

# Let's Talk Shop

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## COMMUNITY SHOP MEMBERSHIP SCHEME:

### OFF TO A FLYING START!

Dear Reader:

Welcome to this first edition of Let's Talk Shop, the bi-monthly newsletter of the Kingsbury Community Shop Project. Plans to reopen a shop in the Parish are moving fast and we decided to publish a regular newsletter to keep everyone interested and up to date.

The process of establishing a village shop, run entirely by and for the community, is complex and lengthy. However, we are hopeful that we shall see a new shop in Kingsbury in about two years' time.

Our Fundraising Campaign is already up and running successfully and the Steering Committee's next assignment is to develop a Business Plan. This is a daunting task but three of our Committee have offered to take it on..... Without a Business Plan we cannot apply for the grants and other funding available to community projects like ours.

Your comments and feedback are welcome, either via the website or via email (see details, below).

We hope you will support KCSP's efforts and wish you a warm and sunny two months between now and our next issue!

With best wishes from,  
KCSP Steering Committee

Kingsbury Community Shop Project launched its membership scheme at the end of March and at the time of going to print, 199 people have signed up! Once membership reaches 250 the campaign to open a village shop can then become officially incorporated – either as a Community Interest Company (CIC) or an Industrial Provident Society (IPS).

Registration costs a nominal one-off fee of £5 per person. When incorporated, members' fees will be converted into shares, which will legally establish community ownership and responsibility for the shop. Legal liability for loss or debts will not involve the shareholders. Members will have voting rights at AGMs and be eligible for election to the Committee.

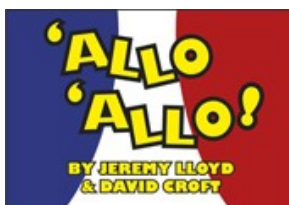
All 567 households in the Parish have received a Prospectus explaining what membership involves. Copies are still available (see below) and supporters from outside the area are also welcome to join.

A Prospectus, incorporating a Membership Registration Form, can be obtained by emailing [committee@kingsburycommunityshop.co.uk](mailto:committee@kingsburycommunityshop.co.uk) or by phoning 08453 928 459. There is also a Form, which can be downloaded, on the website at

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## 'ALLO 'ALLO! WILL RAISE THE ROOF – AND MORE FUNDS!

Street Theatre will help boost funds for the village shop for the second time this year by presenting 'Allo 'Allo! at Huish Episcopi School on Friday, 19th June.



The production is directed by Kingsbury resident John McGrouther, Chairman of KCSP. Among the cast will be Olwen Herridge, who starred with John in January's hilarious fundraising event, Him & Her, held at Kingsbury Primary School. Olwen is a former Kingsbury resident. Written by David Croft & Jeremy Lloyd, the stage adaptation of 'Allo 'Allo! features all the well-loved characters from the celebrated TV series.

Rene, Edith, Yvette, Michelle of the Resistance, PC Crabtree, Helga, Herr Flick, German officers and a (very odd) Italian are on the lookout for British airmen and, of course, the stolen painting of The Fallen Madonna with the "big boobies".....

The curtain will go up at 7.45pm. Tickets are £7 for front row seats and £6 for back rows, with a 50p concession for seniors and students. They are available from Sue's Pantry in Langport, from Sue & John McGrouther, Tel: 01460 241 736 and Carol Mason Tel: 01460 242 111, or e-mail [kevillageshop@btinternet.com](mailto:kevillageshop@btinternet.com)

**To sponsor a future issue of Let's Talk Shop – which goes to all houses in the Parish - please call Carol Mason on 01460 242 111.**

## KCSP AT THE MAY FESTIVAL



Being less than a year old, KCSP used the 2009 May Festival for the first time to raise awareness of the aims and current status of the initiative among Parishioners, as well as with potential supporters from elsewhere.

The distinctive KCSP banner - featuring the eye-catching logo designed by KE primary school pupil James Cullum from East Lambrook - clearly identified the KCSP stall where visitors could pick up copies of the Membership Prospectus, buy tickets for 'Allo 'Allo! and purchase KCSP branded magnets, key rings and bottle openers.

Meanwhile, Chairman John McGrouter and his wife Sue led a group of 10 volunteers who mingled among the crowds selling yummy meat and veggie-filled pasties from Martock bakery, Roy-Al. The team sold over 700 pasties and made a profit of £714. Our sincere thanks to Nikki Joel for allowing the use of her kitchen all day.... and of course, to Roy, whose famous pasties were a tremendous success!

Officially opening the Festival, Bob Warren referred to the shop initiative and wished it well; and the reporter on the BBC Somerset bus - located in the field - interviewed Secretary, Carol Mason. All in all, an excellent day for the KCSP team!

**Next stop - The Lowland Games on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July!**

### Fundraising Update

Ideally, we would like to raise £50,000 by the end of this year. Unless we raise a substantial amount as a community, the Trusts and funding organisations to which we shall be appealing for funds may find our objectives unrealistic.

We have made a good start with £2,336 raised at the auction last October; £371 from the evening with local band The Gents and £480 at our first theatre venture, His & Hers. We also made £145 on our stall at the Christmas market selling home made Christmas puddings to Joan Mabbott's recipe. Joan also helped to swell the coffers by selling garden plants at Taunton Market, Kingsbury produce market and a stall near the village school. She sold all her plants and made an amazing £131!

Committee meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Dates are published on the website.

### A BIG THANK YOU!

Members of Kingsbury Community Shop Project would like to extend their grateful thanks to everyone who has, in whatever way, helped to progress the shop initiative and especially to those who have so generously given donations.

### FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**'Allo 'Allo! At Huish Episcopi School**  
**See booking details over**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**KCSP will have a stall at**  
**The Lowland Games at Thorney**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**Barn Dance**  
**With Slap Jack and caller**  
**Venue - tba**

Do you have any nearly new items that we could sell on our stall at the Lowland Games. Large or small, anything considered except clothing. All donations gratefully received. We can collect. Please call Carol on 01460 242 111

### Who's Who on the Kingsbury Community Shop Project

Chairman: John McGrouter

Secretary: Carol Mason

Treasurer: Angela Catling

Publicity: Penny Bool

Other Committee Members are:

Tracey Edwards            Tim Gray

Pauline Warren            John Hunt

If you would like to be on the Committee, contact Carol Mason on 01460 242111