

# The Kingsdon Chronicle



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## Harvest Thanksgiving Service

This years Harvest Service in All Saints Church will take place at 11am on Sunday 7th October. Please come and bring some produce of any kind and join us to lift the roof at this joyous service.

All produce will be auctioned at the Harvest Supper.

If any children would like to read a harvest poem, ring Norma on 840727.

## Harvest Supper

This years Harvest Supper and Auction of produce will take place on Sunday 7th October in the Village Hall at 7pm.



Tickets for the supper are on sale at the shop.  
Adults £5 - 16yrs and under £3

Please bring your own knife, fork, spoon  
and a glass  
(Cider will be served with your supper)

All proceeds from this charity event will go to



**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT

and

*St. Margaret's*  
HOSPICE

The Kingsdon Automated External Defibrillator is located at the Kingsdon Inn Cottage

**The Access Code is C175Y**

In the event of a person having a cardiac arrest Immediately dial 999 for the Ambulance Service  
Commence CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and send for the Defibrillator

**The Next Kingsdon Parish Council Monthly Meeting**

Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.30pm

**Extra-Ordinary Kingsdon Parish Council Meeting**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 10.00.am in the Village Hall

## All Saints Church

**Priest in Charge:** Revd Alan Symonds Tel/Fax 01458 272029 (For arrangement of Baptisms, Weddings and other occasional services)

**Church Warden:** Mrs Bel Allan Tel. 01935 840878

**Parochial Church Council:** Secretary: Nicholas J. Allan Tel 01935 840878 Treasurer: Tony Steele-Perkins 01935 840184

**Tower Captain:** Jackie Ellis Tel 01935 840344

### Church Services for October

<b>Sunday 7th October</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Harvest Service</b>	<b>Norma Black</b>
<b>Sunday 14th October</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Rev Adrian Hopwood</b>
<b>Sunday 21st October</b>	<b>6. p.m.</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Rev Adrian Hopwood</b>
<b>Sunday 28th October</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion Benefice</b>	<b>Rev Bruce Lyons</b>

### Church Rosters for October

**Brass:** Freda & John Curtis      **Flowers:** Jenny Gamblin & Liz Biesty

#### **Kingsdon Village Hall**

For all information (except bookings) contact: -  
David Thomson, Park Farmhouse, Lower Rd.  
Kingsdon TA11 7LL Tel:01935 841453

For bookings contact Marilyn Elliott, 4 Manor Close,  
Kingsdon, TA11 7LW Tel 01935 841444  
Email marilyn.elliott@hotmail.co.uk

#### **Bookings for October 2018**

**Short Mat Bowls** Mondays 7.30pm - 9pm, and  
Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

**Table Tennis Club** Tuesdays at 7.30pm

**Yeovil D. Canine Soc.** Wednesdays at 6.30pm

**Art Club** - Thursdays from 13th

**Puppy Training** Sundays 9.30am

**Scrabble Club** - Thursday 4th at 6.30pm

**Harvest Supper** - Sunday 7th at 7pm

**Parish Council Meeting** - Thursday 11th

**Extra -Ordinary KPC meeting** Sat 13th 10am

**Practical Study Group** Wednesday 17th

**Afternoon Club** - Wednesday 24th

**Private Function** - Saturday 27th 6pm - 11.59pm

#### **Kingsdon Table Tennis Club**

The Table Tennis Club play in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. If you are interested then please contact Martin Singleton on 841162 or just come along.

#### **Kingsdon Afternoon Club**

The Afternoon Club meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3pm in the Village Hall. New members (any age) are always welcome. For information contact Club Secretary Marilyn Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon. Tel 01935 841444

#### **Kingsdon Boule & Croquet Club (New Venue)**

From 26th April members will meet at the **Kingsdon Cricket Club** ground every Thursday between 2pm and 4 pm weather permitting. The club welcomes new members or just come along to enjoy a taster session followed by tea and cake in the club house. For more details contact Nina Carlisle on 01935840933 or email ninacarlisle@talktalk.net

#### **Kingsdon Knitting Club** (Knitting for Good Causes)

The Knitters meet on the second Saturday of the month at 10.30am to midday in the Community Shop. For information please contact: Linda Rumbles 01935 840132 or Babs Conway 01935 841811

#### **The Kingsdon Jubilee Fund Trustees**

**Chairman:** Andy Fryer, **Secretary:** Martin Gilmore, **Treasurer:** Tim Taylor,  
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**Chairman :** Marilyn Elliott 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon, Somerton, TA11 7LW Tel 01935 841444 07990673935

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## From the Vicarage

It is 1918 and the Amiens offensive in August has pushed the German Army back to the defensive Hindenburg line and through September a series of offensives by the Allies will break through the defensive positions of the Germans and force them into a retreat. At the moment we are in a 100 day period which remembers the events which brought the end of the Great War and are being encouraged again to pray for peace and reconciliation. The Great War finally ended of course at 11 a.m. on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 when peace was re-established.

However whilst looking up the details of what was happening I came across another world war which was just starting. 1918 was also the year in which there was an outbreak of what was called Spanish flu simply because Spain, not being involved in WW1, and therefore not censoring its health records, was the first to announce it as an epidemic. This was in fact a world-wide influenza outbreak which particularly proved fatal to those between the ages of 20 and 40. No doubt it was helped to spread by the movement of large numbers of young men being brought into Europe for the final battles.

It was a mutation of the flu virus which came in three waves, one in the spring of 1918, one in September and a final one after Armistice day where the hugs and kisses of the returning soldiers spread it to new people. In total the epidemic is thought to have killed more than 50 million people around the world; killing more than twice as many people as the fighting and more than any other disease. Someone who seemed fit and healthy in the morning could be dead by tea time. A fifth of the total world's population was infected and in this country at least a quarter of the population caught it.

As the December 1918 issue of the American Medical Journal put it "*Medical science for four and one-half years devoted itself to putting men on the firing line and keeping them there. Now it must turn with its whole might to combating the greatest enemy of all--infectious disease,*"

This "war" against infectious diseases has gone on ever since. So as we remember those who fought in the battles of the Great War and succeeded in bringing peace, let us also remember those who are still fighting in this other war, the scientists, Doctors and Nurses who seek to defeat this and the many other infectious diseases.

God bless

*Alan Symond*



## October Collection Dates

<b>Wheelie Bins</b>	<b>Tuesdays 2nd, 16th &amp; 30th</b>
<b>Kerbside Collection</b>	<b>Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th &amp; 23rd &amp; 30th</b>
<b>Green Bins</b>	<b>Tuesdays 9th &amp; 23rd</b>

## Letter to the Editor

To the whole Jubilee team

Thank you all for another great weekend, very possibly the best ever.

The amount of planning, preparation and sheer hard work it takes to put on an event of this nature is tremendous and is very much appreciated.

Our village is fortunate to have your dedicated team and you should all be proud of the great amount of pleasure you have given to a wide range of people.

## Letter to the Editor

Hi,

Just to thank you and the organizing team for yet another great festival weekend, we enjoyed all the musical evenings and in particular the Big Band and the final evening group.

## Kingsdon Calendar of Events for October

1st	Mon		7.30pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
2nd	Tue	Black Wheelie Bin	10am - 12noon 7.30pm -	Short Mat Bowls Table Tennis Club	Village Hall Village Hall
3rd	Wed		6.30pm -	Y.D. Canine Soc.	Village Hall
4th	Thur		10am - 12noon 6pm	Art Club Scrabble Club	Village Hall Village Hall
5th	Fri		10.30am	RNLI Coffee Morning	Shop
6th	Sat				
7th	Sun		9.30am 11am 7pm	Puppy Training Harvest Service Norma Black Harvest Supper	Village Hall Church Village Hall
8th	Mon		3.30pm - 5.30pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Private Function Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall Village Hall
9th	Tue	Green Wheelie Bin	10am - 12noon 7.30pm -	Short Mat Bowls Table Tennis Club	Village Hall Village Hall
10th	Wed		6.30pm -	Y.D. Canine Soc.	Village Hall
11th	Thur		10am - 12noon 7.30pm	Art Club K P. Council meeting	Village Hall Village Hall
12th	Fri				
13th	Sat		10am	Extra-Ordinary Kingsdon Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
14th	Sun		9.30am 9.30am	Puppy Training Morning Prayer Rev Adrian Hopwood	Village Hall Church
15th	Mon		7.30pm - 9pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
16th	Tue	Black Wheelie Bin	10am - 12noon 7.30pm -	Short Mat Bowls Table Tennis Club	Village Hall Village Hall
17th	Wed		10am 6.30pm -	Practical Study Group Y.D. Canine Soc.	Village Hall Village Hall
18th	Thur		10am - 12noon	Art Club	Village Hall
19th	Fri				
20th	Sat				
21st	Sun		9.30am 6pm	Puppy Training Evensong Rev Adrian Hopwood	Village Hall Church
22nd	Mon		7.30pm - 9pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
23rd	Tue	Green Wheelie Bin	10am - 12noon 7.30pm -	Short Mat Bowls Table Tennis Club	Village Hall Village Hall
24th	Wed		3pm 6.30pm -	Afternoon Club Y.D. Canine Soc.	Village Hall Village Hall
25th	Thur		10am - 12noon	Art Club	Village Hall
26th	Fri				
27th	Sat		6pm to midnight	Private function	Village Hall
28th	Sun		9.30am 9.30am	Puppy Training Holy Communion Rev Bruce Lyons	Village Hall Church
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9th	Fri				
10th	Sat		10am	Extra-Ordinary	Village Hall
11th	Sun		9.30am 2.30pm 11am	Puppy Training Peace Tea Party Remembrance Service	Village Hall Village Hall Church
12th	Mon		7.30pm - 9pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
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16th	Fri				
17th	Sat		9am	Church Bazaar	Village hall
18th	Sun		9.30am 6pm	Puppy Training Evensong	Village Hall Church
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## **Kingsdon Country File Walk**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in aid of the BBC Children in need.**

**and yes, we will be asking for donations for this most worthwhile of charities.**

We have organised two walks in aid of the BBC Children in need.

The two walks will start from the Kingsdon Shop and hopefully both ending up at the shop for photos, tea and teacakes at about 11:30am

### **Walk 1 Starts 9:30am at the shop**

It will be just over 4 miles (bridge repairs permitting) and we're planning this will take 2 hours. This walk would be good for dogs on a lead, sturdy footwear required for the bipeds. Up Mill Lane, through the copse alongside the B3151 then down beside Shield Wood, along part of the Macmillan Way towards the Charlton's, over the now hopefully repaired foot bridge, a 100yard walk along a minor road then back to Kingsdon passing the Nut Hill plantation then Underwood Road and back to the shop. (If the bridge isn't open then we have plan B, which doesn't involve piggy backs through the river)

### **Walk 2 Starts 11:00am at the shop**

The second walk will be about ½ a mile around parts of our village and should take half an hour and suitable for people in mobility scooters or for those who do not want to undertake the longer walk.

Planned finish time at the shop 11:30am, for tea and teacakes and the passing of the hat.

I will endeavour to put a bit more detail on the website.

Walk 1 is an ideal walk for newcomers to the area and a chance to explore part of our countryside.





rnli.org.uk



Lifeboats

# Coffee Morning

at Kingsdon

Community Shop

Friday 5th October

10.30am ~ 12noon

Enjoy the Community Shop  
experience and get your

**RNLI Calendars, Diaries and  
Christmas Cards**



**Raffle**



All proceeds to the RNLI

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

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## Kingsdon Knitting Club



We are now nearing the end of our two year project for the end of the WW1 celebrations. To date we have knitted, crochet and made in excess of 1,600 poppies, plus making soldier, nurses etc. for our display in the church. Our heart felt thanks to everyone who helped with this project, especially the ladies of the knitting club who tirelessly spent their free time knitting and crocheting, they can all feel very proud of what has been achieved. Although the poppy making has now come to an end, we are still sewing these onto the hessian backing for the display. If anyone would like to help with this for an hour to suit you, please contact us.

Do you have a photograph of a relative taken during the war or maybe a memento passed down to you from this period and you would like to include it in the display of remembrance? Please let one of our ladies know, and we will be pleased to include it. Please make sure you have your name on the back so that it can be returned to you

We were asked if we could donate any left over poppies to the Macmillan Unit at Yeovil District Hospital, and we are pleased to let you know that 50 poppies have been set aside for our 'poppy lady' (Babs) to take when she next visits.

I think we can all have a well deserved break from knitting, until our next project starts towards the end of November – but more of this in a future issue.

Linda 840132 [linda@lindarumbles.co.uk](mailto:linda@lindarumbles.co.uk)

Babs 841811





# Kingsdon Community Shop News

Calling all home bakers

We now have in stock all the ingredients for Christmas Cakes & Puddings



New additions to our Preserves & Honey



A big thanks to Ian Dibben for his Kingsdon Honey. All gone in no time, a very fast seller!

**Kingsdon 100 Club September Draw was made at the Shop on 6th September by Brian Paine**

- 1st £15 - 77 Mike Wallbridge
- 2nd £10 - 76 Tom Fairweather
- 3rd £5 - 17 Pam Ford



## Scrabble Club to Close

It is with regret, I have to inform you that we will be cancelling the Scrabble Club after the last session on 4th October. We originally set it up for people in the village to get together for a social evening but we have only had 2 people from the village attend and the other people to make up the numbers have been friends from St Cleers Chapel. We no longer feel able to continue with lack of support Thank you. **Miche Eagle**

## All Saints Church Kingsdon

Advance Notice



# CHURCH BAZAAR

**Saturday 17th November in the Village Hall**

# Kingsdon Parish Councillors / District Councillor / County Councillor / M.P.



**Cllr. David Beswick  
Chairman**

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**Cllr. Brian Paine  
Vice-Chairman**

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**Cllr. Ian Dibben**  
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(Village hall link and footpaths)



**Cllr. Phillip Waters**  
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working party of field)



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**The next Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12th July 2018  
in Kingsdon Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm**

## September Parish Council Meeting

There are no Parish Council minutes to publish this month as unfortunately, and with great regret, it was necessary to suspend the Parish Council meeting on the evening of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018. This was probably, in part, due to attendees being unaware of the parameters that govern the "Parishioner Comment Time" which is held at the commencement of meetings. It is not an opportunity for general questions to the Parish Council. Questions to the Parish Council can only be about agenda items. Were the Parish Council to discuss items not on the agenda they would leave themselves open to a legal challenge from any parishioner who was not present or indeed a third party. Neither would it be right and proper to discuss a topic with a privileged few in advance of the rest of the village.

The September Parish Council meeting was a properly constituted official meeting of a democratically elected statutory public body with a published agenda. As such its procedures are required to follow a nationally agreed framework, similar to those of both District and County Council meetings, and must proceed in an orderly manner. It is a requirement that no person shall obstruct the transaction of business or behave offensively or improperly. If this is ignored the chairman of the meeting can request a person moderate or improve their conduct. If this is again ignored the chairman of the meeting may suspend or close the meeting. It was in view of an instance of inappropriate behaviour, and after repeated requests from the Chairman to desist from disrupting the meeting, that he was left with no choice but to suspend the meeting. It was a regrettable occurrence in light of the advanced notice given of an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council meeting on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and the clear statement on the agenda for the September meeting that issues relating to any developments in the village or matters relating to the village hall would not be covered before that special meeting.

### South Somerset District Council Planning Applications

**Application No:** 18/02323/REM

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs J Smith

**Location:** Land At The Old Coach House, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset.

**Proposal:** Demolition of barn and the erection of a dwelling with landscaping.

**Application Status:** Application permitted with conditions

**Application No:** 18/02821/TCA

**Applicant:** Mr Tridgell.

**Location:** Hill View, School Road, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7EW,

**Proposal:** Application to carry out tree works within a conservation area.

**Application Status:** Pending Consideration.

Dear Tony

I hope you are well and are not shivering like me, wondering where the sun went.

Please see the attached photo of Rebecca taken at the end of July. She was on holiday during August and returns to school this week. The children have a lot of work to do during the holidays. Girls fetch water, wash clothes and look after young siblings and the boys are expected to go out all day without lunch with the livestock. So, they are always happy when school starts again.

Roger and Helen are going to Kenya again in October.

You are very welcome to send a letter/card/photo or postcard/stickers if you wish though as always there is no expectation. If you would like to, please post to Elwell House, West Buckland, Near Barnstaple, EX32 0SW.

Post will need to arrive at Elwell House by the end of September and as usual we ask for mail no bigger than a slim A5 envelope. There is an exception: basic Lego bricks, even a handful, would be much appreciated by the school.

This year we are not appealing for donations for food parcels. It rained a lot last term in Olepolos and the Massai have built up their herds again, giving them a little income for food. We have a small surplus in our Charity funds, so we will buy a few bags of ugali flour as a token gift at the end of term in October.

Helen will send a reminder about their visit sometime in September.

Meanwhile I join Silau's family in thanking you for your kind and generous support.

Best wishes,

Tracey





## Letter to the Editor:

reference to the parish council meeting 13th of sept i would like to take this opportunity to thank phil waters and ian dibben for not abandoning there posts at would could have been an open and meaningful discussion these 2 councillors must be applauded thank you brian and bridget turner.

## Letter to the Editor:

All information to date regarding the issues surrounding the village hall vote and proposed development in the village has come from the KPC with no opportunity for rebuttal or debate.

To give some balance to these matters, I feel that the following letter sent to the KPC Chair on the 1st of September is relevant to the understanding of the current division in the village.

It was a response to a refusal to release a copy of the village hall structural survey report.

Dear David

Thank you for your reply.

To answer your last question first, the main issue that is 'causing so much stress' is that the Parish Council, which promised to be open and transparent in its dealings with our very small community, is not fulfilling that promise.

I fail to understand why you would not wish to facilitate sharing the structural report on the state of the village hall with whichever parishioner might request it (whether a sitting Parish Councillor, a Village Hall Committee Member or not). After all, your statement that the hall would 'fall down in 10 years' needs to be understood. There may not be intended obfuscation but people do not understand what is going on. You said (several times) at the village hall meeting that all options remained open, one of which was to explore regeneration on the existing site so we would wish to appreciate what this would entail and any structural survey must surely be relevant to our understanding of this option. We also understand that you have informed other parishioners that the ONLY option is to rebuild on another site. So which statement must we believe? You can surely understand our confusion.

Furthermore, in several issues of the Chronicle, we were told that development in the village was 'inevitable' according to SSDC directives. This was untrue; a parish councillor was informed of this over a year ago but the PC continued to make this statement both in further issues of the Chronicle and verbally at the Village Meeting. In my book, to make a false statement in error is forgivable but to be corrected and still continue to make the same statement, that is deliberately misleading. You have since admitted you got it wrong but now say 'it doesn't matter'.

Both of these contentious statements led people to believe that voting to demolish the village hall would be in the best interests of the village. This may indeed prove to be the case and, if that is what the majority of the villagers would like then I have no quarrel with that. But we must have the correct information on which to make our decision. I repeat, the Parish Council was elected to represent the villagers not the other way around. Many people feel manipulated and misinformed. Surely you would wish to address this by simply being open and honest.

To many people from outside the village as well as Kingsdon residents it would appear that we are well on the way to providing facilities that a small town would be envious of. Instead of some play equipment we have a 'park'. Instead of a village fete we have a 3 day 'festival'. Now our wish list consists of a large multifunction village hall. All of this attracts people from surrounding towns and villages but does little to enhance *village* life. How on earth will we manage to pay for all this unless the village grows beyond all recognition.

Please understand – we do not oppose all development in the village but would wish for any negotiations with land owners to be open, transparent and without strings attached. The KPC appears to have decided on an outcome and then followed a course of action in order to attain that goal. This is not an open and transparent way to behave and is causing much division in the village. My expectation and hope is that, when you finally reveal the extent of your negotiations with the Kingsdon Estate, villagers will have an opportunity to have a full and open debate where opinions can be exchanged and a proper consensus reached. This cannot be reached using your 3 minute rule currently adopted at all PC meetings. For your information, this rule was formulated to be used at district council level following 2-3 months of extensive and open debate around an issue on the assumption that most matters had been resolved prior to the meeting. It was never intended to be used to shut down debate. I would respectfully add that the Extra Ordinary PC Meeting should not be regarded as YOUR meeting but as a Parishioners' meeting.

As a matter of courtesy as this email contains criticism of the Parish Council as a whole, I have copied it to all Councillors.

Nina Carlisle



## WHEN RICKS WERE NEAT

By Peter Crowter

There was a thatcher called Jack West,  
His work in Kingsdon was the best.  
There weren't so many barns about,  
And hay was stored not in but out.

The numbers of the ricks in fields,  
Depended on the season's yields.  
And then to keep them waterproof,  
They had to have a decent roof.

Not like a house let's make it clear,  
Not meant to last for thirty year.  
To last one winter would suffice.  
And dry and cosy for the mice.

The reed lay flat and fairly thick,  
With spars to hold it to the rick.  
The finished job looked really neat,  
Much nicer than a plastic sheet.

And that is when things all went wrong,  
Black plastic sheeting came along.  
From then on it was all downhill.  
Oh how we all missed Jack West's skill.

### Announcement

#### Berkshire War Agricultural Executive Committee

#### Unthatched Ricks

Having regard to the very large number of unthatched ricks throughout the County, the Committee think it well to draw the attention of farmers to the terms of General Defence Regulation 62(a), which provides that: -  
"If the crop harvested from any agricultural land is damaged or goes to waste as the result of any failure or delay in the occupier of the land in taking such steps as are reasonable to keep the crop in good condition, the occupier shall be guilty of an offence against this regulation and shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding £50."

The Committee would urge all farmers who have not already done so, to take all necessary steps to act at once to prevent deterioration of valuable crops by thatching all ricks, and if any individual case the Committee is not satisfied that such steps as were reasonably possible have not been taken, they will not hesitate to submit the facts to the Minister of Agriculture with a request that proceedings may be initiated.

The Committee are fully conscious of the difficulties under which many farmers are today labouring owing to labour shortage, and they are prepared to consider applications for assistance from the Committee's gang labour.

C. DALGLIESH, Executive Officer, 1, Abbot's Walk, Reading, 14th November 1942.



A photo from July 24th 1943 showing a thatched rick:  
'F. A. J. Benson (inset), the 15-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Benson, of Field Barn Farm, Benson, with the rick he built and thatched at his first attempt.'

.A young man asked an old rich man how he made his money. The old guy fingered his worsted wool vest and started explaining.  
 "Well, son, it was 1932. The depth of the Great Depression. I was down to my last nickel. I invested that nickel in an apple. I spent the entire day polishing the apple and, at the end of the day, I sold the apple for ten cents. The next morning, I invested those ten cents in two apples. I spent the entire day polishing them and sold them at 5 P.M. for 20 cents. I continued this process for the rest of the week, then for the next, then for the whole month that followed, and so on."  
 "That must've taken years!" the boy exclaimed, flabbergasted by the elderly man's patience and determination. "That's how you built your empire?"  
 "Heavens, no!" the man replied. "Then my wife's father died and left us two million dollars."

One friend says to another, "Did you know that the shortest sentence in the English language is 'I am'?"  
 "Really?" replies the other. "What's the longest sentence?"  
 "I do."

So grateful somebody invented window blinds...  
 Or it would be curtains for all of us!

While trying to explain to our six-year-old daughter how much technology had changed, my husband pointed to our brand-new desktop computer and told her that when he was in college, a computer with the same amount of power would have been the size of a house.  
 Wide-eyed, our daughter asked, "How big was the mouse?"

"What's a couple?" I asked my mum. She said, 'Two or three'.  
 Which probably explains why her marriage collapsed"

Wooden spoons are great. You can either use them to prepare food, or if you can't be bothered with that, just write a number on one and walk into a pub.

I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarves

I'm good friends with 25 letters of the alphabet... I don't know why.



*"I could cope with you leaving for another cat... but an owl?"*

Someone knocked at my door last evening. When I opened it, I saw a guy from Domino's holding a chicken pepperoni pizza with extra cheese and onion rings.  
 "I haven't ordered any pizza," I said. "This must be a mistake."  
 "No, it's not," he replied. "Your neighbour forgot his Facebook password and wanted to show you what he was eating for dinner."

Tequila is an excellent teacher...  
 Just last night it taught me to count...  
 One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila, Floor!

An elderly couple was asking for a room with a king, queen or double bed. The receptionist apologized and said that the only rooms available had twin beds.  
 Disappointed, the man remarked, "I don't know. We've been sharing the same bed for 44 years."  
 "Could you possibly put them close together?" the wife asked.  
 Several people nearby smiled, and someone commented, "How romantic."  
 Then the woman finished her request with, "Because if he snores, I want him close enough to be able to elbow him."



"One-armed butlers, they can take it but they can't dish it out"

"Whenever I see a man with a beard, moustache and glasses, I think, 'There's a man who has taken every precaution to avoid people doodling on photographs of him'"

A man is bragging about his new hearing aid. "It's the best I've ever had," he says. "It cost \$3,000."  
 His friend asks, "What kind is it?"  
 He says, "Half past four!"

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