Maidstone and other councils across the UK have had to plan for significant growth. Work has been going on for a number of years to develop the new Local Plan and after the government inspector found the plan to sound it was adopted at Full Council in March of this year.

It is important that this was passed because without a Local Plan any site in the borough could be brought forward by an applicant for development and there would be little in the way of protection.

Aligned to growth the council administration has committed to providing affordable/ social housing.

The first 400 out of a target of 1000 have been given approval. This initiative is important. Any young person growing up in the borough should have the opportunity to be housed here and not be forced to move away.

In the budget this year a principal sum of £1,000,000 has been allotted to carry out a feasibility study on the Leeds/Langley Relief Road. This is to look into the logistics, cost and external funding.

Last year there was a crackdown on fly tipping. MBC increased their penalty charges, and they are now some of the highest in England.

The refurbishment of the facilities at Maidstone Leisure Centre has been given the green light. £2.5m has been earmarked to make improvements.

The new refuse contract came into force on 25th March. Maidstone along with Ashford and Swale let the contract to Suez. It is clear that the service since then has not been acceptable. I understand that some residents have not had collection for weeks and this has been highlighted. I am not here to defend the poor service that many have experienced however just thought I should explain some of the issues over the last few weeks.

New routes were planned. The old Biffa routes needed to be rebalanced to take into account the new housing. Changes to the routes and the introduction of new electric vehicles have slowed down the collection process. Recycling is now at an all time high and therefore the recycling vehicles get full quicker and therefore the operative must make more trips to the recycling centres adding to the timeframe.

If residents are still having missed bin collection, please report via the MBC website. If you still have issues, please contact me as I am happy to help.



ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2024 – SHELLINA PRENDERGAST

Dear Residents,

As I enter the final year of my second term serving residents of Maidstone Rural East, I cannot help but look back over the years and the many challenges that you and our local businesses have faced over that time. Whilst we are fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful areas of rural Kent, we are also a resilient community who continue to support each other throughout the most difficult times – something that fills me with great pride and for which I thank all of you.

That previously well-run council across the UK are now facing serious financial difficulties has been well documented and Kent County Council is no exception – having started this year facing a budget gap of some £50m ahead of setting the 2024/25 budget.

The budget was approved by councillors in February, the books only being balanced by a range of measures which include a major review of frontline services, dipping into reserves and a council tax increase of nearly 5% - a decision that was very tough for all those present given the financial pressures residents are facing.

However, it remains an inescapable fact that the cost of and demand for key council services for adult social care, children in care and home to school transport will continue to increase at a much higher rate than the funding available from government and local taxes and some very careful consideration will need to be given to how KCC delivers services into the future – and we are all working hard to ensure that we continue to deliver the best services we can and at the best value to council tax payers here in Maidstone Rural East and across Kent.

Turning to more local matters, community protection continues to be a major contributor to my postbag – whether it be domestic abuse, substance abuse, scams, antisocial behaviour and supporting those who are most vulnerable and their families. It would be fair to say that there is a lot of joint work at KCC with partners – the police, the health service, parish and district councils – to ensure a safer environment for all of us to live and work in.

However, the single biggest issue for me when it comes to community safety in our rural communities is that of highways safety – whether it be speeding, inconsiderate driving, accident hotspots, the impacts of works on our major road networks such as the A249 and A20, the chaos we face every time Operation Brock is implemented or some of the problems we are faced with what appears to be never ending roadworks. Working jointly with several parish councils, we have been successful in getting these issues right at the forefront in discussions with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, senior Officers from Kent Highways and Kent Police. I am delighted to say that all parties recognised the issues raised and are all committed to taking measures to improve safety for all road users. There is too much to detail in this annual report, but it is also true that there is much work to be done and I will endeavour to keep you all updated as matters progress on local issues.

In the meantime, please do let me know if there is anything at all that I can assist you with. As ever, it is an honour to be representing residents of Maidstone Rural East at Kent County Council.

With my very best wishes

Shellina Prendergast

Maidstone Rural East – Kent County Council

Kingswood Speedwatch Group

Kingswood Speedwatch Group
2022/2024 Information

  30mph Limit area 

Vehicles counted 36,865

Number of Speeders 1361

Multiple Speeders 147

Police visit to speeders 37

Highest speed 55mph



If you would like to join us please email:
kingswoodspeedway@outlook.co.uk

Our group has now been operating for just over two years, our aim is to try and eradicate speeding within our village and surrounding area.

We really appreciate the support given to us by our Parish council, by way of helping with provision of consumables and stationery etc. Without this support the group wouldn't be able to operate.

Our group consists of around 9 people, and it is a mix of people all from our local community, volunteering their time to undertake sessions around local roads. This can be from an hour a month to a couple of hours a week, there is no expectation to do sessions. It's just when people have available time. Some of our volunteers are retired, others fit it around work commitments, it is whatever suits the individual.

One of our members said soon after they joined.

'It is very clear that even after only a few sessions, the presence of a Speedwatch Group at the roadside does have a noticeable effect on most drivers. Let's hope that with enough exposure that effect might be long lasting. Nevertheless, we are enjoying taking part and doing what little we can to help the village.'

Our group benefits from the support of Kent police and the details of the Speedwatch scheme can be found at [Community Speedwatch | Kent Police](#). Speedwatch is a county wide group and data is collated across the county and last year Speedwatch groups identified 30,673 people speeding. It is fully supported by Kent Police and has support of county's Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott.

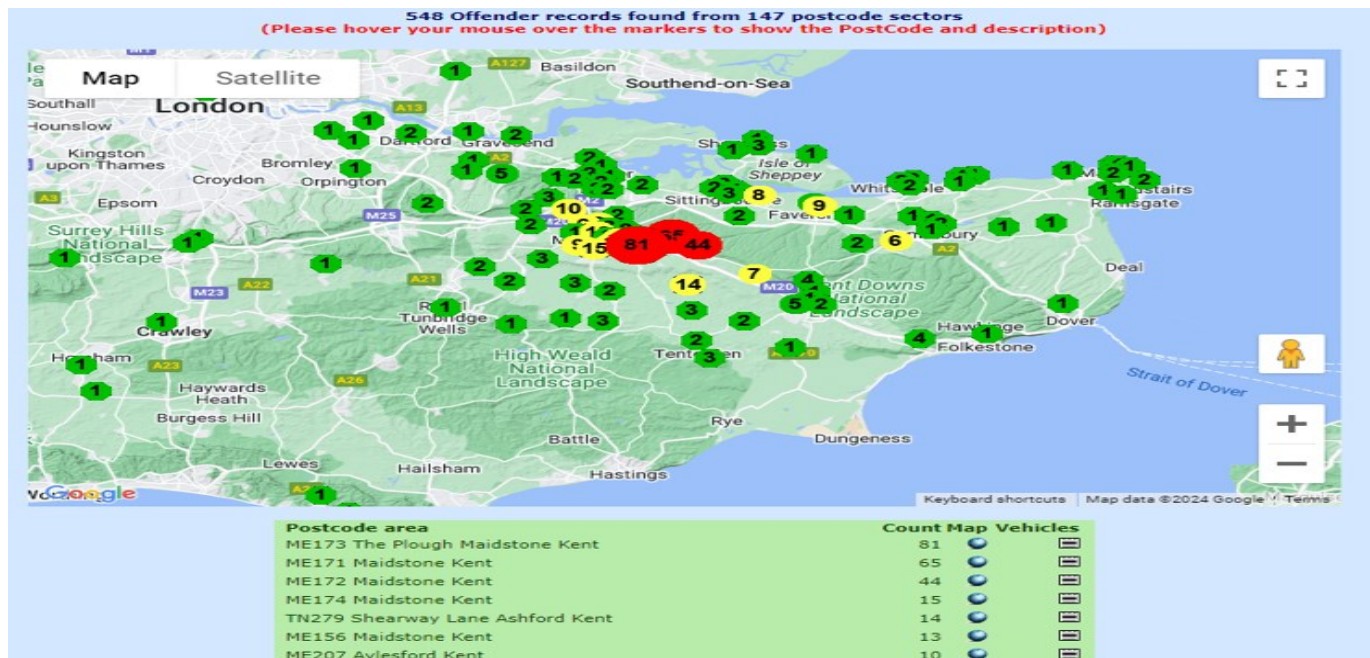
Over the period we have been operating our volunteers have given over 700 hours of their time and have undertaken just under 300 sessions. As the data shows, we have recorded over 1300 vehicles speeding through our village.

The fastest speed recorded is 55mph, which is over 80% over the speed limit. This isn't an isolated case with some others over 50mph and a significant number recorded over 40mph. This is on roads where the limit is 30mph. We have seen many near misses while doing our sessions and it can't be long before a serious accident happens due to this excess speed.

You may say, this isn't **ME**.

However you would be wrong, over 40% of those recorded as being over the limit in the last 12 months came either from our village or the immediate surrounding area, with postcodes of ME17 3.., ME17 1.., ME17 2.., ME17 4... (A post code map is attached at the bottom for reference.)

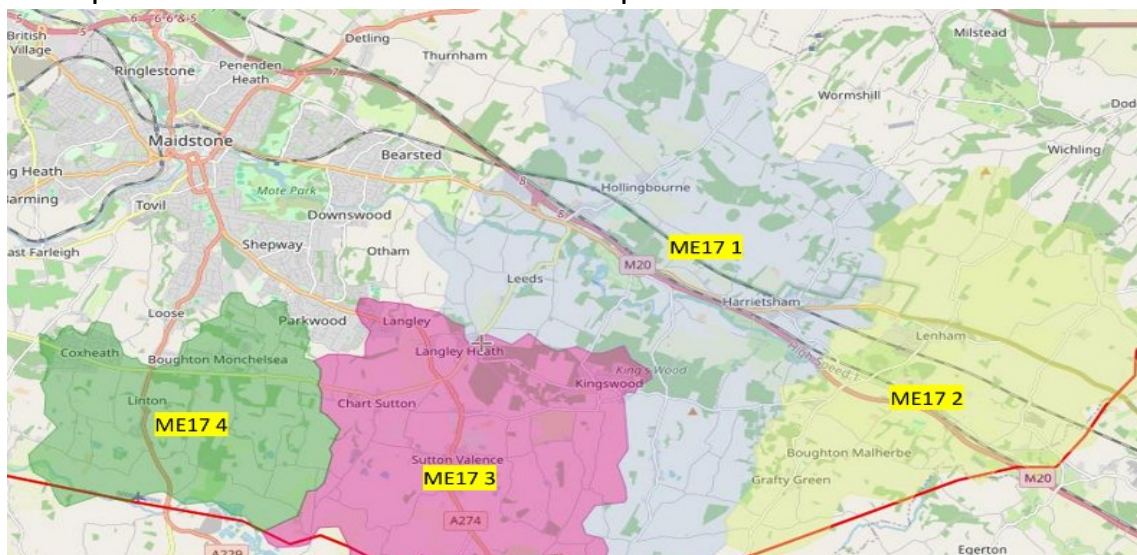
This data is for the last actual 12 months, and you see the same picture looking back over the two years we have been operating.



Our group would really benefit from more volunteers to help with the sessions and enable us to have a more regular presence on our roads, to ensure the drivers in our village respect our speed limits and we can help to keep everyone safer. It is not a big commitment, a few hours a week, of a few hours a month, you can do whatever suits you. Full training is provided, and you get to meet new people from the village.

If you are interested in considering joining us or would like to discuss what is involved please email kingswoodspeedwatch@outlook.co.uk or you can email or speak to the parish clerk, we would really welcome your support.

The postcode areas are as shown in map below



Team Peachy Peakers - The National Three Peaks Challenge

After months of talking, planning, training and fund raising the Peachy Peakers completed the Three Peaks Challenge in June. It seems like ages ago now but the mental and physical scars are still lingering... along with the smell of sweaty damp hiking boots and clumps of mud and grass which are being discovered almost a month on!

The team set off at the crack of dawn when most of Kingswood were still in bed and headed for Fort William to their Hostel hoping for a good night sleep ahead of day one – Ben Nevis!

Ben Nevis at ground level was a little damp, the summit hidden by cloud. Claire's Dad arrived in full highland attire with a set of bag pipes under his arm and saw the team off in style. Hayley and Caroline walked to the start point with Claire, Tash and Tiff offering words of motivation and trying to keep spirits high as the climbers headed off.... "enjoy your walk – see you shortly!!"



With GPS trackers on each climber Caroline and Hayley were able to monitor progress. With challenging conditions as the climbers reached the summit (-10, knee deep in snow and blowing a gale) it was expected that they would be slightly over the allocated time for mountain one. Witnessing other very tired walkers looking very bedraggled coming down the mountain, getting Claire, Tash and Tiff back in one piece was the priority!

The ladies managed a time of 4 hours and 57 mins – just inside the 5hrs expected time. There were tears of relief as the full team were reunited at the bottom of Ben Nevis!!!

A top up of hot drinks, food and a change of clothes and the team were off to Mountain 2 – Scafell Pike – the one that the team dreaded the most. A long drive through difficult roads and



conditions and a couple of toilet stops, Hayley and Caroline arrived on time to a very desolate car park in the dark. Just about able to open the car doors due to high winds the climbers made their way in the rough direction of the mountain, hoping to reach the summit around dawn!

It turned out the GPS trackers do not work at Scafell Pike, no phone reception or facilities either.... A couple of hours sleep in the car for Hayley and Caroline and before long they were awake feeling concerned for their team

mates. Uncertain of how they were doing, where they were or when they would be back, they spent a long time squinting at a spot on the mountain, desperate to see a glimpse of Tash's bright orange jacket or Tiff's yellow high viz back pack cover. At last they appeared and returned to base. This time the climbers were looking very soggy, tired and mostly relieved that particular mountain was over – now they could look forward to mountain 3 after a good rest in the car.



Scafell Pike was completed in 4 hrs 20 mins, the team would've been inside their time of 4 hrs but yet again poor weather hampered their progress, battered by the wind and rain.

A frustrating drive to Wales delayed the team's arrival – busy roads and road works didn't help! However Snowdon was expected to be the easiest, shortest and quickest climb and time could be made up!

Oh how wrong they were!!! On arrival the team decided to travel a little lighter up the mountain, shed some layers (they were hot doing Scafell Pike), took less in the back packs and despite some driving rain they headed off to get the job done with the promise of their hotel close by, a cooked meal, well stocked bar, hot bath and comfy bed!



The weather didn't let up, it was the toughest climb and not at all as expected. Claire picked up an injury during the ascent and soldiered on to the summit. Mother Nature was doing her worst! Hayley and



Caroline could see on the trackers that the descent route had changed. The decision was taken to come back a kinder route (not so steep) due to Claire's injury, this however added 5KM to the return path. Tash and Tiff did everything in their power to get Claire down as safely as possible. With a touch of hyperthermia added to Claire's injury their relief when they saw Caroline and Hayley arrive with the car to collect them at the foot of the mountain was clear. The drivers had ignored all signs not to take the car up a very VERY steep hill to get to the ladies. Signs indicating NO access, NO cars, NO Parking, NO stopping..... you get the idea!

Snowdon was without doubt the hardest mountain, it was a brutal climb at the end of a tough weekend, and yet despite the difficulties it was completed in 3 hours and 41 mins – even with an injured climber and 5KM added to the distance!!

And so the challenge has come to an end.

5 friends, 3 Peaks, 1347 miles driven, thousands of steps walked – finished in 26 hours and 47 minutes.

A lifetime of memories made in such a short space of time. The climbers showed resilience, bravery and true team spirit, supported by the best ground crew. Acquaintances made with other teams, everyone hoping to raise lots of money for very worthwhile charities.

This journey started with a flippant remark many months ago and turned into the most amazing challenge. Would they do it again ??? Watch this space – Yorkshire 3 Peaks anyone ???

In total £4227 has been raised for three incredible charities –



The final word must go to everyone who has supported the team with donations, advice, nutritional support, tooting their horns if they saw someone training....

A huge thankyou to everyone.



You're Invited to Join Our Community Charity



Be part of organising fun, local fundraising events

Previous annual events include:

- Beer Festival
- Afternoon Tea
- Winter fairs
- Curry and Soul evening



Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches Charity

No:1080363

Whether you're passionate about local historic buildings, looking to meet like-minded individuals, or simply want to have fun while making a difference, our charity group is the perfect place for you!

We need some more local support and therefore asking residents who care about Leeds and Broomfield Churches to join. Our charity was founded to raise money to help preserve the historic churches of these two villages and to prevent them from falling into disrepair.

We aim to raise money and have fun while doing it!

This is not a religious group.

The charity meets once every three months in either Leeds or Broomfield Village.

Join now

Contact Jenny for more information about joining
07970119467

If you don't wish to join the charity but would like to offer a donation please visit our website.
<https://www.friendslbc.co.uk/support-us>

Kingswood and Broomfield Village Hall

July 2024

The hall committee would like to thank all the parents that have used the hall for their children's party, for leaving the hall clean and tidy for the next booking. This also helps to keep the hall going. Thanks must go to all the users in week in week out, who help to keep the hall clean and tidy.

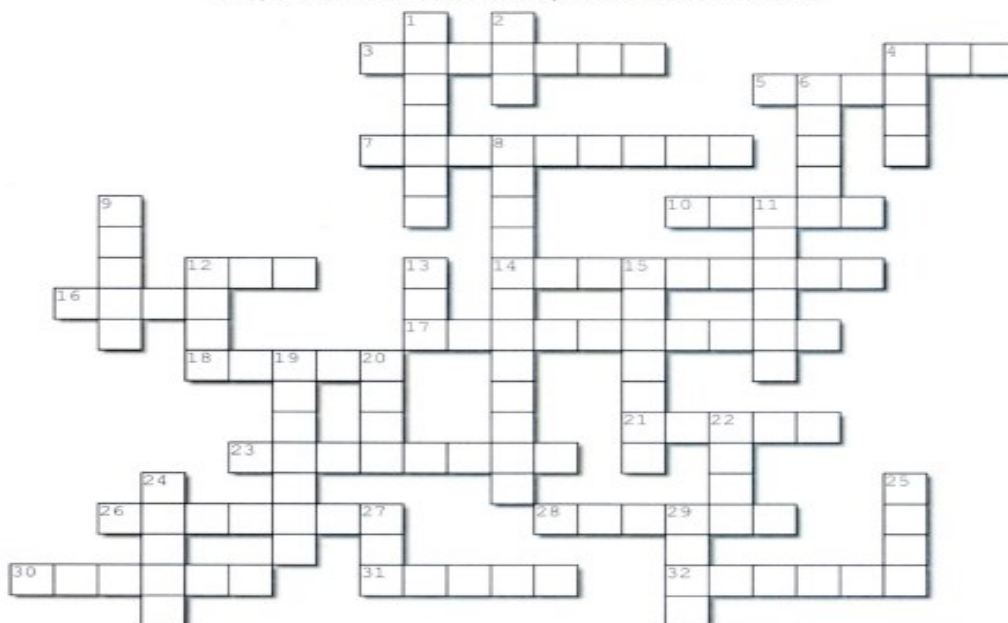
To book a party ring Val on 01622 843110 and I will try and help you.

Chairman

Val Clarke

Broomfield & Kingswood Summer 2024 Crossword

Multiple word answers have a space between the words



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

3. Beach
4. Painting or sculpture
5. Young salmon
7. Metal. Atomic number 12
10. Invert
12. Edible starchy plant
14. Big bang
16. Make healthy again
17. Dodgy
18. Tag
21. Manmade fibre
23. Optimistic
26. Fighter
28. Greek city
30. Not fresh
31. Non-monetary disk
32. Rectangle

Down

1. Land Area
2. Power Supply Unit
4. dry
6. Dress
8. Between the lines
9. Nasal cavity
11. Flee
12. Shout
13. Highly trained Army Unit
15. Mechanical device
19. Southern region of Germany
20. internal organ
22. Big Cat
24. Type of tree
25. Royal Head
27. Rodent
29. Island

Kingswood Crafting Group

New Crafts New Skills New Friends



We meet every month,
on the third Thursday,
at 10.00 am until 12.00 £4
next dates are
Thurs 21 March
Thurs 18 April
Thurs 16 May

At the Scout Hut
Sports and Recreation Field on
Lenham Road
07925 508050



Security
Industrial
Domestic

*All fencing supplied
and erected*

Established 1978
The Oaks, Lenham Road,
Kingswood, Maidstone.

Call us on 07711 795582
or 07961778935

WE HAVE SQUIRRLS IN THE SCOUT HUT!

But don't panic these are not the ones with the furry tails, these are 4-6 year old children. This is a new section that Lydia is leader. Lydia had started them after the Easter break. at the moment she has 14 squirrels. and has asked that parents come along to assist until they have settled in..

For St George's day the group paraded through Maidstone town past the Mayor on their way to All Saint's church for the service.

GROUP CAMP

In June the beavers, cubs and scouts went to Comp Wood near Borough Green. For some of the children this was their first night in sleeping in tents. They heard all the different sounds at night like the trees creaking about and also hearing owls which some hadn't heard before. We split the sections up so some did first aid, making fires, chopping wood and making hats for our 20th birthday of Leeds and Kingswood scout group. We had a cake with the scout group name on it.

Later we were entertained by having a display of reptiles. we saw corn snakes, Boris the large tortoise, one small one about a year old. But the main attraction was the Python which all the children loved and all wanted to have photos with it sitting on their shoulders and laying across their legs.

Our thanks go to Lydia for organizing the camp and Andy the chef for for keeping us fed.

QUIZ

We had our spring quiz at Langley village hall, this was very well attended and every one enjoyed it. We are all looking forward to our autumn camp..

LITTER PICKING

The group took part in the litter picking around the village and down Broomfield Road to the church and finishing back in the scout hut for a cup of tea.

We have found there is quite a lot of dog mess surrounding the scout hut, so we are helping to prevent it by tying a container with poo bags to the post outside the hut, please be obliged to use them.

BEAVERS

At the moment we have 16 beavers and slowly increasing in numbers. They have learnt about Baden Powell and do the promise each week.



The beavers are keen to learn about outer space, dinosaurs and sport so Lydia is working towards them.

Science has been the theme for this term. They have since done their badge for coding. a scientist came and did some experiments with them.

Many parents are keen to assist with the beavers.

CUBS

There are 17 cubs, we have a new leader Ricky, he says he would like a few more helpers in running it.



They have been looking at the history of scouting, learning about healthy eating and the chefs badge to coincide with pan cake day, kitchen safety and home safety.

The cubs made a large puppet of a dragon to take to the St Georges parade in Maidstone.

They had a day at Leeds Castle where they saw Jousting and the birds of prey.

SCOUTS

We have currently got 5 leaders, There are 15 scouts, 5 boys and 10 girls.

Future events include first aid, hikes to Leeds Castle, healthy life style and water sports.

JOINING

If your child is interested in joining any of the above sections call 843019



FUND RAISING

Besides our quiz's, we have the 100 club, this costs £12 for the year and we have four prizes a month. The proceeds from these all help in running the scout activities and maintenance of the scout hut, If you are interested in joining call Alan 843019

The winners

April

Mr Earl £20, Mrs Mellish £10, Mrs Lurcock £10, Mr Jury £5

May

Mrs Edmed £20. Mrs Monk £10, Mrs Monk £10, Mrs Leandro £5

June

Mrs Dann £20, Mrs Thompson £10, Mr S Poulton £10, Mrs Neeves £5

Alan Poulton Chairman

Upgrading the water supply network in Headcorn

South East Water is undertaking a significant project to enhance the water supply network in your area. This £700,000 project from the drinking water supplier will involve the installation of approximately 1.2 kilometres of water main along Tilden Road/Ulcombe Road, from Little Poplar Farm to the junction of Ulcombe Road and Tattlebury Lane. This upgrade is crucial to ensure a reliable supply of high-quality drinking water for the community.

Project Details:

- **Start Date:** Monday 9 September 2024
- **Duration:** Approximately four months
- **Phases:**
 - **Phase 1:** Monday 9 September - mid-November (Tilden Road from the junction of Ulcombe Road and Tattlebury Lane to Little Poplar Farm)
 - **Phase 2:** Mid-November –The end of December (Junction of Ulcombe Road and Tattlebury Lane)
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Traffic Disruptions:

There will be road closures on Tilden Road, and later Ulcombe Road and Tattlebury Lane. Diversions will be clearly signposted. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused during these closures. Exact dates will be updated on the webpage www.southeastwater.co.uk/tildenroad.

Public Information Sessions:

South East Water will be holding public drop-in sessions at the end of July. Residents are encouraged to attend these sessions to meet the project team, learn more about the project and ask any questions.

- **Headcorn Village Hall:** Monday 29 July, 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- **Ulcombe Village Hall:** Wednesday 31 July, 3:30pm - 6:30pm

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Web contact: southeastwater.co.uk/contact

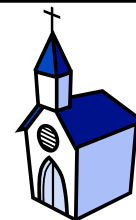


Contact Information:

- **Phone:** 0333 000 0002
- **Email:** customerservices@southeastwater.co.uk
- **Website:** southeastwater.co.uk/tildenroad
- **Free Updates:** aqualerter.southeastwater.co.uk

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our water infrastructure.

Jeremy Dufour
Project Manager, South East Water



It's all happening this Summer! Euros 2024, Wimbledon and the Olympics to name but a few major sporting events and not forgetting the School Sports Day. I wonder what your favourite event was. Mine was the 4 x 100 metres relay race although I was always anxious of dropping the baton! The current men's world record stands at 36.84 seconds, set by the Jamaican team at the 2012 London Olympic Games, and the women's world record is 40.82 seconds held by the United States again at the Olympic Stadium in London. Conditions must have been very favourable in 2012 to have two world records!

We might think that the Bible has nothing to say about sport but in the book of Hebrews, we read, 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith' (12:1-2).

These verses suggest that the Christian life is not a 100-metre dash, or even a relay race, but more of a marathon. Something that needs perseverance and the importance of fixing our eyes on Jesus who helps us in increasing our faith.

The disciple Peter experienced this when, on seeing Jesus walking on the water, wanted to get out of the boat and join him. All the time Peter fixed his eyes on Jesus, he was fine, but as soon as he looked away and noticed the winds and the waves, he began to sink and cried out. 'Lord, save me! Jesus grabbed him by the hand, saved him and brought him to safety with the other disciples in the boat.

On another occasion the disciples were in a boat with Jesus, who was asleep in the stern, sleeping on a cushion, when a ferocious storm came up and they were afraid of losing their lives. They awoke Jesus and exclaimed, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be Still!'. Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

This is the Christian hope that Jesus helps us to navigate the choppy waters of this life and when we start drowning under life's burdens, Jesus is there to pull us out and bring us to safety. May I wish you all a very blessed and pleasant Summer!

Our **Church Services** at **Kingswood & Broomfield Village Hall** and **St Margaret's Church, Broomfield**, for **August 2024**, are as follows:



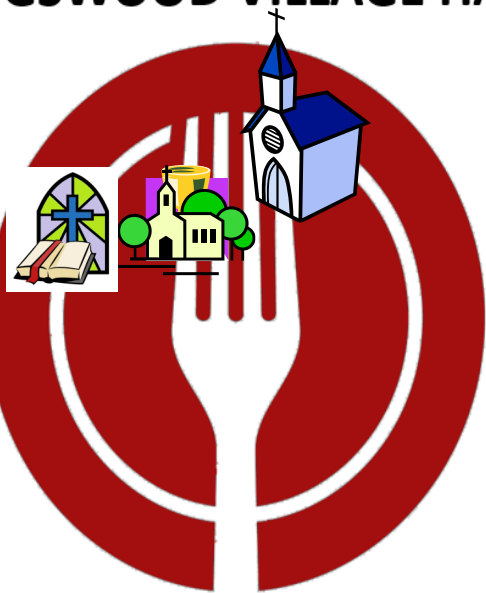
11th Aug	15:30	Afternoon Celebration, Broomfield Church
18th Aug	11:00	Morning Worship Nic Weller (Baptist)
25th Aug	11:00	Communion Service Rev Mark Pavey (Anglican)



Peter Roberts, Kingswood Church.

LUNCH CLUB

KINGSWOOD VILLAGE HALL



TUESDAY 12.30-1.45

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT; PAT LYNE 01622 843672

HELP NEEDED!

Hobbyist who has recently moved to the area is looking for a workshop, studio, shed, porta-cabin, small unit or room available with electric?

Would only be accessed around 2-3 times a week on average.

References can be supplied.

Locality of Kingswood, Lenham Harrietsham, Hollingbourne, Headcorn and other surrounding areas near Maidstone.

Appreciate any assistance that can be given.

Please contact Daz on 07894640801 if you are able to help!

THREE SUTTONS HELPLINE

The Three Suttons Helpline , after a pause during the worst of the pandemic, is now active again. The Helpline volunteer drivers give lifts to people to medical appointments, when friends or family are unavailable – and can occasionally help with other things, such as essential shopping or collecting prescriptions. The scheme is available to people who live in Kingswood, Broomfield, Langley, East Sutton, Chart Sutton and Sutton Valence – and to patients of the Orchard Surgery in Langley and Sutton Valence Surgery.

If this service may be helpful for you, please do telephone one of the numbers below. (Please do not contact any other numbers which you may have used in the past.) and, hopefully, the person who answers your call will be able to arrange for someone to take you to and from your appointment. Obviously, if you can give a reasonable amount of notice, the more likely it is that we can find someone to help you.

07425 582534. OR. 01622 844301

Please note that we are not part of the NHS or Social Services and that the drivers use their own cars and give their time for free; but that donations towards the cost of petrol are much appreciated, so that the volunteers are not left out-of-pocket. (Please do speak to the person organising your lift or to the person driving you if you are unable to offer a donation.)

We are very grateful to Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council for their support and their recent donation to the scheme, which will be used for insurance, leaflets, telephone calls, paying petrol costs if people are unable to afford a donation etc.)

If you have any other queries about the scheme – or if you think you may be able to consider being a driver, please do contact the coordinator, Christine Parkes (Tel. – 01622 842217 or email christineparkes@hotmail.co.uk)

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Oh no we don't forget

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A long and loud droning, all quiet and then a
loud bang

The small curly haired boy with the gauze on his
face

The glass and the rubble all over the place

Oh no we don't forget

A war spent with Nana's in Mitcham and Wales

Big smiles, a bear hug and read fairy tales

A wet afternoon on a Nana's lap

As she sat in her rocking chair taking her nap

To all of my forebears I give a big cheer

Thanks to you all we are still here

They gave courage and strength and a future to
live

Calling Notice

For the Broomfield and Kingswood Village Fete

Saturday 21st September 2024

@ the Village Hall, Kingswood

Exhibition of Arts & Crafts

There will be an exhibition of local Arts and Crafts at the Village Fete. Because of limited space we will only be allowed to show up to 3 pieces of work per entry.

The exhibition is aimed at promoting the skills of the Village folk of Broomfield and Kingswood and its immediate surrounds.

The exhibits must be original work.

If you are interested in taking part, then please contact me on:

malcolmclarke@bandkpc.uk

or leave a message on 07979 805892 leaving your contact details and what you would like to exhibit.

Many thanks

Terry

Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council Pop-Up Café

Kingswood and Broomfield Village Hall

Thursday 1st August

Thursday 29th August

Thursday 31st October

Thursday 19th December

10.30 – 12.30 pm

Come and get together with old friends and new!

Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake.

Everyone welcome!



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BROOMFIELD & KINGSWOOD REMEMBER

Following on from the stunning display in Kingswood for Remembrance Day, we are making one for the Broomfield sign, by the Silent Tommy statue on Broomfield Road.

We're going to need a lot of Poppies, please.
Any size, any shape, red colour for the people, purple for the animals and white for peace.

Contact me if you need materials and instructions.
Ceridwen 07925 508050

THANK YOU BROOMFIELD & KINGSWOOD



KINGSWOOD BADMINTON CLUB



We meet every Thursday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00pm in the Village Hall.

We are very much social players, ranging in ability from fairly average to very average.

We only play doubles as none of us are good enough to play singles!

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From May – September we bring in fresh fruit from local farms to sell.

Our retail profits are used to enhance the hospital to improve the life of patients and staff.

Our volunteers benefit from free car parking and also a mileage/transport allowance, where appropriate.

We also have our own garden and would love to hear from anyone who would like to help maintain that garden. We try to meet once a month on a Sunday morning between April and October, weather permitting.

Through the year we hold various fundraising events such as quiz nights, cake and bric-a-brac stalls. After Covid, we are trying to re-introduce fun days out.

If you would like to learn more, please contact our shop Manager, Jacqui Featherstone, on Maidstone 224781.

The Kingswood Bluebells

We are a small group of ladies who meet up once a month at the Village Hall. We have a varied programme of activities this year, including speakers on the Air Ambulance and Mercy Ships, a quiz on Our School Days and a Strawberry Tea in the Garden.

We began this year with members making beautiful flower arrangements to help hasten the beginning of Spring.....so if you feel you would like to join us please call Beryl Andrew on 01622 843431 or come along to the Village Hall on the second Monday of the month at 7-30pm.

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Pork a la Crème

Ingredients.....	1& half lb. pork fillet	5 tablespoons sherry
	2 tablespoons olive oil	1 tsp tomato puree
	1oz butter	Salt & pepper
	2 shallots peeled and chopped	6 oz. small button mushrooms
	1 tablespoon flour	1 tablespoon cornflour
	Half pint of water	5 oz carton double cream
	1 beef stock cube	

Cut pork into 1 inch pieces. Heat oil in a pan, add butter, then fry pieces quickly just before they turn brown.

Remove from pan and drain on kitchen paper

Fry shallots and paprika for 2 minutes. Blend in flour and cook for a farther minute. Remove from heat and blend in stock. Add sherry and tomato puree, return to heat and simmer until thick. Season with salt and pepper, then add the meat. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes or until the pork is tender

At the end of cooking time add mushrooms to pan. Blend cornflour to a smooth paste with 2 tablespoons cold water and add to pan. Reboil and just before serving blend in the cream.

Serves 4 Serve with potatoes or rice.

Regards Peter B.

Wordsearch Summer 2024

Find 18 words that make you think of summer

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Lead the Way Dog Training

We meet on Wednesday evenings. Starting with the puppy class following the kennel Club Good Citizen puppy foundation course. The puppies then move to the Bronze class, Silver and finally Gold. We also cater for adult dogs who may be from rescue centres or just need extra training. Give Janet a ring on 01622 842209 for further information.



JUNE 2024 – To try is to achieve

As always, we're having a very busy time at Kingswood Primary School and there is lots going on. We're in our last term of the school year with the summer holidays nearly upon us. It's a time when we go through many changes with some of our older ones leaving and going onwards in their journey to senior school. We are sure they will do well and we are all proud of their successes during their time in our school community and appreciate their input into school life. We look forward to welcoming the younger ones joining our school in September in our Reception class.

This term has been super busy with lots of learning taking place plus our older children completed their SATS exams. Older children also took part in Bikeability which is a national training course in cycling safety. School trips have been really enjoyed by everyone. These have included educational trips to Wingham Wildlife Park, Leeds Castle and also to a Synagogue, a Gurdwara and a Mosque as part of our Understanding World Beliefs curriculum.

There have been lots of sporting activities going on in the lovely sunshine! Sports Day was a big hit with everyone. Lots of the children have been taking swimming courses at Sutton Valence School. We've also had sports teachers coming in to run after school clubs in football and cricket. In addition our teachers also give their time to run clubs for the children which are well attended - these include film clubs, drawing and board games.

The school grounds are maintained for the safety of all our children, staff and visitors and regular inspections take place. We know that parking at pick up and drop off times is sometimes raised as a concern by our neighbours. Please be assured that we do remind our parents on a regular basis that careful parking is essential and ask them not to block driveways.

Our school values, that everyone within the school practices, are Kindness, Love, Boldness, Patience, Honesty, Understanding and Resilience. Our hard working pupils are supported by a dedicated team of staff, governors and parents who work together to provide a community environment which promotes our key values. As well as educating our children and looking after their welfare, their sense of community spirit is a vital part of their early year's education. Our school's place in the village and parish communities is very important to us and we have enjoyed organising events for our senior neighbours this year.

If you ever have any questions or thoughts regarding our school please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sanchez Daviu

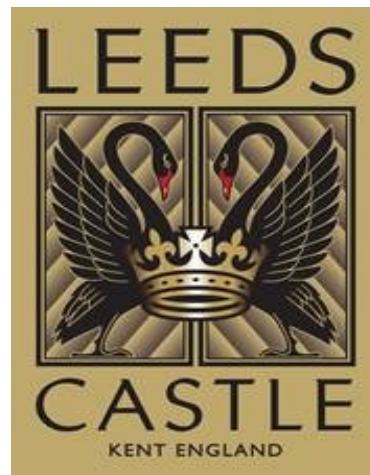
Head of School



Parish Magazine

And so, summer continues, although the cold and wet weather has, at times, felt more like October! We have been delighted to see a lovely show from the first year of our wildflower meadow, which started blooming at the end of July, with poppies and cornflowers particularly stunning and visitors enjoying the flowers from mown pathways.

As I write, we are mid-build for the Leeds Castle Concert, which will take place on Saturday 13th July. We are hoping we will have had sun & clear skies for the event and that those of you who attended had a wonderful time!



Coming quickly up in August is the long-awaited return of *Motors by the Moat* (10-11 August), our car show with live stunt performances, vibrant parades and hundreds of classic and high-performance vehicles on site.

Over the summer, we will also be running *Secret Lives of Woodland Animals*, a family trail, uncovering the intricate miniature homes of our forest friends, with live characters performing every weekend from 24th July to 26th August.

From 26th August, a brand-new Sublime Sculpture Trail will be in situ, running until 6th October. All three of these activities are included in your 12-month admission ticket.

Looking ahead to Autumn and Winter, we have daytime *Hallowe'en* & Christmas experiences. During October Half-Term, children are invited to become Spell Seekers and interact with six magical beings around the Estate, before joining the Hallowe'en Ball and Fancy Dress competition.

From 23rd November to 31st December, the Castle will be transformed into scenes from *The Nutcracker*, with live performers at weekends and during the school Christmas holidays. Many of you will have enjoyed Narnia in the Castle last year, so we hope you will join us for this magical experience too. Both *Hallowe'en* and *The Nutcracker* are included in your 12-month ticket.

In evening, separately ticketed events, sales are now underway for both Christmas Lights and Fireworks Spectacular. 80% of Christmas Lights installations are new for this year, so we hope you will come along to this stunning festive show, with great catering, marshmallow toasting and fairground rides. This year, we will also have a Big Wheel which will give exceptional views over the Castle from height!

And for the first time, if you have an annual pass that is valid at the time of your Christmas Lights visit, you can receive free parking for the Christmas Lights.

Hoping you enjoy the summer!

Helen Bonser-Wilton, Chief Executive

KINGSWOOD WHIST GROUP

<i>"Best two and a half hours of the week."</i>	Jacqui M
<i>"Great afternoon with great company."</i>	Denise W
<i>"Highlight of the week."</i>	Janet B
<i>"Lonely, want to new make friends? Come to whist."</i>	Marian M
<i>"Great people, great game and tea & cakes at half-time."</i>	Jo R
<i>"Very social afternoon, playing whist plus a cuppa and cake".</i>	Sue S

Fed up, bored, want to meet new friends?

Why not come along Tuesday afternoon and join us for a fun-filled, sociable session of partner whist?

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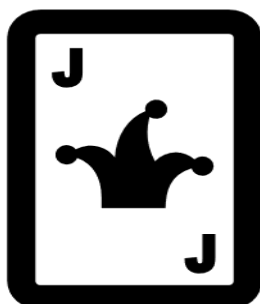
24 hands of cards with tea, coffee, cakes and loads
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We even have pretty modest prizes.

Our annual awards lunch, usually at The Ridge Golf Club, is enjoyed by all,
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Crossword 2024 Answers. Summer

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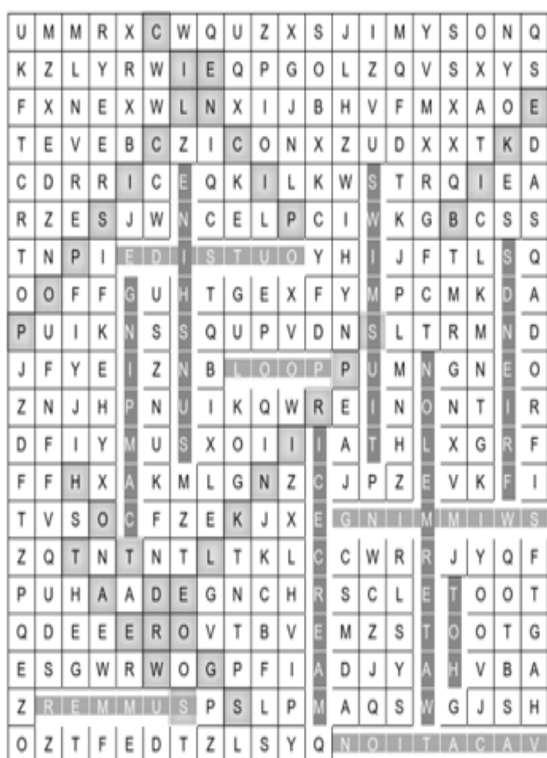
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Nominees

Category One - Business/Organisation:

Wents Service Station – superb family business with fantastic customer care. Always ready and willing to help everyone. Ray and Adam feel like personal friends to the village.

NISA - friendly, goes above and beyond and helps those less able including boxing up food deliveries for those unable to attend the shop.

Martin H Worral – enriches our community with his installations with a good heart. Martin is well liked and respected within our community.

Three Suttons Helpline – in our isolated community they provide vital, caring, responsive support for people without their own transport.

The Secret Sewing/Craft Group – superb installations around the village that put a smile on the communities faces.

Terry Ireland Plumbing – always at the end of a phone, will come out at all hours and does his best for everyone.

Cynophobia – always on hand to help children and adults who are terrified of dogs and all voluntary. They are the only group in Kent that offer this service.

Kingswood Speedwatch – the team volunteer their time free of charge to make our village safer.

Category Two - Individual:

Mike Bean – volunteers his time to help our community. Helpful.

Tracy Golding – Kind, always smiling and very helpful. Willing to go that little bit extra to help anyone.

Hayley Roberts – go to person for all things Kingswood, helpful, cheerful and always positive. Hayley even helped to rescue abandoned kittens.

Kay Kilgallon – quiet unsung hero who is always there to help our community, goes above and beyond. Takes immense care to ensure everyone around her has opportunities to develop and participate. Makes a quiet and positive difference to our community.

Ceridwen Clarke – outstanding contribution to the village including new groups, interaction with all ages and always willing to volunteer to help others. Driving force behind lots of events, including the Reverse Santa. Raises money for lots of different charities and community groups.

Peter Roberts – Leadership, enthusiasm and dedication is exemplary. Unselfish and always willing to help and support others.

Terry Clarke – volunteers at Scouts, helps others and always volunteers his time willingly and without hesitation.

Mike Lawrence – voluntarily litter picks the Sports Field and roads daily and never asks or expects any thanks.