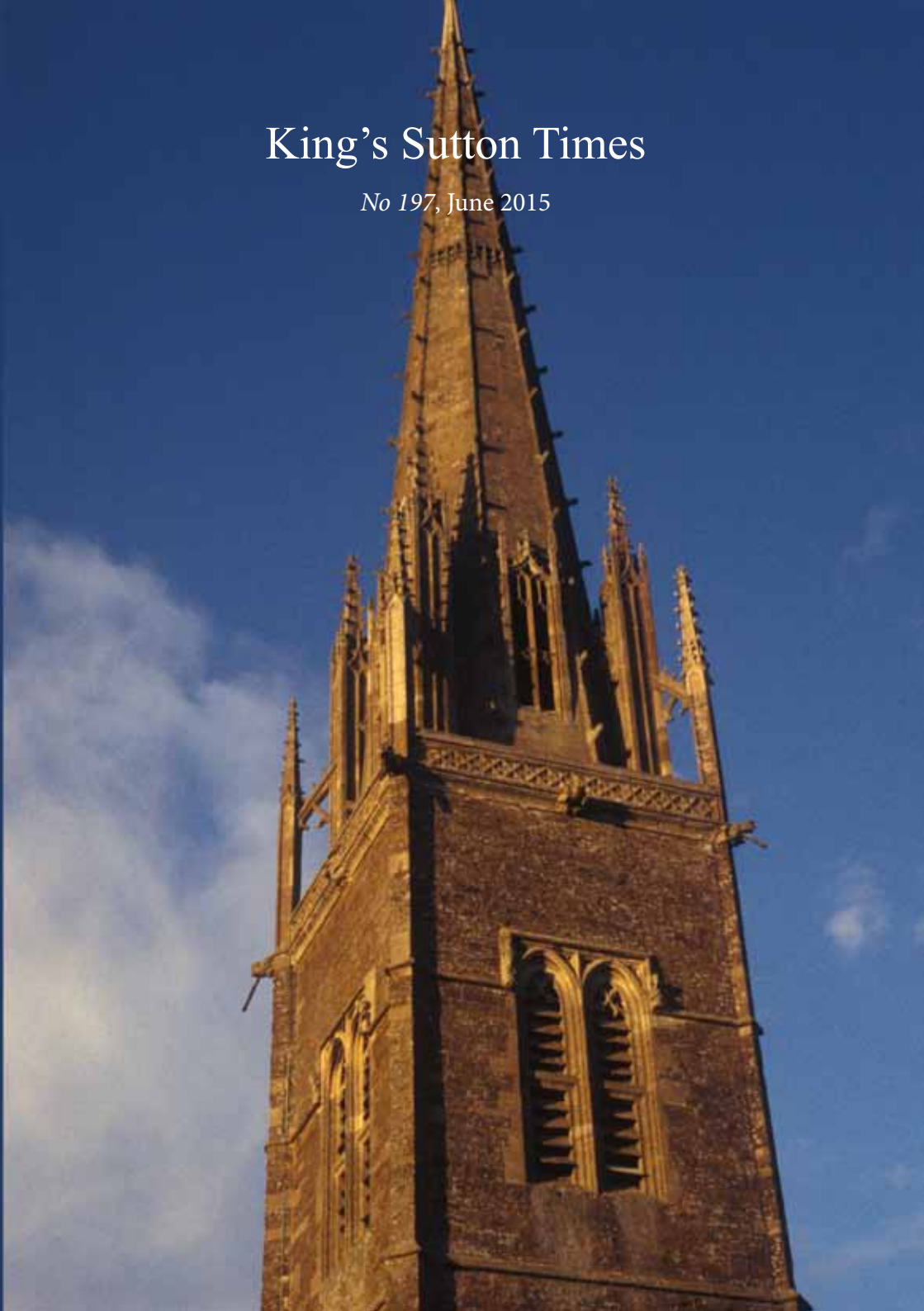


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View from the Village

Firstly, let me apologise for the delay in getting the March issue to you all. This was due to circumstances beyond our control and we will endeavour to make sure you receive this issue in the first week of June.

We hope you will enjoy reading this edition, which as usual for June, contains several reports from April's Annual Parish Meeting. Most of us don't manage to get to this important yearly event, but it is still important that we can read about the things that have been done on our behalf.

We also include the report from our District Councillor, Ian Morris, who I am happy to inform you has once again been elected to continue his good work on behalf of the village.

The General Election has been and gone, and whatever your opinions, we congratulate the winners and hope that the next five years brings prosperity and good government for our country.

We have to say a goodbye and thank you to Catherine Martin who has been a member of the King's Sutton Times team since 2004. Unfortunately due to her many and varied work commitments, Catherine feels that she can't continue. We have loved having her on the team and she shall be sorely missed by us all.

Catherine's departure means we now have a vacancy on our editorial team. If anyone out there is interested in joining us, please contact me on 07801 541962. I would love to hear from you.

It was a sad time for many when we lost yet more villagers over the past three months, especially Alan Essex, who had served the village as a councillor for more than 19 years. Alan was a regular at the Hall Coffee Shop, always bringing flowers every Friday for us three ladies who run it and helping put tables and chairs away before ill health prevented him from doing that. Alan

will be missed by us all and our condolences go to his sons Peter and Patrick. We also said a sad goodbye to John Boys, who although living abroad was known by many of us and, once again, we send out sympathies to his family.

On a lighter note, we see the Rec is looking wonderful. The children must be so excited when they look at all those fantastic structures being built – a real adventure playground. Please keep your eyes peeled for notification of the Grand Opening, which promises to be a great day.

Imagine my surprise whilst watching the final part of the Crufts Dog Show, when out comes our very own Ronnie Irving, one of our Parish Councillors and long time resident of Banbury Lane. Ronnie was the judge of Best in Show and you can read Ronnie's article on page 27.

Finally it is with regret that I have to report that the Hall Coffee Shop cannot put on its planned production of 'Sense and Sensibility' this summer. We will however be welcoming back The Looking Glass Theatre for our yearly pantomime at Christmas. More about that in the September issue.

The beautiful cover photograph of our Parish Church Spire was taken by Dr. Brian O'Callaghan of Armitage Heritage Services, a specialist in preserving medieval churches. Brian very kindly gave us his permission to use it. Our Church needs your help, please go to page 11 to read more

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer, with hopefully wonderful weather.

Ed

Typesetting Skills? We Need You!

We're looking for someone to lay out and typeset the next King's Sutton Times. If you can help, please call Liz on 07801 541962.

Village Diary

Please note that event details may very well change over time, so please check for updates and additional information in the Events Diary pages on King's Sutton Parish Council's website: www.kingssutton.org/events-diary.

Organisations With Diary Events 50+ Club

The club usually meets every second Wednesday of the month at 14:30 in the Millennium Memorial Hall.. Visitors are welcome for a fee of £1.00 per session, which includes refreshments. The joining fee is £5.00 per person for the year, so it makes sense to join early! For more information, please call Carol McGarry on 01295 811271.

Adderbury Ensemble

Tickets for Adderbury Ensemble concerts at the Parish Church are usually available at the door or from King's Sutton Post Office for £15.00 (adults) and £13.00 (full-time students, senior citizens

and children 11-16). Children 5-10 years old are admitted free of charge. There is no admission for children under the age of five.

Andrea Leadsom, MP

Please contact Ms Leadsom's constituency office on 01604 859721 to make an appointment or for more information. "Drop-in" surgeries do not require an appointment.

Film Society


Life membership of the Film Society is offered at a "one-off" cost of £10.00, with a reduced entrance fee of £4.00 (usually £6.00). The Film Society offers the opportunity to meet up with people in the village, have a coffee (or tea) and a chat before watching a great film (chosen by the audience) and all without having to leave the village – what a great way to spend an evening! Screenings normally start promptly at 20:00 with tea and coffee available from 19:30. (Times may vary depending on the length of the film so please check the Events Diary at www.kingssutton.org/events-diary.)

Horticultural Society

The society meets in the Millennium Memorial Hall at 19:30 on the last Wednesday of the month except where otherwise stated. Visitors are welcome for a charge of £1.50. (Membership is still £8.00.) Every effort is made to adhere to the published programme but changes cannot be ruled out. Please check the website Events Diary or the notice boards at the Millennium Memorial Hall and Post Office. For more information contact Lynette Owen on 01295 812815.

King's Sutton Tennis Club

The club is always looking for new members and welcomes King's Sutton residents of all ages and standards. Please do come along to open days and other events to find out what the club can offer. For more information or to apply for membership, please contact Mary Awre on 01295 788226.



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Mobile Library

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Pubs

The residents of King's Sutton are very lucky to have two excellent pubs in the village: the Butchers Arms in Whittall Street and the White Horse in The Square. As well as serving fine ales, wines and spirits, both pubs have good food cooked on the premises – takeaway Chinese meals in the case of the Butchers Arms and award-winning “gastro pub” cuisine at the White Horse. Both pubs also host regular events such as the fortnightly Sunday evening quizzes at the Butchers Arms and the monthly jazz sessions at the White Horse. Other live entertainment is often arranged at short notice, so it is always worth keeping an eye out for last minute details in the Events Diary pages on King's Sutton Parish Council's website: www.kingssutton.org/events-diary.

Women's Institute

The WI usually meets at 19:30 on the third Wednesday of the month in the Millennium Memorial Hall. Guests are always welcome and can attend up to three meetings in a year, after which they will be invited to join. The cost for guests is £2.00, which includes refreshments. Why not come along and enjoy the evening? Get in touch with us on 01295 812815 or 01295 811253 for more information.

June 2015

Thursday June 4, 2015

19:30 Meet the Author, Keith McClellan at Middleton Cheney Library

Friday June 5, 2015

12:20 Mobile Library at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Car Park

Saturday June 6, 2015

14:00 Summer Fete at King's Sutton Primary Academy

Sunday June 7, 2015

20:00 Quiz Night at the Butcher's Arms Public House

Wednesday June 10, 2015

TBA 50+ Club Outing to Windsor (call Carol McGarry on 01295 811271 for details)

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Village Diary (continued)

Friday June 12, 2015

15:00 Andrea Leadsom, MP Advice Surgery at Community Centre, Wootton (Call 01604 859721 for an appointment.)

Wednesday June 17, 2015

19:30 Women's Institute Meeting: My Life as a Police Constable by David Perkins at the Millennium Memorial Hall (call 01295 812815 or 01295 811253 for details)
21:00 Jazz at the White Horse

Thursday June 18, 2015

18:30 Antiques, Collectables Valuation Evening with Simon Davis at Middleton Cheney Library. (Fun competitions with prizes while you wait.)

Sunday June 21, 2015

13:00 Table Top/Car Boot Sale at the Millennium Memorial Hall

Sunday June 21, 2015

20:00 Quiz Night at the Butcher's Arms Public House

Wednesday June 24, 2015

09:00 Horticultural Society: Garden Outing to Broughton Grange (call Lynette Owen on 01295 812815 for details)

Friday June 26, 2015

15:30 Andrea Leadsom, MP Drop-in Surgery at Tesco, Mereway (no appointment necessary)
19:30 Ceilidh to Raise Funds for LARK at the Millennium Memorial Hall

Sunday June 28, 2015

10:30 Bring and Share Lunch at the Baptist Church Hall
15:00 "Sounds Good" Concert: Back to Bach at SS Peter and Paul Church



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July 2015

Thursday July 2, 2015

19:30 'Into the Breach', written, directed & acted by Mark Carey at Middleton Cheney Library

Friday July 3, 2015

12:20 Mobile Library at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Car Park

Saturday July 4, 2015

14:00 Church Fete at SS Peter and Paul Church

Sunday July 5, 2015

20:00 Quiz Night at the Butcher's Arms Public House

Wednesday July 8, 2015

TBA 50+ Club with an event to be arranged (call Carol McGarry on 01295 811271 for details)

Friday July 10, 2015

15:00 Andrea Leadsom, MP Advice Surgery at Towcester Library (Call 01604 859721 for an appointment.)

Sunday July 12, 2015

14:00 Fourth Annual Scarecrow Festival in Aid of King's Sutton Preschool at the Millennium Memorial Hall (and throughout the Village)

Wednesday July 15, 2015

19:30 Women's Institute Meeting: Hats by Christine Abel at the Millennium Memorial Hall (call 01295 812815 or 01295 811253 for details)

21:00 Jazz at the White Horse

Saturday July 18, 2015

11:00 Car Boot Sale to Raise Funds for LARK at the Baptist Church Hall

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Thursday 18 June – 6.30-9.00 pm

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Thursday 2 July at 7.30 pm

'Into the Breach'
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Saturday 18 July at 2.30 pm

'Fashionable Stitches'
Nicola Jarvis
Artist/Embroiderer, an illustrated talk about her work with the Fashion Industry over the past decade.

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Full details, tickets & prices from Middleton Cheney Library or email midlib@northamptonshire.gov.uk

or visit www.middletoncheney.org and click Library Supporters.

Middleton Cheney Library Supporters Group

Village Diary (continued)

Saturday July 18, 2015 (continued)

14:30 'Fashionable Stitches' by artist/
embroiderer Nicola Jarvis at Middleton
Cheney Library

Sunday July 19, 2015

20:00 Quiz Night at the Butcher's Arms

Saturday July 25, 2015

15:00 Summer Madness Fete at King's Sutton
Rec. (In aid of the Playing Fields.)

18:00 Summer Madness Children's Disco at the
Millennium Memorial Hall. (In aid of the
Playing Fields.)

20:00 Summer Madness Motown Disco at the
Millennium Memorial Hall. (In aid of the
Playing Fields.)

Wednesday July 29, 2015

19:30 "Demonstration of Flowers" by Paula at
the Millennium Memorial Hall

August 2015

Sunday August 2, 2015

20:00 Quiz Night at the Butcher's Arms Public
House

Friday August 7, 2015

12:20 Mobile Library at the Millennium
Memorial Hall, Car Park

Wednesday August 12, 2015

TBA 50+ Club Seaside trip to Bournemouth
(call Carol McGarry on 01295 811271 for
details)

Friday August 14, 2015

TBA Set up for the Horticultural Society's
Annual Show at the Millennium
Memorial Hall. (Call Lynette Owen on
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Village Diary (continued)

Saturday August 15, 2015

14:30 Horticultural Society's Annual Show at the Millennium Memorial Hall (call Lynette Owen on 01295 812815 for details)

Sunday August 16, 2015

20:00 Quiz Night at the Butcher's Arms Public House

Wednesday August 19, 2015

21:00 Jazz at the White Horse

Sunday August 23, 2015

14:00 Family Fun Day at King's Sutton Rec (organised by the Baptist Church)

Sunday August 30, 2015

20:00 Quiz Night at the Butcher's Arms Public House

September 2015

Friday September 4, 2015

12:20 Mobile Library at the Millennium Memorial Hall, Car Park
15:00 Andrea Leadsom, MP Advice Surgery at Town Hall, Brackley (Call 01604 859721 for an appointment.)

Friday September 11, 2015

10:30 Andrea Leadsom, MP Drop-in Surgery at Tesco, Towcester (no appointment necessary)

Saturday September 12, 2015

14:30 Soiree to Raise Funds for LARK at the Baptist Church Hall
19:30 Youth Club Disco at the Millennium Memorial Hall. (Contact Kath Sharman on 07753 709579 for details.)



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At The Hall

King's Sutton Bridge Club at the Millennium Memorial Hall

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Why not come along and play Bridge regularly in a friendly relaxed atmosphere? Two kinds of Bridge are on offer at the Millennium Memorial Hall:

- Rubber Bridge is played on Tuesday at 18:30-21:30 weekly. (For more information, contact Terry on 01295 269533.)
- Duplicate Bridge is played weekly on Thursdays from 18:45 (for 19:00) until 22:00 by pairs and teams of four. (For more information contact Marian on 01295 811393.)

If you are wishing to improve your Bridge, you are very welcome to attend our supervised

play sessions and seminars on Wednesday mornings each week at the Memorial Hall. We have coffee from 09:40 before a playing session 10:00-12:00. Please contact Marian on 01295 811393 for more information.

King's Sutton Film Society at the Millennium Memorial Hall

The King's Sutton Film Society is currently resting after a very successful 4th season. This season we have shown seven films, ranging from big blockbusters (Captain Phillips) to low budget productions such as "Grow Your Own". All have been very well attended.

The last film of the season was the Imitation Game, which was well received. In total there have been in excess of 220 people attending the various screenings. To date we have more than 50 people who have signed up for Life Membership of the Film Society, which is fantastic. A huge thank you to you all for your ongoing support.

The 2015/16 Autumn/Winter season kicks off on Wednesday September 23, when we will be screening "The Theory of Everything" starring Eddie Redmayne as Stephen Hawking, for which he won the Best Actor Oscar. Felicity Jones also stars as Jane Hawking.

We look forward to seeing you all then. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer!

M Paterson

Coffee Shop at the Millennium Memorial Hall

The Hall Coffee Shop is open to all every Monday and Friday morning between 10:00 and 12:00 at the Millennium Memorial Hall. A great place to make new friends if you are new to the village and a great place to catch up with old friends if you're not. On Friday mornings, we usually get a visit from our local police officers, the vicar, various parish councillors and the King's Sutton Walkers as well as all the regulars. Our local MP Andrea Leadsom and district councillor Ian Morris are also frequent visitors.



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At The Hall (continued)

What's On at the Millennium Memorial Hall

Club/Society	Day of Week/Month	Time	Contact	Telephone
50-Plus Club	Second Wednesday of the month	14:00-16:00	Carol	01295 811271
Art Class	Tuesday	14:00-16:00	Carol	01295 811271
Bingo	Wednesday	19:00-21:00	Barbara	01295 811738
Coffee Shop	Monday & Friday	10:00-12:00	Liz	01295 811408
Duplicate Bridge	Thursday	19:00-22:00	Anthony Wagg	01295 812199
Health Walks	Friday	10:00	Derek	01295 816563
Horticultural Society	Last Wednesday of the Month	19:30	Carol	01295 811271
Goshin Jitsu Karate	Tuesday	18:00-19:30	Mark	01295 812508
Mothers & Toddlers	Tuesday	10:00-11:30	Lynn	01295 812549
North Oxford Bridge	Wednesday	10:00-12:00	Marian	01295 811393
Quilting	Monday	14:00-16:00	Christine	01295 814943
Rubber Bridge	Tuesday	18:30-21:30	Joan	01295 811679
Sequence Dancing	Thursday	14:00-16:00	Mrs Ashby	01295 263588
Short Mat Bowls	Monday	14:30-16:30	Dot	01295 810945
Short Mat Bowls	Tuesday	19:30-21:30	Dot	01295 810945
Sutton Stitchers	Saturday	10:00-16:00	Carole	01295 811134
Women's Institute	Third Wednesday of the Month	19:00-21:00	Barbara	01295 811310
Yoga	Monday	19:00-21:00	Vicky	01295 810063
Zumba Fitness	Monday	19:00-20:00	Di	07950 567908

Bingo Club at the Millennium Memorial Hall

Bingo is usually played at the Memorial Hall fortnightly on Wednesday evenings (black bin week), 19:00-21:00. All profits from the club go to various organisations around the village. Call Barbara on 01295 811738 for details.

New King's Sutton Youth Club

There is a new King's Sutton Youth Club starting in September, on Sunday evenings at the Memorial Hall. The main purpose will be to give local secondary school students somewhere to hang out, meet with friends, etc. It will kick off with a Disco on Saturday September 12.

The club will open after that on Sunday evenings. There will be table tennis, table football, board games and other activities available and a

kitchen for tea, coffee, soft drinks, making toast or doing a bit of cooking. Plus free wi-fi for anyone who wants to use it, and a sound system that you can plug your own music into.

The Club will be largely unstructured but we might offer occasional events/activities such as:

- Arts/crafts specialist visitors
- Drama and/or Debating Events
- Self Defence lessons
- Bowling
- Paintball
- Band Night – with drum kit and electric guitars provided, *anyone* can have a go!

Further suggestions or ideas are very welcome. Anyone who'd like to get involved in decision-making or running the club can contact Kath Sharman on kathcello@phonecoop.coop or call 07753 709579.

The Parish Church

The Spire

We all know that our parish church spire stands high above the village and landscape, visible for miles around, including the canal, railway and M40. It has been here with its delicate stonework and its wonderful design for over 700 years. When we see it we know we are near home, and for us who are Christians it speaks eloquently of God's presence in our midst. King's Sutton wouldn't quite be King's Sutton without it.

If you have lived in the village for a while, you may have seen the damage that a single pinnacle can cause when it falls. One came down through the church roof in a storm in 1990, and broke two thick oak roof beams, damaging a significant number of pews and the floor. Yet another fallen pinnacle caused extensive damage some ten years later.

A recent report indicates that we need to spend about £90,000-plus on urgent repairs: a lot of the stone is eroding and we need to ensure the stability of the pinnacles and the frieze at the top of the tower. This amount was included in an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund which we reported in the July 2014 Newsletter. Because there were so many applications and not enough money to distribute, we were unsuccessful.

We will be making applications for grants to various organisations but we also need your support. Whoever we apply to we have to show that the spire (and the Church) matters to our community. So we are inviting you to write to Father Roger to tell him why the spire is important to you. Perhaps that ought to include something about the importance of having a church in the village, not just for the worshipping community and marking life events, but for concerts, exhibition, and community events and so on.

Having the Church open every day during daylight hours is a sign that the whole community is welcome to their building. Without community support any grant application will surely fail, and if that happens the worst case scenario is that the spire will



become unsafe and be removed. Is that what you want for our Church?

Please take the time to write your letters of support to Father Roger. You can email him at rogerbellamy@hotmail.co.uk or drop your letters into the Church.

Our Parish Church

by Ann and Chris Busby

*For centuries our Church has stood
majestic on a hill.*

*A sanctuary where those who wished
Could come and go at will.*

*An awful thought, I might expire,
if we lost our loved church spire.*

*King's Sutton church without a steeple
would distress so many people.*

A vital part of Village life

In this poor world of gloom and strife.

And as we travel far and wide,

No matter where we roam,

The steeple like a lighthouse,

Will guide us safely home.

So it you are feeling lonely

And life is full of care,

Just enter; sit down in a pew

You will find God waiting there.

Marie's Handy Hints and Tips

To get wrinkles out of silk or woollen clothes, cover your ironing board with foil and lay the item over it. Pass the iron 10 cm over the fabric several times whilst pressing the steam button. The heat radiating from the foil will smooth out any creases.

Flat car battery? Just pop the top off and drop in two aspirins. The chemical reaction should give it enough oomph to get you started.

When you're painting, slip a rubber band across the open tin. Wipe your brush against it to prevent paint from running down the sides and congealing around the top.

Erase deodorant marks on a top by rubbing a tumble drying sheet over the stain.

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If a loved pair of shoes have become stained and a bit tired looking, rub them lightly with an emery board, then hold the shoe over the steam from a kettle to remove the stains and bring the pile back to life.

A Touch of Polish. Rub a little Vaseline on the skin around your nails before you apply your nail polish. Then, if you make a mistake it can be wiped off once your nails are dry. It also softens your cuticles at the same time.

Smooth Operator. Put creased shirts in the tumble dryer with a few ice cubes, leave them for five minutes before transferring to hangers. Magic!

Marie Nice

Something to say?

Write it down and email it to
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Readers' Pictures



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Annual Parish Meeting Reports

Parish Council Chairman's Report

I was elected chairman of the parish council in August 2014 following the unexpected resignation of Geoffrey Searle who moved from the village for family reasons. Geoffrey was a very effective chairman who oversaw the restructuring of the council which took effect last year. It was primarily his idea that we moved from the previous structure of permanent committees to our present structure which gives individual councillors specific roles and responsibilities.

We now have councillors for footway lighting, the cemetery, the recreation ground, communications and traffic calming – but we still operate two standing committees one for Planning and one for Finance, Governance and Policy (FG & P).

Parish councils are only required by statute to meet three times a year in addition to the annual parish meeting. However throughout the past year we have continued to meet on the first

Thursday evening of each month (at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Memorial Hall) with the Planning Committee meeting immediately before. The FG and P committee has met six times during the year. All council and committee meetings are open to the public with agendas published on the council noticeboards and website.

The full council comprises 15 councillors, but currently has only 11 members. In addition to councillors, the council has a Rights of Way Warden who looks after the parish footpaths, ably undertaken for a number of years by Dave Hall, and also a Tree Warden - which until his recent untimely death, was undertaken by Alan Essex who also served as a councillor for sixteen years.

Councillors are supported by the parish clerk whose working hours are currently under review in response to an ever increasing workload. As well as producing all the papers for meetings, the clerk serves the council as its Responsible Finance Officer, and once again she has ensured

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that the council's finances are properly budgeted and audited and that we have continued to maintain healthy reserves and not had to increase our council tax precept. I wish to place on record my personal thanks to her for her wise counsel, expertise and commitment throughout the year.

The councillors for the roles referred to above will give more detailed reports on their own responsibilities, but as an overview, amongst other issues councillors have been involved with:

- Regular consultations with the local planning authority regarding building developments in the parish
- Ongoing consultations with new housing developers regarding footway lighting, notifications to residents, etc
- Ongoing consultations regarding the proposed flood alleviation scheme for Wales Street
- The installation of the much anticipated new play area equipment on the Rec (which will shortly be officially opened)
- Ongoing consultations regarding the possible extension of the railway station car park
- Pursuing the introduction of new traffic calming measures on the roads into the village (which should be actioned in the coming year)
- Examining the feasibility of extending the cemetery
- Subsidising the weekly Thursday bus for village shoppers to and from Banbury
- The appointment of a local professional contractor to manage the parish council website
- Collating and analysing the results of the "The Way Ahead" village survey
- Organising a village litter pick in September

It is hoped that this year's parish council election will secure the full number of parish councillors for the next four years.

Bob Burrell, Parish Council Chairman

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Cllr Ian Morris, South Northants Council

This my last annual report before the election in May. I have to say that it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve the village for the last four years and if I am lucky enough to be re-elected as your district councillor, I hope to continue to do so for another four years. I have worked hard for the village for the last four years and although we have achieved a lot together there are still a number of things I would like to see through to completion and I make no apology for starting with these in my report.

The first of these is the flood alleviation works for Wales Street. As many of you will know this has been an ongoing issue for the last four years and for many years before that. I think we are now within touching distance of seeing these works completed. The problem, as all those involved will know, is funding. Although the scheme was initially funded by the Environment Agency, the district council and the parish council there is likely to be a significant funding shortfall. As I write this I do not yet know what that figure is but it is likely to be in the region of £200,000. I cannot really go into too much detail as to how this funding shortfall will be made up but I am confident the money will be found and that this work will proceed to completion later in the year.

Regarding the proposed extension to the Car Park at the Station. It appeared that things had fatally stalled when it looked likely that the costs of the Car Park Extension would exceed £200,000-£250,000. Working with the Parish Council, South Northants Council and Northamptonshire County Council, Chiltern Railways and the two County Enterprise Partnerships as well as the landowners, I am confident that a project can be pulled together. Northamptonshire County Council have £70,000 in their budget for the next year to help with this project. If further funding can be found from some of the other involved parties I am confident that we can get to the figures we need. The new car park would alleviate some of the parking problems around



the station and hopefully encourage more people from outside the village to use it, preventing any further cutting of services from the timetable in the future.

The threat of large scale development has hung over the village for the last few years and I am determined to fight any attempts for any further large scale schemes. This fight should be helped by the fact that the district now has a robust five-year housing land supply. King's Sutton has taken its fair share and other than small scale infilling within the village should not take any more.

I do have to also mention the New Homes Bonus. This is a formula by which the Government pays a certain amount per new dwelling to the local authority in which the property is built. A significant amount of this is being set aside for each of the villages that have seen development. If the regime continues after the election in May then this could amount to a significant amount for the village of King's Sutton. At the moment there is £14,000 set aside for the village but this will increase significantly if the New Homes Bonus regime continues after the election. Applications for these funds can be made by anyone in the village to the Grants Panel and as long as the project is for the overall benefit of the village and the villagers it is likely to be granted.

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Anyone from the village who visits Towcester from time to time might have noticed the new civic building at Moat Lane going up. I am pleased to announce that the building is now completed and the move-in took place over the Easter bank holiday weekend. I would encourage you all to visit as it really is state of the art and contains an impressive new library facility and well as the Registrar's Office, which will continue to operate on the same hours as the previous building. The building was completed on time and on budget and will produce significant savings for the Council in the future.

Residents in King's Sutton will see no increase in the portion of the Council Tax that goes to SNC for a fifth consecutive year. This is despite the fact that the money the Authority receives from Government is reducing year on year and it is only by introducing innovative ways of working such as sharing services with other Authorities that makes this possible. The joint working with Cherwell and Stratford has produced significant savings to all the Authorities already and will continue to do so going forward.

If anyone wants to contact me please call me on 07710198272 or e-mail me on Ian@hemingfordproperties.co.uk You can also follow me on twitter Cllr Ian Morris @aussielover100 If you want to talk to me in person I am usually at the Coffee Morning at the Millennium Hall on a Friday.

Cllr Ian Morris

Parish Council Planning Committee

This report presents the main points of the work of the committee in the last year. The Planning Committee has no expenditure budget and no executive responsibilities. It provides advice on planning matters to the Parish Council.

1. During the year the committee met on a number of occasions, normally immediately prior to the main Parish Council meeting. In this way the advice of the committee, usually relating to planning applications,

has been reported directly to the Parish Council meeting and recorded in the Parish Council minutes. It should be noted that King's Sutton Parish Council is a consultee to South Northants Council (SNC) who are the Local Planning Authority; it does not make the decision; but equally is not obliged to make any comment or observation.

2. The approval and formal adoption of the Joint Core Strategy by SNC, Daventry and Northampton Borough together with a much more robust 5 Year Housing supply have greatly strengthened SNC's position in relation to unwanted and uncalled-for housing developments: This will have contributed to Banner (now CALA) Homes' decision to withdraw their application for a further 14 houses in Banbury Lane. We look forward to working with SNC on the next stage of their Local Plan which will include a Conservation Area Appraisal for King's Sutton.
3. Progress has unfortunately been very slow with *King's Sutton The Way Ahead*. We do now have results from a response of nearly 30% and the working groups will be reconvened after the forthcoming election. This is very much a community effort and we hope that others will come forward to contribute their knowledge and expertise to putting our report together.
4. The permission granted to Barwood Homes on appeal for 35 houses off Hampton Drive is now being implemented. It is being monitored by members of the Parish Council and site meetings have been held with Barwood staff. There is an email address where village residents can contact Barwood with any concerns: kings.sutton@barwood.co.uk.
5. Banner Homes (Cala) made an application as Agents for Mr T Woolley for ten more houses on land at the back of their site which was refused in December 2013. This

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was superseded by a revised application for 14 houses and bungalows. The Parish Council objected and the SNC officers recommended refusal. In the light of this opposition Banner withdrew the application just before the application was due to go to SNC's Development Control Committee.

6. Planning permission was granted for the revised flood alleviation bund alignment in Wales Street. This was strongly supported by the Parish Council, which is also contributing financially to the scheme. The funding position is not yet secure but tenders for the construction of the bund are expected to be received by SNC shortly.
7. The Parish Council heard with dismay plans for an application for 100 houses 'in the first instance' from Gladman Developments on land fronting Mill Lane. The company involved has received a substantial amount of adverse comment in

the national press. While the prospect has not gone away, the present policy climate for housebuilding in rural areas is much less favourable. However, we shall have to see what the general election brings. We have discussed the implication of new housing with the School Head and Chair of Governors, and it is clear that another 100 houses in addition to the 75 that are already built or building would cause considerable problems for the school which could not be solved with building works on the school site, and which might entail village children travelling away for their primary education. Watch this space.

Flood Alleviation Group

1. The Flood Alleviation Group is a working group composed of parish councillors and local residents. It meets as and when required.

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2. This year has been one of mixed fortunes in terms of our aspirations. While the completed Windsor Close and Barton Terrace flood alleviation scheme continues to work well, the Wales Street scheme has been the subject of a further redesign.
3. Barwood Homes are now working on their site and discussions have been held with their Construction Director on the implementation of their modified Windsor Close and Barton Terrace Surface Water Flood Alleviation Scheme. The main cut-off channel has been constructed across the site and we are monitoring progress. Responsibility for the maintenance of the flood protection measures on their site and the inspection of the trash screen will pass from the parish council to Barwood Homes.
4. Planning permission for the revised Wales Street bund was granted by SNC in March 2015 following extensive negotiations with landowners. The new bund has the support of all the landowners and will by-pass the blocked culvert. The main issue now is funding. SNC have gone out to tender and the documents should be returned very shortly. The main challenge will then be the size of the funding gap. The Parish Council is making a contribution but the gap is likely to be larger than previously anticipated. We are working closely with Cllr Ian Morris and SNC to identify additional funding sources. SNC have appointed Royal Haskoning DHV as their project managers and they will be the point of contact following the retirement of Mr Alan Isaac to whom we offer our good wishes.
5. We remain in regular contact with Thames Water regarding sewer flooding. Sewer maintenance has been undertaken that appears to have resulted in the clearance of existing blockages and there have been no further reports of sewage flooding in lower Wales Street. Substantial modernisation has been undertaken at the pumping station

including new pumps, a new control board and an inlet air valve. All these measures should add to the efficiency of the system in the future. Airtight manhole covers have been installed on the foul sewer from Wales Street to the pumping station. We are continuing to press Thames Water to complete their survey of groundwater ingress into the sewer system which had contributed to overload in the past.

T M Forde, Chairman, Flood Alleviation Group

Millennium Memorial Hall & Health Centre

Trustees/Committee of Management – I wish to begin my third annual report as chairman by thanking the following villagers who have served as fellow trustees on the committee of management throughout the past year:

- Maureen Paterson (Vice-Chair)
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The committee of management comprises four trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting together with representative members appointed by the sixteen organisations named in the governing deeds of the trust. (A member can represent more than one organisation.) At present, there is a vacancy for an elected member and as you will see from the list above, also for a significant number of representative members. This led the committee to review the trust's constitution with a view to seeking the Charity Commission's approval to revise the list of representative organisations. It will be for next year's committee of management to pursue this

further - taking account of the response to the invitation for the existing organisations to appoint representatives for the coming year.

The committee now meets every three rather than every two months – usually on the second Monday of the month - to decide upon policy, approve payments etc and to receive quarterly reports from the Chairman, Treasurer and Hall Manager.

Usage and Finances – Whilst I'm led to believe that the Hall's usage compares favourably with other village halls, there continue to be long periods – particularly during weekdays and over the weekend – where the two halls are under-used. I believe our continued financial security may be at risk in the long term if ways of addressing this situation are not found. (As I pointed out in my report last year, over half of the building's income now derives from the renting of rooms in the health centre.)



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This is the more concerning because of high energy costs that have been in excess of a £1,000 per month during Winter. In response, I have been asked by the trustees to explore the feasibility of installing several solar energy panels on the south-facing roof of the large hall to provide electricity and also the possibility of replacing the existing gas boiler (which is near to the end of its serviceable life) with a more efficient condensing boiler or air heat source pump.

In the meantime the trustees agreed that hiring charges would only rise by 1.5% from January 2015. It is particularly pleasing to know that finances will continue to be overseen by our excellent treasurer, Peter Allen, who is to continue in the role for at least the coming year.

Improvements – During the past year the following improvements have been made:

- Additional coat hanging facilities provided in the small hall
- External noticeboard installed on access road for advertising hall activities – part paid with a donation from the KS Film Society
- Black-out blinds installed to windows in the small hall – purchased with a grant from Banner Homes (over £500)

Maintenance Issues – As well as the normal programmed maintenance of the building's facilities, the following work has been necessary:

- Re-routing of the Passivent ventilation system above the hall toilets
- Car parking bays repainted and displaced paving bricks re-laid
- Replacement of discoloured skirting boards
- Replacement of the water management system for the gents' urinals

It remains a huge privilege for me to be involved in the management of this wonderful village asset.

Bob Burrell, Chairman

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Playing Fields Association

1. Anglian windows vacated the car park and cleared up after their cabins were removed.
2. Negotiations are taking place with several contractors for quotes for a new car park, with a more visible entrance and gates. We are hopeful that this will soon be finalised and the car park can be in place before the next football season. Playing Fields funds are unable to run to being able to pay the contractors and it is understood that the parish council will provide the funds allocated for this in advance or on receipt of the invoices.
3. The Football club have arranged for a vertidrain to be completed after the football season ends.
4. We held another successful Music Festival in 2014 but the accompanying Fete on bank holiday Monday was a wash-out. It is proposed this year to hold fund raising events at the Memorial Hall instead.

5. The Music Festival is not an option this year due to the overheads required to run it. In July, we are holding a fete at the Memorial Hall, followed by a children's disco, then a family disco.
6. The annual fireworks event was once again a success, with a good turnout despite the bad weather. We were able to make a donation to Katherine House and also recoup some of the losses made over the August Bank Holiday. We would like to thank all parties for their donations and also thank everyone who helped out under appalling weather conditions. The Fireworks this year will be on November 1st.
7. The football, tennis and cricket clubs are all suffering from lack of support, so it has been proposed that the rental paid by them to the Playing Fields is reduced this year. We hope we can cover the shortfall by fundraising.

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School Reports

King's Sutton Primary Academy

The summer term has begun with our Year 6 children putting in their final preparations for sitting the statutory national curriculum tests (SATs). The children have been working extremely hard all year in preparation for the tests and I'm sure they will perform well. A small group of children will also be undertaking the Level 6 papers in Maths. We are (and continue to be) very proud of all of the children!

Many of our children have been involved in sporting competitions and initiatives this term. Children from Years 3, 4 and 5 and 6 have taken part in the inter-school cross country event, hockey tournaments and football tournaments. Our Sportshall Athletics team will be competing against other local primary schools in various events and we are hoping to do as well as last year when KSPA were the overall winners!! A huge well done to all those children that were involved and to Mrs Mattachine-Lee and Mr Deeney for



Children from King's Sutton recently participated in the "Orchestra in a Day" event at Chenderit School

giving up a lot of their time to train and encourage the children to perform to such high standards.

Our younger children have been on walks around the village looking at all the different houses and the churches to help with their class topics. The Year 5 children used their initiative to help raise money towards their trip to the Canal Museum later this term. The children organised various stalls from 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' to 'Lucky Dips'. There has also been

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several enrichment activities at Chenderit which the children have attended. These are arranged by the staff at Chenderit and give our children the opportunity to meet and work with other pupils from local Primary Schools under the guidance of specialist teachers from Chenderit.

King's Sutton Preschool

Come and join us at the Rec for our 4th Annual Scarecrow Festival on Sunday July 12, 14:00-17:00. Our theme this year is Fictional Characters, which we hope will be scaring the crows away. Vote for your favourite – the most creative use of materials and the scarecrow most in need of a hug! There will be cash prizes for the winning entries and while you are walking along the trail (along Astrop Road to The Square and back) try to find all the special scarecrow stamps to enter a bonus prize draw. There will be a children's Fancy Dress competition (to be judged at 14:30 on the Rec), and the best dressed

Fictional Character will become the Scarecrow King or Queen and treated royally!

Main events will be held on the Rec, including bouncy castle, rides, games, competitions and raffle. All that fun and fresh air will give you an appetite, so be sure to visit the BBQ and refreshment stalls too!

It is free to enter a scarecrow. Simply pick up an entry number from the Village Post Office, Co-op or Preschool, and deliver your scarecrow to Anna at 32 Astrop Road on Saturday July 11. If you can't make Saturday for some reason, you can deliver to Preschool during the week before the festival instead.

There will be workshops teaching you how to make your scarecrow during the run up to the festival. Keep your eyes peeled for posters about these around the village or visit the website at www.kingssuttonscarecrowfest.btck.co.uk

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Village People

Anyone watching Channel 4 TV at 8.30 pm on Sunday March 8 would have seen a King's Sutton Parish Councillor performing an unexpected task. Ronnie Irving, who has lived in the village since 1994, was this year's judge of "Best in Show" at the world famous Crufts Dog Show.

Ronnie and his wife Kate have Border Terriers and both of them have been involved in that breed virtually all of their lives. In Ronnie's case it was his grandfather who first introduced a Border Terrier into the family in 1924, and it was Kate's mother who introduced her to the breed in the 1950s.

Both have judged Border Terriers all over the world and Ronnie also judges many other breeds as well. Over the years he has officiated in places such as North and South America, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Kenya, Russia and many parts of Europe. He told the King's Sutton Times that he is to judge at six shows outside the UK this year as well as at a number of UK events.

The Irvings still show Border Terriers and one of their dogs that Kate bred was Best of Breed out of 303 Border Terriers at Crufts 2014. Also, it was a son of that dog that won the same award at this year's show. The Irvings' own dogs were not of course allowed to be shown there this year because Ronnie was down to be the Best in Show Judge.

As well as breeding and showing dogs Ronnie was Chairman of the Kennel Club in London for nine years from 2002 until he decided to stand down from that position in 2011.

The King's Sutton Times asked him to give them his view of the Crufts judging appointment and he told us:

"It was of course a great honour to be invited to be the judge of the overall Best in Show winner at Crufts this year. Obviously Crufts is the biggest and best known dog show in this country and also worldwide. But most people



just don't realise that in the UK alone there are over 4,500 other canine events licensed by the Kennel Club every year. That's an average of nearly a hundred a week!

"Crufts attracts a huge amount of media attention and that of course has advantages and disadvantages. Mostly it gives the Kennel Club the opportunity to get across good news stories about dogs and the positive influence they have in society. But this year the show suffered some unjustifiable bad publicity when sadly an Irish Setter died of poisoning when it returned home to Belgium the day after the show. The papers assumed he had been poisoned at Crufts but that turned out not to be the case. News of that reversal of the story got very little publicity and so the damage to Crufts' reputation had already been done."

Asked what he thought of the seven finalist dogs from which he had to choose a winner, Ronnie said: "They were a great line up of dogs but I thought that the Scottie stood out for character, condition and breed type."

Ronnie Irving told the King's Sutton Times that to judge the finals this year was a great honour, but in some ways he is looking forward even more to March next year when he will be judging his own breed Border Terriers at the show.

From the Potting Shed

During the first week in June, your Biennials can be sown – Wallflowers, Sweet Williams, Foxgloves, Sweet Rocket, etc – ready for flowering next spring and early summer.

Dig up and compost biennials that have been used for spring bedding to make way for summer flowering plants. Revitalise the ground by digging in compost, manure or fertiliser.

Containers with summer flowers should be planted up along with hanging baskets. If the containers are not too heavy they could be planted earlier if you are able to put undercover.

Flowered bulbs should be dead-headed. Do not cut, twist or tie the dying leaves, just leave to die naturally so that the bulbs can store up reserves for next year. This is one reason why I do not like bulbs in my garden, too messy. I do have a few but I either have them right at the back of



the border so that my perennials come up and hide the unsightly dying leaves or if the bulb leaves are small like snowdrops, the perennials cover them again as they come up.

Strawberry fruits need to be lifted off the ground once small berries have started to form, tuck straw under them. This stops fruits from rotting on damp ground and protects from slugs and rain splashed soil.

Pests and diseases can start to take hold as the weather becomes warmer so inspect all plants regularly. Look underneath the leaves for whitefly and check soft shoots for greenfly.

Make sure all your large flowered perennials such as peonies and delphiniums are properly staked ready for those sudden gusts of wind. Tie the climbers on to their supports before they get too wayward. Most climbers, especially roses, respond to being tied horizontally.

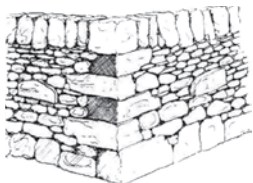
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And finally, enjoy the summer in your garden and don't forget to water and feed those containers and hanging baskets!

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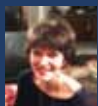
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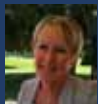
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