THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
Hello

Beryl and I would like to wish all members of the KRA a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

By the time you get this Newsletter you will have already received the long awaited Millenium Special Edition.

It has taken a while to complete and here I would like to thank all those who contributed to its publication.

We are grateful to Alan Orchard for researching and compiling a year by year history, and Kitty Cook, Gladys Todd, Peter Kitchen, Kenny Moores, Eunice Collins, Wally, Nelly, Rob Pykerman, Alan Cockram and Norman Laker for their memories.

Next, all this text needed putting together and here special praise is due to Annie Handleys, our Editor, and Tracey Baldridge, Social Secretary, for the way they tackled this mammoth task. It is a credit to them and my personal thanks to them both.

Alan typed all his history, but the remainder of the 28 pages was for the most part typed by Elsie Dyer, my Vice Chairman. Thank you Elsie for the back-up.

The more I have spoken to people recently, it is amazing how many of you remember so much of the early years of the Kingswood Estate. On page 5 you will find the names of some of them and what they did at that time.

I hope you enjoy the publication. For myself it is gratifying to see the results of all the work we have put in to make it possible.

Till next year,

Best Wishes,

Ken.

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Police Warn of Festive Thieves

Thieves and pickpockets are on the prowl in Watford's town centre, police warn this week. They are preying on shoppers in stores, markets, streets, pubs and shopping centres.

A spate of purse snatches, pickpocketing and even coats being stolen has been reported to officers.

Mothers out shopping with young children are particularly vulnerable. Purses have been snatched from open bags on baby-buggies by thieves who run off knowing mothers can't chase after them. The police are urging all shoppers not to leave bags open or purses in view.

Campaign Victory over Mast Plans

Campaigning residents are celebrating after helping quash plans by telecom company Orange to build a mast on the Cassiobury Estate in Watford. Plans for the ten-metre mast, with antenna and equipment cabin were thrown out by Watford Council's development control committee.

Chairman of Cassiobury Residents Association said it was a victory for local democracy and for common sense.

An Orange spokesman said "We are disappointed with the decision, and are considering a way forward with our advisors".

So where are they thinking of putting it next?

Entertainment

Tickets to see the ever popular comedienne Victoria Wood perform at the Coliseum in Watford next year are now on sale. She will be bringing her stand-up talents to the Watford stage on Sunday, April 29th, as part of her U.K. tour for 2001.

Although it is still 5 months away, tickets are already selling fast.

Football Parking

A barrage of complaints against Watford's match day parking scheme forced a re-think for Watford Councillors last week. Complaints were made by residents and traders and also there was criticism that the Council failed to signpost the restrictions clearly enough or to provide sufficient parking for customers on match days.

Now urgent proposals are set to be discussed at the Spring review which will consider the impact of the scheme at the end of the football season.

Audience Needed

People in Watford have been asked to be part of a television audience for a Gloria Hunniford show. The show contacted Leavesden Green Centre to look for audience members. Anybody who would like to take part please telephone the Leavesden Green Centre on Tel: 01923 893193 for more information.

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If you would like to purchase any tickets then please return the slip below with payment to: Karen Saunders, 1 Briar Road. These will now be sold on a first come first served basis.

Please make Cheques payable to Kingswood Residents Association.

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Merry Christmas to everyone and may I take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed in some way to the newsletter over the past year. Keep it up it is appreciated. Annie

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Unfortunately this club folded this year, but some of the members have had interesting experiences in the past.

The club which was originally named the "Woodlands" in 1964, run by a committee of local residents, for various reasons had to be re-named "Kingswood Ladies".

As the Millennium Special Edition "Kingswood Past & Present" carried wartime memories, so also do some of the lady members of this club.

Gladys Todd, who contributed to the above publication was a committee member for 10 years. Her Father was in the Navy, she recalled her memories of the war, and another recollection is that the Pond at the top of Watford High Street, used to have a gap in the fence that surrounded it. Well, the horses had to have a drink - didn't they?

Gladys's sister Hilda, during the war, at Fairfields in Colne Way, used to repair damaged Wellington bombers. She repaired wings and turrets by covering them with linen fabric and some very fine sewing, then they were treated with several coats of a chemical. She then went with a friend to Wales; as no one there had any such expertise, this time the plane was a Lysander.

Ellena Allen worked in a factory in Surrey where they manufactured Spitfires. Her job was inspecting parts, and she still remembers her number which she stamped the parts with, which was 96.

Mrs Kerse was the first tenant to move into the Kingswood Estate in 1916. Her husband's Father was in service to the Duchess of Newcastle, who owned the ill-fated Hope Diamond. The house was in Nottingham. Mrs Kerse, as a child, often hid in the hollow of a tree Robin Hood is reputed to have hidden in.

Gwen Coe moved into Garston in 1932. She remembers a World War II bomb that dropped in Garston Park but did not explode. This bomb had a wheel on it, which had not been seen before, and bomb specialists from London had to come and deactivate it. Gwen and other children went to have a look, but were chased away by the adults.

Finally, the husband of Hilda was sent to Burma. They were known as the "Forgotten Army". One example, there was an occasion when they had 1 tin of sardines and 2 water biscuits between EIGHT men!

Gladys Todd

KINGSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you for supporting their bring and buy stall at the recent free coffee morning.

They are pleased to be able to send £117 to the Peace Hospice as a result of this effort.
RSPB Birds Need Gardens

Although we may not have had much of a summer, we will soon be into Autumn and Winter when food in the gardens becomes more and more important for the bird's survival. From September onwards the bird's natural foods (seeds, fruits, insects etc.) become harder to find, and so the food on bird tables or other feeders provides a major source of energy and nutrition for many woodland species. Kitchen scraps make a welcome meal for many birds, but if you want to attract a wider variety it is worth thinking a little about the food that different birds prefer, and where they like to eat it. Blackbirds, robins and thrushes prefer to eat at table rather than at a bar! Familiar birds such as tits and finches will take peanuts and sunflower seeds from feeders, but if you put fatty food (such as suet) on to a post or suspended log you may also see nuthatches and woodpeckers. The beautiful goldfinch is particularly attracted to the tiny nyjer (thistle) seeds, and a specialist feeder in my garden is visited by three or four of these delightful birds each day. The type of feeder also makes a difference - it is said that you stand more chance of seeing a siskin if you hang out peanuts in a red nylon mesh bag, rather than the standard wire feeder, but of course nylon bags are not squirrel proof, which is quite a consideration around here.

It's interesting to experiment with different foods, to see just what foods are favoured by 'your' birds. Leftovers and scraps can go from the kitchen table straight to the bird table. Cooked potato, chopped bacon rind, scraps of uncooked pastry - almost anything that you put out will be welcomed. The only items NOT to provide are things like very dry bread, or dessicated coconut, which can swell up inside the bird's stomach, but fresh coconut is fine and will be seized upon by the blue tits. Soft food, including cheese or fruit, is particularly useful in dry weather, and in hard winters you may see thrushes, including the migrant fieldfares and redwing, pecking at apples as we watch them throughout the year. If you haven't got a bird table, or a feeder in your garden, there is still time to put one up before the onset of the winter. You won't regret it, and the birds will definitely thank you for it. But if you do begin to put out food for the birds, don't stop halfway through the winter. Many birds are creatures of habit and will make a special visit to your garden once they learn that food is there.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds publishes a very useful free booklet entitled "The birds in your garden", which gives details of food and plants which will attract birds to your garden, and will also help with the identification of any new species. If any KRA members would like a copy - with no further obligation - please contact John Britten, Leader of the local RSPB Members' Group, at 98 Sheepcot Lane (Tel: 673205).

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LEAVESDEN GREEN COMPUTER CLUB

This is a club being run to help elderly people to learn the basics of using a computer.

It is held in Leavesden Green Community Centre in Clark Way, on Monday afternoons from 2 - 3.30 pm and caters also for complete beginners. The course, which lasts five weeks, is free, but you will be asked to donate £5 to become a member.

The course which is presently being run is fully subscribed, but a further 5-week course is planned for January, most likely beginning on Monday the 8th.

This, so far, is very popular, so if you are interested and would like to know more, or register for the January course, please telephone Reg Hickman - Chairman/Co-ordinator on 01923 680595.

RECIPE FOR RAGU

Are you on a diet? This recipe is for you!!!!

1 red pepper, 1 green pepper, 1 yellow pepper
2 large onions, 8oz mushrooms
2 large tins of tomatoes (liquidised)
1 dlsp. Marmite or Bovril
2 tab sp tomato puree (optional)
Salt, pepper and one clove of garlic

Cook onions in a little water, add mushrooms and cook for 5 minutes. Add sliced peppers and continue to cook for a further 5 minutes. Add all the other ingredients and cook for a further 20 minutes on a low heat, with lid on.

Can be frozen. Serve with pasta.

BOWLS

Would any lady like a new challenge?

How about trying Bowls.

Watford Ladies Bowling Club welcome new members for the coming season.

Our green is in First Avenue, Garston.

For any information contact Pat Gascoyne on 674752
November 2000

1st Prize 36548 £140
2nd Prize 36863 £70
3rd Prize 38008 £40
4th Prize 36894 £15
5th Prize 37814 £15
6th Prize 36549 £15

October 2000

1st Mrs Siford Perivale Gardens
2nd Mrs Fowler Hillingdon Road
3rd Mr & Mrs Ashby Kingswood Road
4th Mr & Mrs Brook Sheepcote Lane
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6th Mrs Crawford Briar Road

This month's prizes were drawn by Phillipa and Samuel Woolridge of Briar Road helped by their friend Holly.

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MILLENIUM SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

Non-members of the association may wish to purchase copies of the recently published Millennium Special Edition Newsletter at the special price of £3.50.

The newsletter has many articles of local interest including maps giving information on the build-up of the Kingswood Estate.

Anyone interested please contact the above Street Reps or our Chairman Ken Emmons on 01923 672139

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