

The Kingsclere Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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Help wanted!

Do you enjoy working in Microsoft Publisher (or similar) and have a few hours to help your village approximately 4 times per year?

The Tower is in need of an additional layout person to put the magazine together. You will share this with 2 others, and so do this 4 months out of the year - dates agreed in advance. Plan for several hours 1-2 days in the middle of the month once you've been fully trained.

Experience of Publisher (or similar) very useful, and reliability and the ability to work with sometimes tight deadlines essential.

Please contact the editors at the email address below for more information, and thank you in advance!

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To all "Tower" Contributors
COPY FOR May to the editors at 3 Blue Meadow, Garrett Close
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Copy MUST include name, address/phone number

Kingsclere Parish Council

KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

Chairman: John Sawyer (297221)

Clerk: Louise Porton (298634)

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Office: 37 George Street, Kingsclere RG20 5NH

Public Opening: Mon & Wed 9:30-11:30am



ELECTIONS – Please remember to vote on 2nd May 2019.

NEXTDOOR MAIL – We have received some enquiries about mail that has been delivered to many residents from Nextdoor. The organisation would appear to be genuine but the Parish Council is unable to give advice to residents about whether they should join or not. If you would like further information, an internet search for the company should provide you with some information and there are some reviews available.

BONFIRES – A complaint has been received in the Parish Office about bonfires. If you do need to light a bonfire please be considerate of your neighbours. Basingstoke and Deane has produced a very helpful leaflet which is available on their website <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/EH-advice-leaflets>

SCHOOL PARKING – Please be reminded to park considerately when picking up and dropping off children at Kingsclere Primary School. There have been several occasions when residents in the vicinity of the school have not had their bins emptied. Enquiries with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have revealed “they had been unable to access the Close due to parked cars”. Inconsiderate parking is seriously impacting residents and we kindly ask you to consider where you park your car.

ANNUAL REPORT – The Annual Report is in the process of being compiled. Any organisation that was unable to provide a report for the Annual Assembly is invited to send a written report to the clerk asap.

BIN COLLECTION – There will be no changes to the bin collections over the Easter Holiday period (even on Good Friday and Easter Monday) so please put your bins out as usual.

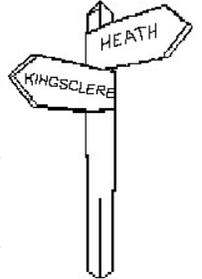
NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 29th April 2019, in the Village Club, (unless otherwise notified). We welcome the attendance of all parishioners at our meetings and anyone who wishes to raise any matters of concern will be given the opportunity to do so.

Parish Paths

It was a beautiful February morning and nine volunteers turned out to work on the Parish Paths. We cleared some fallen trees along the path from Hollowshot lane and on paths towards the bypass.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 28th April meeting in the garden of the Village club at 9.45am. New volunteers always welcome.

For more details contact kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com



KINGSCLERE Innovative local baker and author Kate Saunders will visit us on



Thursday 4th April, 7:30pm

To discuss her book

Cakes with Secret Ingredients from Aubergine to Zucchini

Cakes with high vegetable content but which taste like ‘regular cakes’

Tickets £6 from the library and EventBrite

This includes cake tasting!

Rhymetime with Rita: On the second Tuesday of every month, 2:30

NEW! Borrow a FREE Jigsaw Puzzle

Stop in to borrow a puzzle, return it when you are finished, with no time limits.

Opening hours: Tues & Thurs 1 – 5:30; Saturdays 9:30 – 2

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

The Parish Website www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk

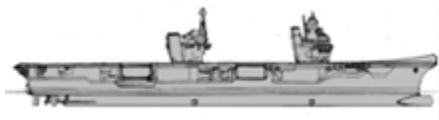
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GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days: 10th and 24th April

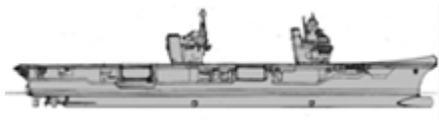
Kingsclere Royal British Legion – April 2019

The branch held its second monthly Brunch Club on Saturday the 02nd March at 11am in The Crown which attracted 18 attendees including some new faces who were eager to see what we do and what we have planned for the year.

The event was a great success and a chance to get together and swap ideas and thoughts. Look out for posters around the village with the details of the next Brunch Club which is planned for the 06th April 2019. Please come along if you can, we just need numbers the day before!



Our late-Easter Fete is being planned for Saturday, the 27th April 2019 from 12 noon; the posters are already up around the village with the details. We have another “Super Raffle” with the top prize being 2 tickets for a West End show donated by Lord Webber, amongst other fantastic prizes. Tickets for the Super Raffle will be available soon!



Our village branch continues to grow steadily in numbers and in our planned events and socials, so why not come along to a meeting which we hold every first Tuesday of the month in The Crown, starting at 7pm or join us for Brunch! This is a great way to support our community!

If you have any questions, please contact me on either my RBL email, Kingsclere.Chairman@RBL.Community or via 01635 628004.

Mark Holden, Chairman, Kingsclere Royal British Legion

Nature Notes

The designation of Spring by the Meteorological Office as March 1st is an invitation for the elements to shout, ‘Oh no it’s not’ and to batter these isles with everything they have in their armoury.



Traditionalists still prefer to wait until the 21st. of the month to think of Spring, which is roughly in line with the Equinox and to be aware of the old adage of March coming in like a lion; let us hope that the last part of the saying; going out like a lamb, holds true.

Large flocks of geese settled onto the pasture at The Vyne, Canada geese on the upper part and Graylags below and a clear gap between the two. It seems probable that high numbers involved dictated clan loyalty which is not always the case and we often see a few graylags quite happy in the company of their N. American cousins. The occasional sight of a hybrid shows that sometimes fraternisation reaches a new level among some birds.

A resident alerted us to a strange sight locally. The plants on a roadside bank with a field beyond were festooned with a grey sheet of web which stretched along the road for many yards. Long strings of the same material connected the taller plant stems. Further into the field the same thing covered a patch of a low growing crop. Sheets of gossamer seen on dewy autumn morning are the work of spiders but what would they achieve on a cold February morning when supplies of insects are low? Was it even the work of spiders? A mystery!

It was good to see a song thrush in the garden recently and broken shells of snails lying on a flagstone, evidence of its meal.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred



KINGSCLERE BOWLING CLUB

Great news for all outdoor lawn bowlers!

The new summer season at Kingsclere (late April to mid-September) starts with our Green Opening ceremony on 20th April at 2:30 p.m. We hope that all our members will come out of hibernation

and re-join all their friendly bowling colleagues. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to any members of the public to attend and enjoy our facilities.

KINGSCLERE BOWLING CLUB OPEN EVENINGS

We are holding open evenings on every Tuesday in May from 6:30pm onwards, absolutely FREE. Bowls and tuition will be provided, we just ask that you wear flat soled shoes or trainers.

Bowls is a very enjoyable and social game. It can be played by all ages, abilities and sexes. New members would be very welcome with membership fees available from only £20 per annum. Please come along to any or all of these Tuesday evening taster sessions in May and give bowls a try (and possibly have a FREE month's trial). Also sample and enjoy our club's facilities.

If you are unable to attend any open evenings and would like further information about membership, or to arrange a convenient trial session then please contact our Chairman Brian Watts. 0118 981 6892, email brian-watts@btconnect.com, www.kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk.

Kingsclere Bowling Club, William Holding Field, Ashford Hill Road, Kingsclere RG20 5NY



Basingstoke Male Voice Choir

The Sound of Music...Basingstoke Male Voice Choir, Open Evening Singing has been around for thousands of years. It's one of the most popular hobbies and pastimes in the world. Why do we sing? Very simply, because we love it.

One of the most surprising aspects of singing is the health side. Did you know that singing has been proved to be therapeutic both for the body, the lungs and the mind? This in turn brings the sense of well-being that all singers recognise.

Our choir has been singing here in Basingstoke for over 50 years. We'd love to show you what we're about so come along to our **Open Evening on Tuesday 23 April at 7:30PM** at the **United Reformed Church, London Street, Basingstoke.**

Contact basingstokemvc@outlook.com

Choir and Angels Concert

"CHOIR AND ANGELS!" - Tickets on sale now

St Paul's Church, Ashford Hill RG19 8AZ

27th April 7pm - 9pm

A special concert performed by harpists Angela Moore and Anne Denholm joining with Watership Cantabile a well known local choir. An eclectic collection of music performances, a night not to be missed!

Early bird tickets at £8 Eventbrite from 1st March; and from Headley Community Shop and Kingsclere Village Butchers from 1st April. Tickets on the door £10 to include all refreshments (excluding alcohol).

Raffle of 3 special prizes. Please come and join us for a wonderful evening.

Any queries please phone Vanessa Martin 01635 299227

The concert has been kindly sponsored by Howe & Son Ltd, Ben Wheeler Pianos Ltd, and Autocraft (Kingsclere) Ltd to whom we are truly grateful. All funds raised will go towards the church floor.

Newbury Spring Festival 2019

Tickets are on sale for the Newbury Spring Festival 2019. From 11-25 May concerts by international artists and performers from the worlds of classical music, theatre, folk, jazz and cabaret as well as community events will take place at venues in and around Newbury. There is something for everybody to enjoy.

For more information go to www.newburyspringfestival.org.uk
0845 5218 218



The Fieldgate Centre

Your community, your place

Our thanks go to the volunteers who have been busy reupholstering bench seating in the social area and refurbishing the stage steps. Procera Flooring has provided new carpet to the entrance area, meeting room and darts area. All these improvements

make a huge difference to the look and feel of the centre.

The all-weather pitch is being fully refurbished and given a brand new surface, which will be used and appreciated by all the sports groups.

There is more to be done, so please get in touch if you can spare an hour or two, to help with either simple DIY tasks or organising an event.

March

Saturday 30th Kingsclere Rugby Club Band Night. All welcome. www.kingsclererfc.co.uk for more info.

Sunday 31st Joyful, Joyful with Kingsclere Singers. 3pm. Adults £7.50, children free. Includes tea and cakes

April

Sunday 7th Get your tickets now for an exciting, action-packed afternoon of family entertainment with South-west Wrestling. Doors open 4.30pm. Tickets online at www.southwestwrestling.co.uk Limited availability
Front Row £15 General Admission £10 Family £35

Saturday 13th Les', 60s, 70s, 80s Disco for Over 21s. 7.30pm
Future KCA Events can be viewed at www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk

The Fieldgate Centre, 'Your community, your place'.

UK Registered Charity 1168366, tel: 01635 298497

email: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com

OAKLEY SPORTS WEEKEND & FUN RUNS

27 & 28 APRIL 2019

Take the opportunity of a free taster session at one of the sporting clubs in Oakley - choice over the weekend of orienteering, archery, cricket, football, tennis, bowls, table tennis, tag rugby for children of junior school age, health walk and badminton. For the up to date timetable go to www.oaoakley.org.uk

A selection of fun runs will take place on the Saturday afternoon. On road 5K & 10K; and for young people off road 1K & 2K. Register (charges apply) on the day in the school hall or online at <http://oaoakley.org.uk/oakley-sports-weekend-2019/>



Basingstoke Choral Society

Saturday, April 6th.

The Anvil, Basingstoke, 7.45pm.

Mozart - Requiem

Janet Wheeler – I Sing and Ever Shall

with

New London Sinfonia

Conductor – David Gibson



Mozart's magnificent 'Requiem' is a work shrouded in mystery. Beset by ill-health in the summer of 1791, Mozart was visited by a 'mysterious man in grey' who commissioned this work on condition of the utmost secrecy. This person, we now know was employed by Count von Wazlegg-Stuppach, a keen amateur musician, whose wife had died earlier that year. The Count's intention was to try and pass the work off as his own and dedicate it to his wife, hence the need for secrecy. Unfortunately, when Mozart died in December that year the work was incomplete. It was finished by Franz Süssmayr and in spite of only part of it being Mozart's creation, it remains one of the most loved choral works in the repertoire, full of beautiful and uplifting melodies and harmonies, so typical of Mozart.

The concert also features 'I Sing and Ever Shall', an exciting choral work by the award-winning British composer Janet Wheeler. First performed in 2016, it was commissioned by our own Musical Director, David Gibson and another of his choirs, Southampton Philharmonic Choir. This work is a powerful exploration of the many aspects of singing – from the link between breath and air, words and song and the all-encompassing joy of producing music in this way. Featuring a cantata and a dance-style movement, the piece builds to a climactic concluding statement.

This promises to be an exciting concert so please come and enjoy a brand new composition together with a work of genius from the established choral repertoire.

Tickets: The Anvil Box Office: 01256 844244 or anvilarts.org.uk

Prices: £27, £21, £16, £12. Students + under 16's £7 (All prices includes £2 Booking Fee)4

KNIT & NATTER

Come and join us on the last Wednesday of the month.
Wednesday 29 May, 2–3.30pm., Kingsmill Room, St Mary's Church
Do you have a free afternoon? Would you like to make something useful?
Come and knit/crochet with us – all abilities/learners welcome. Come for
as long/short as you like.
Any donations wool, needles etc very welcome.
Call Maggy on 01635 298794

Sandham Memorial Chapel Workshops

Easter Wreath Making Workshop, Saturday 06 April 11am-1pm
Create your own seasonal wreath including varieties of greenery and decoration. Tickets £30 to book call 0344 249 1895
Decoupage Workshop, Friday 12 2pm-4pm
Learn the art of decoupage using napkins to decorate a variety of items to make a gift or perhaps to keep for yourself.
Tickets £25 to book call: 0344 249 1895
**Paul Grist – Operations Manager, 01635 278394,
Sandham@nationaltrust.org.uk**



Enquiries 0345 2601501 or www.andovercats.org.uk
Fund-raising/volunteers 07733 242196,
coord@andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale 01256-892773

Timmy, the puss from last month, has since been re-homed. He joined another one of our rescue cats who had been adopted previously.
This is Fluffy who, despite her name, is actually not fluffy at all. She is 7 years old and would need to be the only cat in the household but can live with dogs. She would also be better suited to a home with older children.



We have the Rotations charity shop in Whitchurch for two weeks starting from Friday 12th April. This is a major part of our fundraising so please pop in.

It is also the time of year for a reminder about neutering your cats. We can help with the cost, meaning you need only pay as little as £10, please do get in touch for more information.
Did you know? A cat's nose pad is ridged with a unique pattern, just like the fingerprint of a human.

The Church Pages

This month we celebrate Easter and we look forward to welcoming some of you to celebrate it with us at our services. As we approach that day, one of the things that we'll be focusing on is prayer. Hardly rocket science I hear you saying – a church focusing on prayer! But I'm gradually realising that sometimes when I'm meant to be praying I'm really just rattling off a list to God. We've been looking at Mark's gospel on Sunday mornings and here we find Jesus spending almost a whole night in prayer. I'm convinced this wasn't because he had a really long list! I think he set aside time undoubtedly to ask God for things but also merely to spend time with Him. This makes sense given our belief in a God who we can call Father. It wouldn't be much of a relationship with my Dad if all I ever communicated with Him was a list of my own wants – it would make for a very strange one sided phonecall! But if God is our Father then surely He wants to speak to us too.

And so in the days running up to Easter, we have our services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in Headley as we remember the final hours of Jesus before His death on the cross. But we are also literally setting aside some space – the little vestry room in Kingsclere as a prayer room. We are going to open the prayer room from 3pm on Good Friday and it will be open until the sunrise service on Easter Sunday. This time is traditionally when we remember Jesus having died before his resurrection. The time will be split into hour slots and people can sign up for these slots. In the room will be lots of opportunity to pray and listen to what God might have to say. There will be space to read the Bible, to listen to God's word. There will be opportunity to listen to some worship music or paint. There will also be other prayer resources, like a world map, a map of the local area, and information on charities working across the world.

It would be great if you could join us. It's the testimony of Christians down the ages, and of us as a church, that when we pray, God does amazing things!

Blessings,

Ben.

Services in April 2019

Sunday 7 th April Lent 5	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 14 th April Palm Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
Thursday 18 th April Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship – St Peter's, Headley
Friday 19 th April Good Friday	10am	Walk of Witness for Good Friday – beginning at the Village Club, Kingsclere
	2.30pm	Reflective Service for Good Friday – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 21 st April Easter Day	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	9.15am	Easter Day Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Easter Day Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 28 th April Easter 2	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Baptism and Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 5 th May Easter 3	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)

ABC, our service for pre-school children and their carers, will take place on at 15th April at 9.30am.

From the Registers of St Mary's

Funerals *I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord*

27th Feb John and Iris Isles

Methodist Notes

7th April Muriel Wood Morning Worship
 14th April Maggy Wallace Morning Worship Palm Sunday
 21st April Rev. Steve Sankey Holy Communion Easter Sunday
 28th April Rev. Rachel Borgars Morning Worship

All Services begin at 10am

We shall once again be providing Hot Cross Buns, Coffee, Tea and Easter Treats after the Walk of Witness on Good Friday and we look forward to seeing you.

A very warm welcome to St. Mary's Upper Age Junior Church who, for a trial period, will be using our Hall. We hope you will be happy in your new location.

Bus of Hope

The Bus will be returning to Kingsclere on 11th April!

We'll be at the Holding Field (Bowls Club) car park from 6:45 to 8:30pm.

Upstairs crafts and activities for children up to age 12

Downstairs somewhere for young people to chill and chat

Luxury hot chocolate for everyone.

Future dates - 16th May & 13th June



St Mary's Church

St. Mary's Church		
Vicar	Rev Ben Read, The Vicarage, Foxs Lane	☎ 298471
Churchwarden	Sarah Mussett	☎ 291900
	Sarah.mussett@hotmail.com	
Churchwarden	Andrew Kitch	☎ 299743
	andrewkitch16@gmail.com	
Administrator	Emma Rivers	☎ 07790 934972
	administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk	
Roman Catholic		
Rev Patrick Tansey	tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	0118 981 4572
Methodist Chapel		
Chief Warden	Wendy Morgan	☎ 297538
Secretary/Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

As the days lengthen, we are preparing for our Plant Sale in St Mary's Churchyard on the morning of Saturday 11th May, from 10 a.m. This will again be a joint venture with the Kingsclere Gardening Association, and we will be offering a good variety of vegetables and flowering plants at reasonable prices.

If you are splitting perennials, or have surplus healthy seedlings, we should welcome plant donations; please 'phone Jane Royle on 01635 297430.

Our Art from the Attic sale will be in the Kingsmill Room on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June. Look out old pictures you'd like us to sell on a 50:50 basis, or come to see and buy what others are now parting with. Full details on pricing and submitting your items will be given in a flyer in a future Tower issue.

Peter Turner, Chairman

Lighting up St Mary's

14th February Happy Birthday Lillums.

27th March Celebrating the life of Eric Browning who passed away peacefully on 3/3/19 sadly missed by all family.

13th April For Richard Hale You are always with us. Missing you so much. Love Mum and Dad.

25th April Happy Birthday to Aimee Hardy -Biggs who would have been 29 today. We all love you so very much. We will have a lovely day for you. Love Mum and Dad (Sarah and Don) Samuel, Willum, Meghan and Jude. xxxxxxx

29th April Best wishes and many congratulations to Mrs Hannah Melrose on her first day as Headteacher of Kingsclere CE Primary School. We hope you have a wonderful day! Lots of love Mum and Dad.

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk £12 per evening, block booking discounts. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for May Tower is April 10th.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Mary's Church

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Mary's Church, Kingsclere is to be held on the 1st April 2019 at 6.30pm in the Kingsmill Room. This is the occasion when we celebrate what has been happening in our church community over the past year, and conduct business such as elections to the posts of churchwardens and the Church Council. All who are on the electoral roll of St Mary's church are able to attend.

Following this meeting, at 7.45pm refreshments will be served, and then at 8pm there will be a presentation on initial ideas and schemes for the proposed changes to the church building. All are welcome to attend this meeting, see the plans we have been working on and hear about this exciting project.

St Mary's Church Fete

Calling all cake bakers - the Cake Stall is one of the most popular stalls at our church fete, however every year we have to turn away villagers when we run out of cakes for sale. If you are able to bake a cake (or two or three) for the fete, please can you let the Margaret Peach know, 01635 298998 - THANK YOU!!

Calling all Kingsclere Clubs and Associations - we would like to invite all Kingsclere's many clubs and associations to take a stall at this year's fete to promote your society. We will provide an area to set up, comprising a table and 2 chairs, and we hope that this will give you an opportunity to show the village what your group is all about. We would ask you not to sell memberships, or similar, on the day, but to use the day as an opportunity to raise awareness of your group. As part of the day, we would love it if your group could run a competition. If you would like to reserve a place for your club or society, please contact Debbie Power 01635 291247 - THANK YOU!!

Calling all dog owners - the ever-popular Dog Show will once more be the centrepiece of our church fete. We will be having a range of new classes this year, so please do look out for the signs that will be going up around the village. If you have any suggestions for new classes, or want some further information about the dog show, please contact Maggy Wallace on 01635 298794 - THANK YOU!!

CAMARADERIE (Together in Friendship)

Our next Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30p.m in the Methodist Church Hall.

Entertainment is to be provided by Mike and Hazel Barker and they will be taking us on AN ODYSSEY THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA.

The cost is £2 per person and includes Afternoon Tea and a free Raffle Ticket.

We look forward to seeing you and all are welcome to attend.

Wendy Morgan

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner March 2019 no 101 John Price

Well done John

Entries drawn first week of each month, various village venues.

WINTERSHALL THURSDAY 20 JUNE

A very special day out (and closer than Oberammergau!)

All are welcome to join to see "The Life of Christ" at Wintershall on 20 June.

Watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside.

The story unfolds across three captivating acts from 10am to 3.30pm. The retelling of this evocative story against the peaceful backdrop of the Wintershall grounds (a few miles east of Guildford) has a profound effect on visitors. The audience moves to different places on the estate. Mobility assistance is available free of charge.

"The Life of Christ" was written for The Millennium and has been performed every year since.

The Kingsclere Plan. We hope to fill a 53 seat coach but smaller ones are available. There will be several pick-up points, including Ashford Hill and Headley at about 8am. (Getting back by about 5pm.) The full cost should not be more than £35 for adults. (Exact prices nearer the time.) We must make a firm plan by about 7 May but we need to have an idea of numbers much sooner.

Are you interested? If so please register with either: Tom & Mary Sneyd. tom.sneyd.kingsclere@gmail.com 291230, or Hazel O'Leary. hazeloleary@hotmail.co.uk 298507



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Do come to our next talk:
**Cardinal
Richelieu**



Brian Freedland

Brian began his career as Trainee Manager at the London Palladium and went on to work with The Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre and Sadler's Wells. Since retiring he has directed amateur operatics, written scripts, and given talks.

The village of RICHELIEU, in the Touraine, was Brian's home for five years in the 1990s, and his talk mixes happy memories of French village life with the story of the priest who became Europe's greatest-ever statesman and who built the handsome, but badly-sited village alongside the family chateau.

Wednesday 17th April -10.00am

St Mary's Hall, Overton.

Free to members – non-members £3 on the door.



Kingsclere Gardening Association

Spring Show, Sunday April 14th at the Village Club. Doors open to the public at 2.30pm. Staging of exhibits 9.30am until 11.30am; judging from 11.30am.



Schedules will be available from the Library, The Village Butcher or a committee member. This is always a very popular show and usually the hall is full of visitors. Do come along and see the flowers, most are not your usual kind of daffodil and other blooms. Entry 50p, exhibitors free. A tombola will be running during the show time.

Coming events: Coach Trip to Wisley on Saturday May 4th, entry to the garden free just coach fare to pay. There is a craft fair and plant fair on this day also.

July 25th an evening visit to Hampshire Carnivorous plant nursery at Upham near Winchester. This will be by car. It should be a fascinating evening. The owner, Mathew Soper, is a leading grower of these plants and exhibits/sells them at all major shows, We would like a minimum of 20 people for this visit.



As usual book with Sylvia Pennington 01635 298880. The cost will be around £6.00 depending on numbers.

John Eckton 01256 850017



Fund Raising for St. Michael's Hospice

Loose change tins and boxes.

The January Kingsclere collection raised £453.33. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraising for the Hospice - as they say, 'every penny counts'. The next collection will be in July.

Clare Risoe



THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Easter Bunny is on his way! Please come to the school on Friday 5th April from 15:30 to pick up your Easter Egg Hunt Sheet and get hunting! All are welcome, so please pop in and then take the hunt around the village.

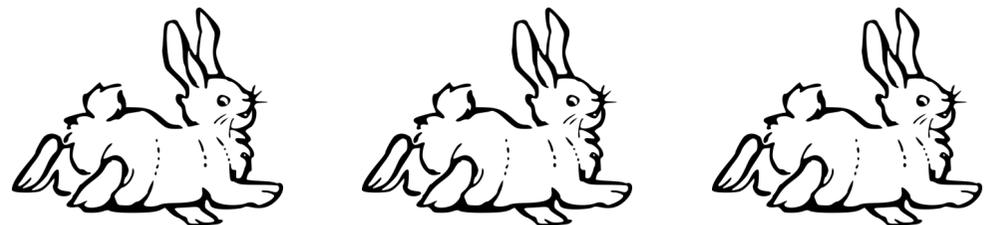


Film Night for pupils – Fri 17th May

We are currently looking for a publicity offer to help us keep our profile in the school and local community high, so if you are interested, please get in touch harriet.baker@hotmail.com.

We are also always looking for volunteers to help, or new ideas, so if you would like to get involved or have any superb ideas, please contact us at fkcommunity@hotmail.com

Harriet Gabbott, FKS Chairperson, Harriet.baker@hotmail.com



Plastic Milk Bottle Tops and Spectacle Recycling at St Mary's

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our recycling of milk bottle tops and spectacles. You may have noticed the collection bins have been moved from the Church Porch. They are now located just inside the church on the left next to the book stall. Please do continue to donate these items, they are very gratefully received.

Margaret Peach, 01635 298998



Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

Thank you to everyone who came to support our table top sale last month. Despite the weather it was really lovely to welcome stallholders and shoppers, with many familiar faces supporting the event. There were some delicious cakes donated by group members and a fantastic tombola, all adding to our fundraising efforts. In total, we raised £128.21, a fantastic achievement with all proceeds going back to support the running of the group. We hope to host another sale in the coming months, and we will do our best to choose a day when the sun will be shining!

Where: The Village Club, George St

When: every Tuesday, 9am-11am

Cost: first visit free. After that, £1 for bumps and unweaned babies. £2 for first child (including snack donated by Swan St Stores) and 50p for additional children.

villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com



Busy Bees Pre-school Kingsclere

We enjoyed a very busy Easter time with a visit from the Easter bunny and a lovely Easter tea with parents and children. We will be closing for the Easter break on 5th April and will be ready for the Summer term from Tuesday 23rd April.

The children are looking forward to doing lots of planting in the new outside area which will encompass our theme of "Understanding the World". We have very limited availability for the summer term, so if you would like your child's name added to the waiting list, please get in touch.

Keep a lookout on the Busy Bees (Kingsclere) Facebook page for any updates and news.

KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS W.I.

Kingsclere Village Club - 35 George Street,

This month's meeting: Wednesday 10 April 1.30pm

Our speaker will be: Nigel Knott

Title of the Presentation: "Canine Partnerships - Amazing Dogs, Transforming Lives"

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During a career based as Dog Unit Manager within HM Customs & Excise (London and the South East territories) Nigel's responsibilities extended to coverage of HMC&E's unit located in the British Customs Zone at Eurotunnel, France. This Customs sector was sponsored by company Purina, as was the charity 'Canine Partners'. The sponsor required representatives of each to spend time at its Crufts stand (among other events) and so began Kevin's knowledge of, bond with & commitment to the charity, 'Canine Partners'. You will thoroughly enjoy his 'illustrated' guided tour of this wonderful organisation.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Letter-clue for the April competition is "M" (for 'MIKE')

VISITORS WELCOME: £2 per person per visit.

Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570

Kingsclere Allotments

Now we are in the Spring season (hip, hip, Hoorah!) we move into planting and sowing in earnest. We hope all your plans and expectations come to fruition this year (weather permitting).



Can we remind you to keep the grass borders around your plot cut. Also for those who have not yet made a start on cultivating your plots this year, at the very least you need to be keeping on top of the weeds and the ensure

your plot is tidy. Plots that are left to go wild and overgrown will be reported to the PC. If you can no longer keep up your plot please advise one of the AMG members or the Parish Clerk so a resolution can be made. There are people on the waiting list who would like a plot to cultivate. Thank you to all who attended the Annual General Meeting in February.

Allotment Management Group.



Kingsclere Film Club

Second Saturday of the month at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm) at the Village Club, George Street.

Saturday, 13 April, 2019



(1946 – Comedy/Drama - 130min – PG)

An angel is sent from heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

Next month: Saturday, 11 May – **North by Northwest** (1959)

Kingsclere Film Club welcomes guests at £7.50, subject to space.

New members welcome at any time.

For further information call John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221 or Di-ana Tait (Membership Sec) 298494

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