

*This newsletter is horribly late to ask for help on our **Gardens Open Day on Sunday 11th June** but I'm going to anyway.*

We have 13 gardens opening to the public from 14.00-18.00 and it's always such an enjoyable day (for us garden lovers anyway). It's been a hugely popular event since it began in 1979, as well as a great fundraiser.

We have a number of volunteers to help sell programmes and raffle tickets, to man the Old School and provide fabulous teas, to arrange flowers in the church and take turns sitting in the church to welcome visitors, to man the car park etc. Not to mention those who have been displaying boards and posters and advertising in every possible manner.

But we need more! If you can help with any of the following, please let us know asap:

- General help on the day (Marilyn or Shirley)
- Provision of homemade cakes, scones, biscuits, or sandwiches for the teas, or to help serve them (Jean).
- Flowers for the church or manning it (Jean needs more of both)
- Raffle prizes (Marilyn)
- Plants for sale, or helping sell them, as well as helping serve tea & cake, at Honeystone Cottage (Shirley)
- Car parking (Steve Harrison)

Easter

We had a great turnout and lots of fun at the egg rolling and other races in April, which is always very popular. And we were once again blessed with a balmy day. Not only fun, but we also made £353.87 for Old School funds.

The Coronation - I imagine most of us were glued to the television to watch the ceremony live on Coronation Saturday, even if we hadn't intended to, but on Sunday 7th May we had the most wonderful lunch at Shilton House. We had planned to lay out the tables under cover but it was such a glorious day we were able to sit outside and enjoy the blue sky and sunshine – such a rarity this year. After a welcome drink on the lawn, around 63 people tucked into Coronation Chicken and an amazing assortment of other dishes, and it was one of the best events we have ever had. Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the food

and drink, or helped in any other way. This happy occasion raised another £540 for Old School funds.

Old School – with a good number of bookings so far this year, the continual fundraising and receipt of a grant towards the cost of the recent insulation of the Old School, we can at last afford the boiler we need to complete the new heating system. This is a great relief because our fixed rate electricity contract expires in August and we estimate it will cost c.£4,500 to heat the hall next year with the old system. The new system will be oil-based because the building isn't suitable for air source, although it may become so in future.

And part of what makes the new boiler affordable is that so far this year we have raised over £1,400 from the sale of your donated unwanted items. As long as you keep supplying us we shall continue to make sales. We will take anything you're thinking of giving away or taking to a charity shop. And we are deeply grateful for all donations. Thank you.

Pilates classes are now being held every Monday morning at the Old School. If interested see the *Physio Fit & Pilates* website or contact info@physiofitandpilates.co.uk or telephone Amy on 07810 710757.

What's next?

<i>Sunday 11th June</i>	<i>Open Gardens</i>
<i>Friday 16th June</i>	<i>Kinghams Valuation Day at the Old School</i>
<i>Friday 21st July</i>	<i>Kinghams Valuation Day at the Old School</i>
<i>Saturday 29th July</i>	<i>Pig Roast</i>
<i>Thursday 17th August</i>	<i>Parish Council meeting</i>
<i>Friday 25th August</i>	<i>Kinghams Valuation Day at the Old School</i>
<i>Saturday 2nd September</i>	<i>Fundraising sale at The Tolsey, Burford</i>
<i>Sunday 3rd September</i>	<i>The Dog Show</i>
<i>Saturday 9th September</i>	<i>Ride & Stride</i>
<i>Friday 15th September</i>	<i>Kinghams Valuation Day at the Old School</i>
<i>Sunday 1st October</i>	<i>Harvest service & Lunch</i>
<i>Friday 20th October</i>	<i>Kinghams Valuation Day at the Old School</i>
<i>Saturday 4th November</i>	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
<i>Friday 17th November</i>	<i>Kinghams Valuation Day at the Old School</i>
<i>Thursday 23rd November</i>	<i>Parish Council meeting</i>
<i>Friday 8th December</i>	<i>Kinghams Valuation Day at the Old School</i>
<i>Sunday 17th December</i>	<i>Carol Service & Supper</i>

For more details of all these events please see subsequent editions of your village newsletter, the village Facebook hub, or contact any of the members of the Old School Committee (listed below).

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