



Let's Talk Shop

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Dear Reader,

As the seasons change and the long hot and dry summer has come to an end, we have experienced high's and low's both within the Community and our Committee.

The autumn approaches and the leaves are beginning to change colour and fall from the trees, with the birds preparing to fly south to warmer climates for the winter. The Steering Group is also preparing to soar high in pursuit of funding for the continued aim of opening a community shop in Kingsbury. The Reaching Communities, Capital Strand Funding is planning to be available before the end of the year, therefore all the hard work of putting together a Business Plan and the Capital Project Building Plan is at present being updated in preparation for our new application.

The lows of the Spring and Summer have been, as some of you are aware, not being successful in our bid for the Big Lottery Grant and the resignations of John McGrouther, Tracey Edwards and more recently Tony Bishton from the Steering Committee. Tony was instrumental in preparing the Capital Project Building Plan and worked ceaselessly in bringing the Project to its current position. All his work will not be wasted as when funding is obtained it will enable us to move forward quickly.

We greatly appreciate John, Tracey and Tony for their commitment to the Project and for their continued involvement in different ways through, performing plays, organising the delivery of newsletters and expertise, we wish them well in the opportunities that now fill their time. We would like to welcome our latest member, Michael English to the committee. We are looking forward to his input and help.

The Steering Committee

Our next Steering Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th November 8pm at The Wyndham Arms. Our meetings are now usually held on the second Tuesday each month.

Fundraising meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month and the next one will be on Wednesday 3rd November

WHERE ARE WE NOW??

Apart from applying for funding, the project has to take the next step towards becoming Incorporated and changing to an Industrial Provident Society (IPS). This means the Kingsbury Community Shop Project Committee will cease to exist and will become the Management Committee of the new Association. This is where you all come in. How I hear you say? Well we need a new name and we were hoping you could help us choose one. Do you have any suggestions that can be put to a vote at the Annual General Meeting on **November 25th**? Your ideas would be welcomed and can be forwarded to any member of the Committee either by phone, message, email, or letter. Have your say! In the words of a radio programme, "Make your suggestions count".

INDUSTRIAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY

Why does the Kingsbury Community Shop Project need to register as an association under the Industrial Provident Society Act (IPS)? For the Benefit of the Community, we will continue to work with the Plunkett Foundation to enable us to use to our advantage, the specially devised model rules for community-owned shops. The IPS has to be registered with the Financial Service Authority (FSA) and the Plunkett Foundation acting as our prompting body allows quicker registration and reduction in registration fees. We have the Parish Council to thank for supporting our registration as they have agreed to pay the £450 fees. Without the Plunkett Foundation the fees would be in excess of £900.

Some of the characteristics of IPS include:

Any trade profit to be distributed or reinvested for social or charitable purposes.

Voting control must be vested in members equally

At the Annual General Meeting on **November 25th** the other characteristics will be explained. As you read this newsletter we hope you accept this as a personal invitation to the Annual General Meeting as your vote as a member or signing up as a member is important to us.

Other Agenda items will include:

How the current members will be changed to shareholders?

Update on application for Funding

Future plans.

The Annual General Meeting is your chance to make your vote count. Your continued support and votes are appreciated.

*This number is charged at local rate, and may be free evenings and weekends for some BT customers. This is an answerphone only and if you leave a message, someone from the committee will call you back, usually within 24 hours. If you wish to talk to someone directly please call Carol on 01460 242 111. Messages can also be left on our website, www.kingsburycommunityshop.co.uk

Phone: 08456 911 439* or 01460 242 111 or e-mail: committee@kingsburycommunityshop.co.uk

'KINGSBURY'S GOT TALENT'

Our first fundraising event, an auction of donated items and promises, was a fantastic success which raised over £2,000. An excellent start to our project.

We're now planning our second such event for **26th March 2011**. As before, we will be glad to receive your promises/donated items but the difference will be that we are asking every talented person in Kingsbury to produce a piece of Art/Craft work for the Auction, so perhaps you need to begin planning/working NOW! I KNOW we have supporters with many, many talents of this kind so please have a go!

Here are just a very few ideas – A Framed drawing or painting, A knitted item, Wrought iron work A bird box or table? Or maybe you have a musical talent that could be offered for a wedding or Birthday party?

STOP PRESS!!

The fundraising committee have noticed a 'gap' in dull and dreary January and we are willing to consider a Co operative Village Pantomime involving all age groups.

If you and/or your children are interested call me, Sue, on **01460 241736**. This idea will only work if we begin soon.

My plan is to break down what we do into small discreet pieces, that come together a day or two before the actual production, we will need people to perform AND do all the other bits.

If your children are interested we will also need parent's help. Ring me first and I'll arrange a venue for a brief meeting on **20th October , 7.00pm** so that children can attend, possibly at the primary school.

If you want this to happen then you will need to contact me soon. The idea is not necessarily a polished performance, but something that's fun for anyone in the community to be in, not too time consuming and raises lots of money! Sue

Wow! Inspector Drake got his man again and a fun evening was had in Kingsbury!



Thanks again to the brilliant actors from Red Line Theatre Company and Street Theatre who continue to provide brilliant, enjoyable, live and profitable performances for our community. If you missed them again you missed a treat – look out for more productions next year.

Who's Who on the Kingsbury Community Shop Project steering committee



Chairman: John Hunt
Secretary: Carol Mason
Treasurer: Angela Catling
Minutes Secretary: Pauline Warren

Other Committee Members are:
Christine Weymouth and Michael English

Future Events

Halloween Quiz Night



After our very popular 'Pudding' quiz night earlier in the year we are holding another quiz on a Halloween theme



October 29th

at

Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School

7 for 7.30pm

Entry £5 per person

Teams of 6 or less

Fancy Dress optional

Prize for best pumpkin

Tickets available at Louisa's, Kingsbury School, or

John & Sue on 01460 241736

November 6th	Produce Market and Bonfire Night
December	Xmas Bazaar
January	Village Panto—See STOP PRESS
February	Race Night
March	Auction

We would like to thank our volunteers who deliver this newsletter to you in all weathers.

We are very grateful to all of you



KINGSBURY PRODUCE MARKET

We have a Cake Stall at Kingsbury Produce Market held on the first Saturday in the month except for January and August.

The next produce Markets are November 6th and December 4th at Kingsbury Church Rooms between 10am and 12 noon.

If you would like to help us by baking a cake or some small cakes/biscuits etc. for the stall, please contact Sue on 01460 241 736