

KIDLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

How is your garden growing? Are you bemoaning the lack of rain or rejoicing in early ripening fruit and vegetables? At the Methodist Church our little garden and the Jesse Tree mosaic often receive favourable comments and we're pleased to say that we will soon have another garden at the front for us and everyone else to enjoy. The construction of the garden will be done by young people from ACE, giving some who find regular schooling a challenge an opportunity to learn in a different environment. We hope that the garden will be completed and ready for you to enjoy by the time this issue of Kidlington News is published.

A new venture for KMC is that we are currently exploring hosting a monthly Repair Café. At present there is a monthly repair café on a Sunday morning at Wolvercote Farmers' Market and WISH offer a 'drop off' service for repairs but there is nothing else available in Kidlington and surrounding areas including Woodstock, Bladon, Begbroke and Yarnton. This is a project that we hope people in Kidlington and surrounding areas will get involved in. We need volunteers with relevant skills (eg electrical, bicycle repair, sewing and anything else you can think of) to come and do the repairs as well as people to man a reception area to meet and greet those bringing in items for repair. The repairs offered will depend on the skills offered by volunteers so we are contacting all the churches in Kidlington, environmental groups such as Kidlington Eco Group and just about anyone else we can think of to ask if anyone would be interested in taking part. By the time you read this we'll have had a meeting for prospective volunteers but if you didn't manage to get to that and want more information or would like to volunteer please email kmccordinator@gmail.com.

A highlight of August at KMC is our Holiday at Home which Marilyn wrote about in the last issue of Kidlington News. This year it is on 14th to 16th August 10.30am to 2.30pm, cost £5 per day which includes a delicious lunch. It's not too late to book your place by contacting Marilyn on 01865 376700 or mazzie.k@talktalk.net but you need to book your place by 10th August.

Some of our regular activities take a rest during August but the Antique and Collectors Market will take place on 30th August, 9.00am to 1.00pm. We are also taking a break from our Family Fun Day this year but are planning a harvest themed event during the afternoon on 11th October with some of the same activities such as apple pressing by the Kidlington Abundance team. Watch this space for more information in the next issue of Kidlington News!

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