

# The Kingsclere Tower



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Scorchio! Hopefully we will have a cooler September, and rain to replenish our rivers and reservoirs. We may need to take stock of losses in our gardens and allotments, and to plan for hotter, drier years ahead. For many thoughts will undoubtedly also be focusing on the effects of inflation on household budgets and energy bills. The Community Larder continues to help those struggling to make ends meet; see the article inside for more information.

The Second World War started in September 1939 and almost 2.5 million copies of the 'Keep Calm and Carry On' poster were printed by then. However only a few were displayed, the rest pulped due to criticism of the 'Home Publicity' campaign. A copy was discovered in 2000 and the phrase has since become a popular slogan for 'British' stoicism. It seems we might need to need to draw on that again over the coming months.

## The Editor

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Copy for **October** to the Editor at [kingscleretower@gmail.com](mailto:kingscleretower@gmail.com).

**NOT LATER THAN 12th Sept.**

If possible please submit articles as a MS Word document, A5 page size, font Times New Roman 11, single spacing. If email not possible post to 23 Swan Street, Kingsclere, Newbury RG20 5PP.

**Will ALL contributors please include full name & home phone number/e-mail address.**

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## KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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**KINGSCLERE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022** – Huge thanks to BCllr Ken Rhatigan who delivered the Village Annual Report to homes this year during the first heat wave. This saved village funds and it was much appreciated Ken.

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR TREE WARDEN ROLES AND THANK YOU -**

The village currently has two volunteer tree wardens who will be leaving their roles in the Autumn. We thank them for all they have done for the Parish and wish them well. We are now hoping that new volunteers will come forward and offer support for this scheme. The Tree Wardens scheme was set up by the Tree Council in association with local councils who appoint voluntary tree wardens to gather information, give advice, and encourage practical projects relating to trees in the community. No experience is necessary - just enthusiasm for trees and the local environment. Tree Warden tasks include being eyes and ears for the Parish Council on anything tree related, checking applications for work on trees with Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) or in conservation areas, doing surveys of trees and hedges, tree planting schemes and really anything else that the Tree Warden feels might be useful to the parish. If you would be interested in becoming a Tree Warden, please contact the Parish Council.

**HEDGES** – The Parish Council will be undertaking our autumn hedge cutting soon; we aren't permitted to perform hard cuts prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do cut back any hedges which overhang pavements and Rights of Ways which adjoin your properties.

**GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING** – The collection dates are Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September and then 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – The next full Council Meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022, in the Village Club. 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 during Public Questions.

The Parish website [www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk](http://www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk)  
@kingsclerepc  [facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil)



## Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan

The drop-in consultation for the proposed Porch Farm development was well attended, and a record number of residents have responded to the proposals along with the Parish Council. All responses and documentation relating to this proposed development are available to view on Basingstoke & Deane's planning portal: <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning>. Enter the application number 22/01856/FUL.

The Neighbourhood Planning Group met again on 1<sup>st</sup> August. We are currently looking at possible potential sites in the event that we are given an additional housing allocation. We have been successful in obtaining free technical support from AECOM, the consultancy who produced the original Strategic Environmental Assessment for our NP.

B&D's Economic, Planning & Housing Committee are due to meet on 5<sup>th</sup> September where they will consider the Water Cycle Study and implications on future development. The Borough Council are hoping to publish the draft Local Plan review early in the autumn.

We will continue to keep residents updated on developments as they happen so, please keep checking the Parish Council web site and Facebook for further updates and the Local Plan review.

**Cllr. Sue Adams** [Cllr.sue.adams@kingsclere-pc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.sue.adams@kingsclere-pc.org.uk)

**The Tower** is very pleased to announce that once again we have some surplus funds which are available to local clubs and organisations for the benefit of Kingsclere residents.

If you like to apply for a grant, please email the editors at [kingscleretower@gmail.com](mailto:kingscleretower@gmail.com) requesting an application form. If email is not possible you may write to the editors at 23 Swan Street, Kingsclere, Newbury RG20 5PP.

Please return your completed applications by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, for a decision at our October committee meeting.

Funds are limited and we may not be able to approve all requests, but do please apply and we shall do our best.

**The Editors and Tower Committee**

## The Watership Health



### Flu and Covid Vaccination Programmes

As information on the Flu and Covid programmes can change on a daily basis, please wait for updates on our web site ([www.watershipdownhealth.com](http://www.watershipdownhealth.com)), Facebook page and on our telephone message. Please don't call asking when they will be done as this takes up phone lines needed for patients who are unwell. It is likely that for eligible groups that the flu vaccination will be offered at the same time as the Autumn Covid booster at a central location, except for Housebound and Nursing Home patients. Please wait for our Team to contact you.

Please keep us informed (via our website, online messaging, by letter or by visiting reception) of any telephone/mobile telephone and email changes.

### Who is the best clinician for me to speak to?

Whilst we are all used to speaking to our GP, it may at times be more appropriate to speak with another clinician within our Team. Our Receptionists are trained to try and match you with the most appropriate clinician. This may be the nursing team, the clinical pharmacists, social prescribers, mental health or the musculoskeletal team.

### Appointment Reminders and Friends & Family Survey

We have a new system to send a reminder for all timed appointments. Feedback is that the new system is helpful, particularly for those with a smart phone. If you no longer need an appointment it can be cancelled from the reminder, which is sent out the day before an appointment.

Following an appointment, patients will receive a text asking them if they wish to complete a short Friends & Family survey. There are alternative ways to complete this survey; either with a paper version in all our waiting rooms or via our web site at:

<https://www.watershipdownhealth.com/nhs-friends-and-family-test/>  
Feedback for the period 18/03/2022 – 04/08/2022 is summarised below. During this time we provided 40,298 appointments with 836 appointments not attended.

RATING	NUMBER REPLIES	PERCENTAGE
Very Good	1074	86.8%
Good	114	9.2%
Neither good nor poor	19	1.5%
Poor	14	1.1%
Very Poor	11	0.9%
Don't Know	6	0.5%

Thank you for all your feedback particularly the comments, which are reviewed and help to plan and deliver our care.



The Fieldgate Centre is run by the Kingsclere Community Association as a charity (No. 1168366). The association is made up of volunteers who rely on the support and participation of the community.

### Summer Fun at The Fieldgate Centre

By the time this issue appears we will have held a play session each week during school summer holiday and seen more than 400 children enjoy a huge range of activities, from cress-growing to creative role play, storytelling, music and energetic bouncing around! A huge thank you to the handful of wonderful volunteers who helped every week, and to Greenham Trust, Arnold Clark Foundation and Hampshire County Council for the grants that enabled us to provide the sessions for free.

**NEW Zumba GOLD Class! Weekly at 10am on Wednesdays commencing 7<sup>th</sup> September.** A 50 minute dance fitness class that is low impact and slightly slower than a regular Zumba class. Fun, easy to follow dance moves, and great world music. £6 per class, pay as you go. Contact **Emma** on **07595 270506**.

**Monthly Meet-Up on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2.30 - 4.30pm.** Join us for a tea party in aid of the Macmillan cancer support charity. All welcome. Need transport? Call and we'll try to help.

**Jan Jack's Comedy Club Premiers at The Fieldgate Centre on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September.** An entire evening of live/stand-up comedy brought to you by compere Jan Jack. Tickets £15 available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk). Over 18s. Bar Open. Interval.

**Race Night on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** with the excellent Lambourn Race Nights. Doors open 7.30pm. Over 18s only. Ticket £5, include a hot supper, are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk), or from the office.

**website: [www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk](http://www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk) tel: 01635 298497**

**email: [fieldgatecentre@outlook.com](mailto:fieldgatecentre@outlook.com) Facebook **

### Upcoming Blood Donation Sessions at The Fieldgate Centre

September	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>
October	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>
November	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>
December	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>

Register, check availability of appointments, and book at [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk)

## KINGSCLERE GARDENING ASSOCIATION



Our next meeting is on  
**8 September 2022 at The Village Club.**

The talk and presentation this month is still to be confirmed. Once confirmed, it will be notified on Facebook and by email to Members. The doors open at 7 pm and the talk will commence at 7.30 pm for approximately an hour. Refreshments are included and we hold a raffle; any donations for the raffle are always welcome. £3 entry for non-members.

The KGA hold a **Members' Competition** at our evening talks. These entries are judged with points awarded. At the AGM, the member with the most points is awarded a prize.

The competition continues this month; you can enter any or all of the following categories (all to be home/allotment grown):

- A vase of Dahlias – max 5 stems
- A single stem from the garden
- A flowering pot plant
- A vase of any other flowers
- A pair of vegetables



Our October meeting will be on **13 October 2022**. The talk is 'History of Garden Design' presented by Katherine Lee. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Beth Theobald (Secretary) 07916 032250**

 Facebook: Kingsclere Gardening Association. Please join our group - news, events and schedules for show entries will be advertised there first.

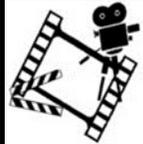
Don't forget to visit our next Market on **Sunday September 4th from 10.00 am – 12.30pm**. We have several new stalls joining us this time and will again have our sharing stall for plants and vegetables. We will also be collecting bras, empty blister (pill) packs, batteries, printer cartridges (originals not compatibles) and milk bottle tops for recycling. Coffee and cakes will be available to buy, both to consume on the premises and to take home.



If you have any skills to offer to our upcoming **REPAIR CAFÉ** or you would like to help Kingsclere to get its **PLASTIC FREE STATUS**, please let one of the organisers know on the day.

In addition, if you have any books to donate to the **Kingsclere Community Library Book Sale** (see **Page 8**), they can be delivered to us at the Market on the 4th September. We would be so grateful if you could support us.

**Nicki, Sarah and Lucinda - greenerkingsclere@gmail.com**  
**www.Greener-kingsclere.co.uk**



## Kingsclere Film Club

**Saturday, 10 September 2022 at 7.30pm** at the Kingsclere Village Club, George Street

Doors open at 7.00pm

### Film Stars Don't Die In Liverpool

**(2017 - 15 - 105 minutes)**

A romance sparks between a young actor and a Hollywood leading lady. Based on a harrowing real life story.

Next Month:

**Saturday, 8 October 2022 - Annual General Meeting**

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 **Diana Tait** (Membership Secretary) **298494**

## Kingsclere Community Library



### Giant Book PLUS Picture Sale

Kingsclere Community Library will again be running their very popular **Giant Book Sale** on **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of October** at the **Fieldgate Centre**. Come and browse through the vast range of books on offer, buy at very reasonable prices, have a cup of tea and a piece of cake, and then have another browse, and perhaps buy some more!

Book donations can be delivered to the Kingsclere Community Library any time during opening hours from the beginning of September. Alternatively, you can drop them off at the Greener Kingsclere Market at the Fieldgate Centre between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm on Sunday 4th September. We would be so grateful if you could support us.

This year, in conjunction with the Book Sale, we will be running a **Picture Sale**. So, if you have too many pictures and not enough walls, or if you have superfluous sketches or extra etchings, why not let us try to sell them for you. If they sell, you will get 50% of the proceeds and 50% will go to supporting your Community Library. If they don't sell, you will get them back – go on – what have you got to lose! Further information about delivery of pictures for sale will appear in the next edition of the Tower and at the library in due course.

**\*\*\* Please do not deliver pictures to the library \*\*\***

### Summer Reading Fun

There is still plenty of time to sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Fun and get your free T-shirt. Open to children of all ages. Come and see us in the Library to find out more!

### Library Opening Hours

Tuesday and Thursday	1.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Saturday	10.00 am – 1.00 pm

**Nicki Lee** [Kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com)  
[www.kingsclerelibrary.co.uk](http://www.kingsclerelibrary.co.uk) Library phone number: **01635 297464**

## The Ship Inn Arts Centre

The Ship Inn Country Hotel, Ashford Hill, RG19 8BD

### September 17th 2022 7pm – Music from the Celtic Nations

Come and join us for a wonderful evening of folk music, after the harvest and starting the Autumn season. Jacket potatoes and fillings will be served.

Paul Hancock	Uilleann pipes, tin whistles, low whistle.
Mark Turauskis	Bouzouki, bodhran and vocals
Sara Daniels	Concertina, guitar and vocals

### October 22nd 2022 7pm - A Tudor Evening with Courtlye Musick

With Anita and Martin Felton, Anne and Gareth Jones.

An evening to transport you back to the time of Henry VIII!

Music on original instruments and period things to eat and drink.

Viols (delicate more like a guitar)  
Kremhorns  
Cellos

You are most welcome to dress up if you would like to!

Tickets £12 can be purchased from The Ship – 0118 981 4504 or Eventbrite. Visit <https://shipinnarts.org/> for up to date information on concerts.

### Fund Raising for St Michael's Hospice

Thank you to all of you who generously contributed to the Hospice loose change tins and boxes with coins, notes and cheques.

We collected a superb **£433.76** in Kingsclere this summer. This amount will pay for 20 hours of specialist nursing at the Hospice.

A message from St Michael's: 'With your help the Hospice can continue to provide the best professional care for our patients and families at a time when it is truly needed, and for that we thank you!'

If you would like to join us collecting for this important charity, or would like an extra box, please contact me. Many thanks for your donations, the next collection will be in June 2023.

**Clare Risoe 01635 297036**



**KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB Est.1921**

**100 years and counting ...**

**Charity 1189234**

### Spitfire Evening

An incredible story from WW2: A talk by Alan Matlock from the Spitfire Makers Charitable Trust followed by the film Secret Spitfires. **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 7 pm.**

Tickets £19, including a 2-course meal, from Helen (below) or [www.wegotickets.com/event/551155](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/551155)

*Ladies – don't think this is only of interest to the men!*



*Brian Sopp*

### An Invitation

Please join us on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 10 am** for an informal meeting to find out what your Village Club has been doing to care for and develop this historic building, and our plans for the future.

### Chair Exercise

 **Thursday afternoons, 1.30 - 2.30 pm, from September 8<sup>th</sup>.** Of great benefit to those with limited mobility. Twelve sessions for £96. Please contact [bookings@kingclerevillageclub.co.uk](mailto:bookings@kingclerevillageclub.co.uk).

### Community Café

Enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10 am - 1 pm.** Table-top games available and a fun quiz at 11 o'clock. Do you know someone who would enjoy the company but cannot get there? Contact us and we will try to arrange transport.

### Autumn Market

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 10am - 12.30 pm.** An enticing variety of local artisans and crafters selling high quality items are coming to our next market. Look out for details of the stalls on Facebook and our website.



### Clean-in

A delayed 'spring clean' will be held on **Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 - 12 am.** Volunteers very welcome.

**Helen 01635 297390 or [events@kingclerevillageclub.co.uk](mailto:events@kingclerevillageclub.co.uk)**

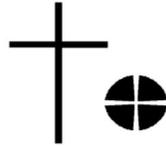
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<https://www.facebook.com/kingsclerevillageclub>

## Reflections

Dear Friends,

As you read this, I will be settling back into the routine of ministerial life. During my time away, I spent nearly a month on the Isle of Mull. Much of the land there is used for open grazing and, time and again, my eye has been drawn to the network of intersecting paths made by cattle and sheep visible on the hills. The sight invites reflection on the intersections that we encounter in our own lives.



At times our journey through life can seem completely mapped out and planned and we are clear as to the direction it will take, and with whom we shall be sharing it. At other times, it will seem that the journey we are on is simply a maze of intersecting paths with no specific destination or sense of companionship. Indeed, at times we can feel that we have been this way before and wonder how on earth we have managed to end up there again.

Our spiritual lives can be viewed in similar terms – sometimes we feel close to God and know with certainty that we are living as he asks us to. Sometimes we can wonder what this ‘faith’ business is all about and ask questions about God’s presence and how we experience that in our daily lives. These questioning times often occur when the ‘routine’ of life has been disturbed by an unexpected encounter with news that has challenged the status quo. The solid things of life are removed or compromised and we can feel abandoned to run with the sheep along unfamiliar paths without any sense of purpose.

In these circumstances I have found two Old Testament passages to be reassuring and to provide a focus which will, in due course, bring me back to the providence of God:

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.” Isaiah 43:1-3

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

So for those who view the new school/college/church year with some anxiety or for those for whom the next few months will be an unanticipated journey, may these words provide some encouragement that God is in charge of our “going out and our coming in from this time forth and for evermore” (Psalm 121:8).

Peace,

*Rachel*

**Rachel Borgars  
Methodist Minister**

## St Mary’s Church



### Worship in our Churches September

Services in our churches will be as follows:

	9.30am	10.30am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>		Morning Worship St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion St Peters, Headley	Holy Communion St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>		Morning Worship St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship St Peter’s, Headley	All-Age Worship St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>		Morning Worship St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship St Paul’s, Ashford Hill	Morning Worship St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Morning Worship, St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion St Paul’s, Ashford Hill	Morning Worship with Baptisms St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>		Morning Worship, St Mary’s, Kingsclere

[www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk](http://www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk)

### St Mary’s Church - Saturday Coffee

In the Kingsmill Room, St Mary’s Church. Freshly brewed coffee, tea and delicious homemade cakes. All welcome – please do pop in!

**September 3rd, 10th and 17th**

**10.00 - 12.00**

Volunteers welcome – if you’re able to pour coffee, welcome people or make cakes occasionally please contact the church office on **01635 299528**.

## Lighting up St Mary's

The sight of St Mary's Church when it is floodlit is truly beautiful. Many people sponsor these lights (£12 per evening) to celebrate an occasion, such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary, christening, or some other special day in their lives.



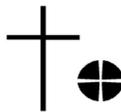
To book, contact **Emma**, our Church Administrator on **07422 687125** or email **administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk**

### September

- 3rd & 4th** In loving memory of Barry Pearce. Can't believe it's been 20 years already. Wish you were still here with us all. Love Carol, Kerry and Karen.
- 14th** In memory of Rita who passed away this day in 2021. Always remembered by Peter Goff and all the family.
- 16th** Remembering Neil Westcombe. May the winds blow softly whispering how much we miss you. Love always x Elaine, Christopher, Suzanna, Helen, Chris, Tom and Oliver.
- 18th** In memory of Bill Cooper. Remembering the Good times. We all miss you so much. With love Irene, Tracy and all the family.

## Methodist Church September Services

Services start at 10 am and all are welcome.



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| Sunday 4th  | Maggy Wallace  |
| Sunday 11th | Jeff Britt   |
| Sunday 18th | Rev'd Rachel Borgars (Harvest Festival: Donations of tinned and dried goods will be donated to the Community Larder at St Mary's Church) |
| Sunday 25th | Rev'd Andrew De Ville  |

Coffee morning every Thursday - 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Our hall is also available to hire; see back cover for further details.

**Christine Westcombe** [c\\_westcombe@hotmail.com](mailto:c_westcombe@hotmail.com)

## Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Sadly, adverse growing conditions and a hosepipe ban have led us to defer our visit to Headley Flower Garden to a future date. On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October** we look forward to our **Swedish Staycation** (see below) and to the evening **Special Friends' Preview of the Art Exhibition**, with wine and nibbles, at the former Jenna Burlingham Gallery, George Street. All Friends and anyone interested in becoming a Friend are warmly invited. The **Exhibition**, with works by local artists for sale, will be more widely open from **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. More details next month.

FOSM now run the monthly **200 Club Draw** as another means of raising funds for the fabric of the Church. Membership is open to all, and for a yearly subscription of £12 per number all numbers are entered into a monthly Draw. From mid-October, we will be opening the books for 2023, writing to existing members. New enquiries to **mark.wray55@gmail.com** or **01635 297555**. You need to be in it to win it: Do join us!

**Peter Turner, Chairman** [fosmkingsclere@gmail.com](mailto:fosmkingsclere@gmail.com)

### Swedish Staycation THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

#### Fasten your seatbelts – we are off to Sweden!

The 'Flight' leaves at 12 noon from the Village Club. Check-in from 11.45am. A two-course meal and drinks will be served (special diets can be catered for if notified in advance). There will be after lunch entertainment in the form of an ABBA tribute duo. Feel free to wear your Abba costumes! Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets £15.00 each.

**Andrew or Pam Kitch** **01635 299743** [pamkitch16@gmail.com](mailto:pamkitch16@gmail.com)



### FOSM 200 Club

The August Draw winner was Janine Westropp – No. 128.

#### Congratulations, Janine.

Next month's Draw will take place at The Crown at approximately 7 pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Jane Royle** [jane.b.royle@gmail.com](mailto:jane.b.royle@gmail.com) **01635 297430**



**Game  
On!**

**Sunday 4th September**

**2-4pm**

**St Mary's Church, Kingsclere**

**Sports, Games and Activities based on the  
bible for children aged 5-11**

**Entry is free, but must be pre-booked  
online at:**

**[www.clerewoodlands.org.uk/event-details/game-on](http://www.clerewoodlands.org.uk/event-details/game-on)**

**or by calling 07422 687125**



## Nature Notes - September 2022

In late July we walked the path of the River Alre in New Alresford, a favourite of ours and part of a much longer circuit that we used to make. To those not familiar with the area, the river is short at less than 4 miles long and yet for much of its length it is a typical Hampshire trout river, and empties into the Test. The public path leads to an ancient eel house, now refurbished (but not for use) and some of the bank has been broadened into the river to increase the flow. There is a popular part where children (and adults) like to pepper the water-life with pelleted food obtainable from a charity dispenser for a small sum. Among the flurry of ducks was a pair of swans with eight fully grown cygnets. Diana knelt at the bankside at swan eye level to feed the youngsters from cupped hand; they were boisterous feeders but perfectly behaved. Further along the path there is a plaque in memory of HAMBONE, the mascot of 109 Division US Army, to which someone has recently added a tiny gravel garden and planted a small American flag; a nice gesture.

On three occasions in early August ravens have been seen over the village, their presence being heralded by the call that only the raven makes. Widespread as they are built up areas may be less attractive than open country thus not so common here. Carrion is their standard diet but a quote from Birds Britannica states that they will eat anything from a worm to a whale. While vegetable matter is acceptable, ravens can kill live prey such as rabbits, rats, hedgehogs and moles as well as a range of birds. The largest of the crow family, their broad, wedge-shaped tail and a habit of closing their wings and diving momentarily identifies them in flight.

**Diana Tait and Rod Eldred**



The Community Orchard, Longcroft Road

# Kingsclere Singers

present

## A Tribute to



**Saturday 8th October, 6pm**  
**St Mary's, Kingsclere**

**Tickets are £10 and can be bought on the door**  
**Children FREE, fun for the entire family**  
**[www.kingsclere-singers.co.uk](http://www.kingsclere-singers.co.uk)**  
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STORY**

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..... and more!

## The Community Larder - Summer 2022 Update

What started as a temporary idea at the beginning of lockdown in March 2020 has grown into a valuable service to many in our local community. The Community Larder is now open each week and serves approximately 30 local families who are in need. We are finding that as costs of energy and food increase, so the need for help increases too. Our aim is to help those struggling to make ends meet with basic food and hygiene items, as well as distributing supermarket discontinued or "short dated" fresh bread, fruit and vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away.

### How can I help?

A group of volunteers run the larder – from sorting incoming donations and stocking the shelves to serving customers, making tea & coffee and clearing away at the end. We are always keen to invite more volunteers to come and be on the rota. There are two shifts 11 am -12.30 pm and then 2.15 - 4.15 pm, but we need 7 or 8 people each Thursday to make everything run smoothly. If you are able to help us even just occasionally then please do get in touch.

The other thing that the larder relies on is donations. We are really grateful to those who regularly donate items of food. They can be dropped off Thursday mornings 11.30 am - 12.30 pm to the Kingsmill Room, or left during the Saturday coffee morning 10 – 12 am also in the Kingsmill Room (there is a marked box available at the back of the room). A weekly list of our most needed items is available by email or on paper (pick up in the Kingsmill Room on Thursdays), but we welcome any items of tinned/dried or packet food and hygiene and laundry products.

We appreciate that some people cannot get to the Kingsmill Room at those times to drop off items, so we have set up two other ways to donate:

Amazon wish list. This enables you to buy items that we need through Amazon, and they are then delivered straight to us. They can be anonymous, or you can include details of who sent them. Please visit [www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2G6XREPO8DF6E?ref\\_=wl\\_share](http://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2G6XREPO8DF6E?ref_=wl_share)

We have our own bank account, and several people already generously give financially to the Community Larder. We then use this money to buy additional food to top up our stocks of food. If you would like to donate in this way, please contact us.

### How can I use the larder as a client?

Just come along! Every Thursday in the Kingsmill Room 2.30 – 4 pm (please note earlier closing time from 1<sup>st</sup> September).

From 1<sup>st</sup> September we are changing the way in which the larder operates due to the increasing need we are seeing. We want to make sure the stock

that we have is shared among those who need it, regardless of what time you are able to get to the larder. We will be arranging the room so that when you arrive you will be offered a tea/coffee and can help yourself to one bag full of fresh fruit/vegetables/bakery items. You will then be served by volunteers who will pick from the shelves for you a bag of tinned/dried/household/hygiene items. The cost for this is just £3.

The larder is not means-tested. There are no vouchers and no questions will be asked. We are open to all who feel that they need help with basic food items to be able to feed themselves and their families.

For more information please call the church office on **01635 299528** or email [administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk), or just come along on a Thursday to the Kingsmill Room, on the side of St Mary's Church.

### **Kingsclere Almshouse Charity**

A one bedroom bungalow will become available in early Autumn in Headley. Please apply via the web site [www.kingsclerecharities.org](http://www.kingsclerecharities.org) or in writing to The Clerk, [kingsclerecharities@iname.com](mailto:kingsclerecharities@iname.com). The closing date will be Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### **Emotional Well-being Event for Parents of Children in Year 6 to Year 13**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7 – 9 pm, The Village Club, Kingsclere**  
St Mary's Church is passionate about reaching out to our Kingsclere community. We are holding an emotional well-being event for parents of children in Years 6 to Year 13. The aim of the event is for parents to learn some simple tools and techniques to support your children with their emotional well-being. Local counselling organisations will also be talking about their services. We are very aware that young people have had a tough time over the past few years and wanted to organise an event to support parents in our community. Please note that places are limited; please reserve your place at <https://www.clerewoodlands.org.uk/event-details/emotional-wellbeing-evening>. Come and join us at this free event with refreshments. If you have any questions about the event contact Sarah Mussett.

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## **u3a Overton and District**

Our next talk is on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10.00am**, at St Mary's Hall, High Street, Overton, RG25 3HA.

### **“A rebel, a saint, a nobleman and a mercenary: the Legends of the Four Nations” by Lorna Thomas**

In recent times much attention has been focused on the differences of the nations that make up the United Kingdom. This talk will focus on our common Celtic origins, our shared history, and our heroes and enemies, using four people who have captured the imaginations of many generations and become legends. History has a habit of embellishing facts – come and take a closer look!

Free to members - Non-members £3 on the door.

Interested in finding out more about your local u3a? We will be at the **Overton Saturday Market on 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – come and see us!

### **Kingsclere Local History Association**

Our new programme will start on **Thursday 29th September at 7.45 pm** at Kingsclere Village Club when Bill Fergie will give us an illustrated talk entitled:

#### **"The Development of Timber Framed Buildings in North Hampshire"**

Bill is Head of the Hampshire Field and Archaeology Society Historic Buildings Section and is a widely acknowledged expert on timber framed and all old buildings. In Kingsclere and North Hampshire there are many surviving examples and Bill will give us a fascinating insight into a number of these, most of which hide behind brick exteriors.

Visitors are very welcome at £3 pp.

Immediately before this meeting we will hold our **AGM at 7.00 pm**.

The Village Archives are open most Monday afternoons in the Holding Room upstairs in the Village Club, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm; visitors are most welcome.

**Michael Leah, Secretary 297403**

## Wolverton Village Market

The next Market in the Village Hall will be held on **Saturday 3rd September** between **9.30am and 11am**. Parking is available outside the Village Hall.

There will be various Stalls for you to browse including; Crafts, Bric-a-Brac, Handmade Greeting Cards and Candles, Locally produced Honey, Vegetables and Plants, Antiques and Collectables, Books and Locally made Garden Ornaments.

Do come along and maybe find that elusive item you have been looking for!

For further details please contact **Tony or Julia Drake** on **01488 608594**

## Kingsclere CE Primary School



If you are a member of the community who has a few spare hours in the week and would like to volunteer in our school library we would love for you to contact the school admin. office on **adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk**.

We will forward you the relevant Disclosing and Barring Service (DBS) paperwork to complete so you are able to support in school. Thank you.

**Jo Messenger** Acting Headteacher

## Kingsclere Players

### Murder Mystery Play Script Reading and Casting Call

In November, The Kingsclere Players will be putting on a Murder Mystery evening at the Ship Inn Performing Arts Centre, Ashford Hill.

We will start rehearsals late September and into October.

We're looking for actors as well as help with production (costumes, props, etc). Join us at our next monthly meet up on **Wednesday 14th September, 7:30 pm** at The Crown to find out more and register your interest in participating.



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## Tripadvisor Award

We are delighted to have been awarded the 2022 Travellers' Choice Award by Tripadvisor. Thank you all for your kind words, and thank you to our fantastic team of staff and volunteers who make our visitor experience so delightful. Find out more at [whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/travellers-choice-award/](http://whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/travellers-choice-award/)

## 'The Adelaide' Silk

Our latest silk design has been named 'The Adelaide', and has delicate pinks and greens in a gossamer-light full organzine warp and a raw silk weft. This is a Limited Edition – we've woven sufficient silk for just 12 scarves, creating the ultimate in luxury, so if you'd like to own one, don't dilly or dally! 'Adelaide' is the first in our 'Herstory' collection, and it's named for Adelaide Chappell, owner of Whitchurch Silk Mill from 1877 to 1886. After her husband died, Adelaide took over the running of the Mill alongside former housekeeper Sarah Chamberlain; an impressive feat for women at the time.

## Food Festival, 10 September 2022

Last year's Food Festival set in the grounds of the Mill was hugely successful and so we're bringing it back for a second year. Not only will we have a wide range of stalls packed with delicious food and drink from local suppliers, including Hot Oven, The Homemade Brownie Company, Thai Bites, Crepe Britain, 3parts and Hornet chilli sauce, but there will also be weaving demonstrations, children's activities, face painting from Ashley Archer (11 am–3 pm), and cooking demonstrations and workshops from The Natural Cook Company. The Festival will run from 10:30 am – 4 pm, with free entry.

## Have You Sampled Our Podcasts?

Our regular podcasts follow the journey from thread to woven cloth at the Mill. The most recent episode (no.6) is out now at [whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/whitchurch-silk-mill-podcast/](http://whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/whitchurch-silk-mill-podcast/) – or find us on your usual podcast host.

## Pins & Needles

These popular adult crafting sessions are on the first Thursday of each month. Tickets £10, including tuition, all materials and a hot drink. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

[www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk)

## Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

Where: **The Village Club**

When: **Tuesdays 9.00am-11.00am**

Cost: £2.50 for 1<sup>st</sup> Child (including snack for child and hot drink and biscuit for adult), 50p per extra child, £1 per extra adult

Thank you to everyone that came to our summer party. We had a wonderful time with a bouncy castle, ice lollies and lucky dip!

We have a wonderful selection of mums, dads, grandparents and child minders with children from tiny babies to energetic toddlers, and we love welcoming new visitors to our play sessions.

We enjoy both indoor and outdoor play, with craft table, plenty of toys and singing time too.

Thank you as always to Swan Street Stores for their continued support of a weekly donation of fresh fruit snack for the bunnies.

For information visit our Facebook page, or regular visitors like to join our WhatsApp group for weekly updates.

## Kingsclere and Headley Woodlands WI

Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street

What a summer we are having this year. As I write this the temperature is in the high 20's, however September is upon us and no doubt the weather will change (it is the UK after all!).

This month we are back to our usual monthly meeting after a very nice lunch out in August and we will be welcoming Maureen Avens with her light hearted chair exercises using scarves, balls and our arms! Maureen teaches classes in Tadley and visits residential homes and is very well received.

We meet at the Village Club, the date of our next meeting is **14<sup>th</sup> September** and we start at **1.45 pm**. We would love to meet you, whether you have been in the village for ages or are a newcomer; what better way to get to know people. Hope to see you there.

**Margaret Geary, President 01635 297197**



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