

KCS NEWS

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Introduction from our Chairman

Alisdair Cummings

Save the date:

- Maintenance Days
@ The Shrew 12-13Jun
- Defib training TBC
- Shrewfest TBC

Dear Shareholders

Welcome to May's newsletter with its aim to keep you informed about the KCS.

Since our last newsletter, among other things, we've held our AGM, received the grant funds for the porch and selected a builder, we're evaluating the suggestions from the AGM for improvements and we've completed 4 years of ownership of the pub. 4 years ownership is a great milestone and the pub is still going from strength to strength. Please enjoy the newsletter and feel free to contact us if you need further information or clarity on any of the items.

Past Events

Coronation Weekend

What a weekend to remember! There were Church celebrations, flower and Children's exhibitions in the church and an over 80's afternoon tea—which was sponsored by the KCS. Cakes, scones, sandwiches fit for a King & Queen were served to over 40 guests. A lovely time was had celebrating this momentous occasion as a community.



AGM

We held our third AGM on 29/03/23. Thanks for all who attended, it was a good opportunity to meet you all and for us to present our third year of being the Kingstone Community Society. A couple of mains points were raised. The resolution to pay 3% interest on your investment was passed - watch out for an email soon with the details. Also shareholders have asked us to look to improve the ladies toilets. This is being looked at with some designs and costing being obtained. - obviously we would love to do this immediately but this will only be possible when the funds are available.

Pub Maintenance

Our pub is old— over 100 years old! Its also had a lot of use over the last four years of our ownership and so it needs some maintenance. We've got a few things planned:

Maintenance days 12 & 13th June

The weather is improving, the days are getting longer, so it's the perfect time to get some maintenance jobs done on our pub. Its had a lot of use over the past three years and its time to give the building a spruce up. We've generated a (long!) list of jobs that need doing—including painting, minor repairs, sanding, pointing and erecting bookshelves. So if you can spare some time, please email us to let us know. (We'll provide all equipment - many hands make light work!).



Porch

As you know, last year we managed to secure a £15k grant from ESBC. We have plans drawn up, a builder selected and foundations will be laid within a month!

Roof repairs

When we bought the pub, we knew the roof needed some work. Its now time for some temporary repairs to keep the rain out. Alisdair has been up onto the roof with a roofing contractor and agreed some repairs that will keep us going for the medium term. In the long term we plan to put a new roof on the building, but this will cost a lot of money—something we won't be able to afford until our mortgage is paid off.

Car park repairs

We were kindly donated some tarmac to patch up the car park, again this is a temporary repair. Our long term goal is to re-surface the whole car park in tarmac, but this will likely have to wait until we've replaced the roof and saved up enough money.

End

Time to go and make the most of this glorious weather and enjoy a pint in our pub!