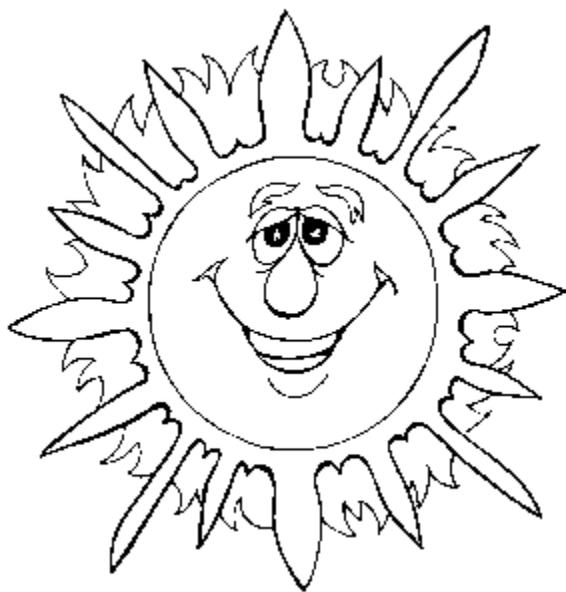


The Kingsclere Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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I hope you all have obtained a copy of the special edition 50th Anniversary Tower. There are still copies available around the Village if you haven't gotten yours yet, which may be collected from the Library, back of the church, Fieldgate Centre and several of the usual local shops. The colour cover with pictures of the village make it stand out from our usual monthly issues.

Many people have told me how much they enjoyed reading through the old stories and seeing how the village has changed in the past 50 years. This was a huge team effort, and thanks go to the entire management committee and previous editors Fiona & Chris who all trolled through 50 years of magazines to pull out stories. A special thanks to Mike Stokoe who did the layout, keeping the flavour and typeface from past years.

The Editors

Neither the Editor, nor the Management Committee accept responsibility for the opinions expressed or the goods and services advertised in the Kingsclere Tower magazine.

To all "Tower" Contributors

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Kingsclere Parish Council

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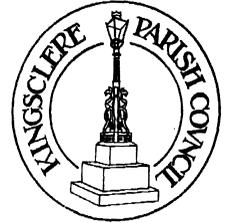
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TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE – The Parish Council are looking for a Transport Representative to oversee transport issues and the community bus service in Kingsclere. This has previously been done by a local resident, if you think you might be interested please contact the clerk – contact details above.

EMERGENCY PLAN - Following the informative presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting the council would like to appoint someone to head up a team to design an emergency plan for Kingsclere. This role could be done by a local resident, if you think you might be interested please contact the clerk – contact details above.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 24th August 2015, 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.

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

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GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days for August are: 5th and 19th

KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the time of writing I've just returned from a 3½ hour meeting with other members of the group where we agreed the selection criteria for selecting sites for future development. We then started on the selection process itself but time got the better of us so the task will resume at our next group meeting. When scoring sites we are referring to all the evidence we have amassed over the last few years – developer's proposals, landscape assessments, environmental & archaeological designations, physical constraints etc. It is proving to be a slow task but we are committed to making sound evidence based decisions on this important issue. In the meantime, members of the group will be meeting with officers from both planning and landscape departments at Basingstoke & Deane to make sure our proposals do not conflict with the Borough's strategic policies.

We have also been putting the finishing touches to a range of policies/projects on such issues as building design, housing densities, affordable housing, parking, trees, open spaces etc.etc. Further grant funding has been applied for to cover the cost of the Strategic Environmental Assessment we are required to undertake plus further consultancy assistance.

Friday 17th October has been chosen for our next public meeting (venue to be confirmed but hopefully at the Fieldgate Centre) when we should be in a position to put our proposals to the village prior to going out to formal consultation. Please note your diaries – this will be an important meeting affecting the future of the village for the next 15 years.

For further information see www.kingsclere-np.org.uk or contact Sue Adams, 01635 299242, sueadams@madasafish.com, our Parish Clerk, Louise Porton, 01635 298634, clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk or give us your questions & comments on Facebook.

Village Fete Appeal

Once again the village fete is nearly upon us and the Home Accessories stall would be grateful for any of the following items: jewellery, scarves, belts etc. or any gifts that have been given but you find no use for! We are not interested in anything that would be termed bric a brac. Please contact Minnie Greayer on 297 670 or e-mail minnie@greayer.demon.uk.

Police Report Summary for June

Kingsclere, Ashford Hill & Headley and Hannington



Total Crimes reported	11
House Burglary	0
Criminal Damage	1
Burglary other than a Dwelling	2
Theft from Vehicles	1
Theft of a Vehicle	0
Other Theft	1
Other Crime	6

House Burglary - This month we have had no burglaries from houses.

Non Dwelling Burglaries - The on going series of shed and garage breaks seems to have slowed down. However, we still urge residents to ensure these areas are secured and that suspicious incidents are reported.

Traffic issues- Complaints were made about nuisance motorcycles in the Longcroft Road area, advice has been given to the Motorcyclists in and around the estate.

Incidents of note

13/06/15- 14/06/15- Between the hours of 7PM on the 13th June and 9AM on the 14th June, access was gained to a business premise in Ashford Hill. A VW golf had the rear window smashed and the jack from inside the car was removed and used to take all four wheels from the vehicle. An Audi TT was also entered but no damage has been observed.

22/06/15- At approximately 00:55 offenders have attempted to gain entry to an ATM at the Budgens garage on the A339. The offenders were not successful and were disturbed by our patrol car. They did drive across farmers land between Union lane and the A339 to gain access to the ATM. Crops were also damaged in the process .

23/06/15- 23:50- Offenders have forced entry into the front of the same garage as the incident described above and tried to steal from the cigarette counter, but failed to do so. The garage does now have a permanent 24 hour security man.

We have had reports of Anti Social Behaviour in and around the Longcroft Road and South Road area of Kingsclere. Local officers will be attending these areas as part of their regular patrol. The young persons involved are between the ages of 8 and 16 years old.

Email: Melody.Kness@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

SPEEDWATCH REPORT JULY 2015

Due to the holiday session approaching we have limited results for June, however we feel our effort since the start of the exercise has been worth everyone's dedication.

Speedwatch has been operating in the village for 6 months now. You may have seen our volunteers operating with their Speed Indicating Device. Volunteers record the speed and details of vehicles travelling at substantially above the speed limit and this information is sent to the Police who send out warning letters to the vehicle registered keeper. No prosecutions result from our activities, however for persistent or particularly fast offenders a home visit from the Police can be expected.

Our activities have shown that there a number of drivers who travel through the village at particularly anti-social speeds for which there can be no excuse. One of these drivers was found travelling at 62mph and then again the next week at 57mph on the Basingstoke Road.

If you can spare a couple of hours from time to time and would like to support this activity please contact David Ainsworth on 01635 298816.

The more volunteers we have the better and more productive results .

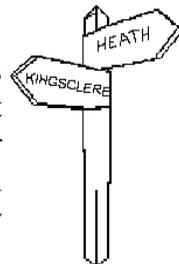
PARISH PATHS WORKING GROUP

We had a good group out working on June 28th. Eight of us worked on various paths around the village and we are just about managing to keep them passable. At this time of year it is hard work due to the amount of growth, and I would like to thank all the volunteers who give up their Sunday mornings once a month to do this. I hope it is appreciated!

We are very lucky in this parish to have so many footpaths and bridleways. These are all well marked with finger posts and way-marks; blue for bridleways where you may cycle or ride or walk, and yellow for walking only. Please make sure you stay on these, unless you have specific WRITTEN permission from the landowner to use their land. We have had some complaints that people are using private land to roam, and at one point upsetting racehorses. Please stay on the designated rights of way.

Next work day is August 30th, 9.45am. at the shed behind the Village club on George Street. New volunteers always welcome!

Heath Denness (Tel. 298376)



Fieldgate Centre**August 2015**

The Fieldgate Centre

17/18 Lynden Dance, 2 x 1 day workshops.
9.30 to 4pm

23 Kingsclere Gardening Association Summer Show, 2pm

Summer Streetz

Streetz this year will run on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings from 28 July to 27 August, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. A full programme of activities is planned. See Centre for details.

Star Reading Group

You may never have heard of us, but we are a small friendly group of ladies from Kingsclere who enjoy reading. We get together once every eight weeks for a meal (usually at the George & Horn) with the aim of discussing the book we have just read – and sometimes we actually do that. We borrow a set of books from the library, each of us taking a turn in selecting from their extensive list, some of them have been unexpected gems, others not so good, but we all agree that we are reading things we would never have selected for ourselves and thoroughly enjoying it. Each set has 10 books which costs us £ 15.00 per year which we split between us. One of our members has moved out of the area so we wondered if there is another person in the village who would like to join us, or just come along to one of our meals to meet us and see if they actually like us. If this interests you please email Sheilah@stardis.co.uk for details.

Sheilah Openshaw

Kingsclere Community Library

Did you know...

The Kingsclere Library has more to offer than you may realise!



- 📖 FREE Wifi
- 📖 DVD rentals
- 📖 Free use of computer
- 📖 Order books from anywhere in the county system and collect at Kingsclere

Coming soon - Visits by Authors reading from their work, watch this space for upcoming dates!

The Children's Summer Reading Scheme is up and running at your local library in Kingsclere, so do come along and join up if you haven't already! Read 6 books over the summer, receive an interactive poster, stickers and at the end you will be rewarded with a certificate and a medal.

Opening hours remain the same:

Tues & Thurs 1 – 5:30

Saturdays 10:30 – 3

*** First Annual Book Sale, Saturday 17th October ***

All proceeds to support the Library, donated books gratefully received at the library.

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com



Coach Outing

Wednesday 2nd September. This will be the last outing this year. We will be going to the National Trust property of Uppark near Petersfield. Cost of coach £15 per person. NT members admission is free, non members £8.50 admission.

The coach will pick up 9am King John Road, then the square and finally Garrett Close. We will leave Uppark at 4pm.

To book, please ring Josie Norton 298059.



Village Market

The last few markets have had a poor attendance. We have excellent stalls and stall holders but some may leave if attendance does not improve.

We are in an excellent hall and people enjoy meeting here and having tea, coffee and cake. You need to come and see us.

Next Market is on 29th August 10am-12 noon.

Alan Gore 01635 299118



Enquiries 01256-892019 or www.andovercats.org.uk

Stories of rescued cats: adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk

Fund-raising/volunteers adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk

Items for resale 01256-892773

The weather in June/July has been very hot and there is promise of more to come so make sure that your cat has somewhere cool and shady to rest and a constant supply of clean drinking water. Our cats have been rather off their food and wet food, if left for any length of time, ends up crawling with maggots. If not eaten within half an hour it is best taken away. A supply of dry biscuits should keep him happy until the next meal.

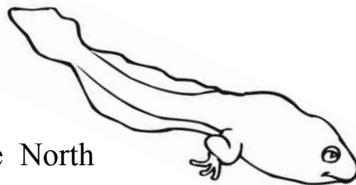
We shall be occupying the Whitchurch charity shop from 14th August until 3rd September. Come and see what we have to offer and donations of bric-a-brac, books (in good condition), toys and saleable clothing will be gratefully received. We are not able to accept large furniture or electrical goods.

Tippy, last month's cat has really fallen on her paws. She has found a home with a delightful lady in Overton and now has a large house and garden to play in.

Liono is an affectionate black and white cat, as you can see from his picture. He is three years old and loves his fosterer, enjoying lots of strokes especially on his chin and tummy but is a little nervous of strangers. He would prefer to be an only cat.

Nature Notes

If you wish to find an escape from madding crowds, traffic, noise and litter and are in the North Devon area then try a trip to Lundy Island. This is a gem of a place set out in the Bristol Channel approximately two hours by ferry, it measures 3x1/2 miles. It is surprisingly high but once the climb from the jetty has been done walking along cliff paths is reasonable and the views all around, superb. The emphasis is on the Environment both maritime and island and there are lots to interest naturalist or walker alike. We enjoyed blue sea, blue sky and SILENCE.



Many moorland pools on Dartmoor were alive with tadpoles many of which were just beginning to show leg growth, very late compared with our own area. The acid nature of the water means limited plant life and the lack of nourishment delays growth.

Part of our Tower delivery round takes us to some outlying properties reached by a long grassy track bounded by fields. In late June we spotted what we thought initially was a muntjac on the grass verge. As we approached very slowly a tiny roe fawn wobbled into view. What a lovely sight-big ears, a slightly rough red coat and clearly very young. It slipped through the hedge and our final view was as it made its way through the long grass, hopefully to find its mother. Roe fawns are usually hidden in deep cover while the doe feeds and returns to suckle it at intervals.

It was encouraging to see house martin nests built in good numbers in the eaves of an old property locally. Modern building techniques and materials are partly responsible for a drop in nest sites.

Diana Tait & Rod Eldred





St Mary's Church Fete

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August

12 Noon until 4pm

Opened at 12 Noon by Kit Malthouse MP for North West Hampshire

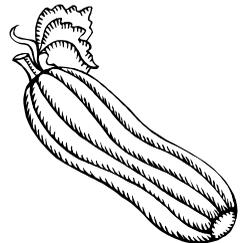
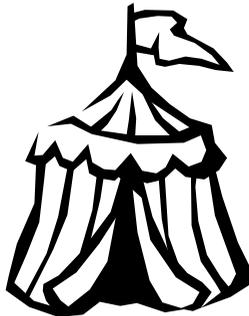
So what do we need? Please can you all look out some donations which make all the difference to us - especially bottles or new gifts looking for a home on the very popular tombola, homemade cakes, unwanted toys that have been outgrown (now is the time to part with them for a good cause boys and girls, Mums and Dads) and the same can be said for any quality home or clothing accessories.

Please bring all items along to St Mary's Church Kingsmill Room on Saturday August 22nd onwards or if needing an earlier drop off please contact Evelyn Barr on 07887 592718.

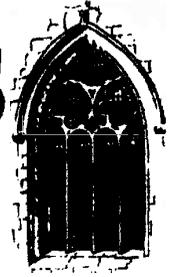
Also please keep spreading the word by inviting all your friends and family to come along and join in all the fun and if you are Facebook users please continue to 'FIND' US, 'LIKE' US AND 'SHARE' OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WITH YOUR FRIENDS NOW

www.facebook.com/KingsclereChurchFete

For all general enquiries call: Amanda Hatcher on 01635 299984 or send me an email: Amanda.hatcher@inizio-ms.com



The Church Pages



Reflections

It's finally Goodbye

So here it is – my final article for the Tower magazine after 11 years! And what happy years they have been! I wrote in my last article about the necessity for us all to move on in life in one way or another. But, at the same time, we rarely leave things behind completely; we are unavoidably shaped by our life experiences which we carry with us. These years in Kingsclere have been profoundly shaping of us as a family. It is where David and I have spent the majority of our married life –and William all his life to date. We have made deep connections with people both within the church communities of both parishes – and beyond. Connections that we hope to keep.

We know, however, that our experience is not unique. Over the years we have seen many people move in to the village and time and again, those people are thrilled to discover what a welcoming community this is. The old cliché that is true in some villages of still being a newcomer after 40 years does not hold in Kingsclere. Newcomers are welcomed and those that are willing to get involved in one or other aspect of village life soon find themselves drawn into a warm and friendly community.

There are reasons for this - Kingsclere has so much going for it - large enough to sustain good amenities but small enough to be personal. The bypass enables people to walk around the village, an essential element for building community. Sensible development on an appropriate scale has kept it viable and vibrant. I hope too that having the church at the centre of the village is not insignificant. It stands as a witness to that which endures and that which is important and is a space for whole community gathering – in good times and in bad.

So, we feel incredibly privileged to have shared these years in this great community. Thank you for all your support and generosity over the years. Pray for us as we will continue to pray for you. With our love and prayers.

Rev Lucy, David & William

Services in August 2015

Sunday 2 nd August Trinity 9 / Proper 13	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Baptisms (no Junior Church) – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 9 th August Trinity 10/ Proper 14	8am	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Second Sunday Service - St Marys, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Holy Communion – St Peter’s, Headley
Sunday 16 th August Trinity 11/ Proper 15	8am	Holy Communion - St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion (no Junior Church) – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 23 rd August Trinity 8 / Proper 12	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Parish Communion - St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	4pm	Garden Songs of Praise - @ Pumpkins, Union Lane RG20 4SS (tea & cake 3pm)
Sunday 30 th August Trinity 5 / Proper 9	10.30am	Benefice Communion – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
	12.30pm	Lunch at St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
Rev Lucy’s last day	6pm	Evening Prayer – St Peter’s, Headley

A special ABC picnic for children and their carers will be held in the churchyard of St Mary’s, Kingsclere (weather permitting – in the Kingsmill Room if wet) on 17th August at 11.30am

St. Mary’s Church		(See also back cover)
Vicar	Rev. Lucy Thirtle, lucythirtle@btinternet.com	☎ 299489
Churchwarden	Steve Jaques Steve.jaques@me.com	☎ 07887 428145
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	☎ 42962
Methodist Chapel		(See also back cover)
Steward	Christine Westcombe	☎ 298518
Secretary and Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585

From the Registers of St Mary's

Baptisms *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

14 June Harry Rooke

5 July Rufus Moody-Stuart

Weddings *Those whom God has joined together*

27 June Stacey Colburn & Martyn Evans

Methodist Notes

Sunday Services 9:30

Preachers for August

2/8 Mrs. Helen Watson

9/8 Mr Peter Castle

16/8 Local arrangement and alternative worship

23/8 Rev. Carmel Leraci

30/8 Mrs. Christine Thomas

Coffee mornings are normally held every Thursday, 10:30 - midday, including August.

St. Mary's Guild

Fifteen of our members enjoyed the Garden Party at the Vicarage in June. We had glorious weather and Rev. Lucy and David were fantastic hosts. Thanks to them and to the members and committee who provided some of the delicious treats.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us again when we have the Garden Party at the home of Evelyn Holloway on 26th August.

Just a reminder – our meeting in September will be on Wednesday 23rd, when Maggy Wallace will be telling us about her work with Greenham Common. Hope to see you there. Meetings commence at 2.15 pm in The Kingsmill Room of St. Mary's Guild.

Pam Kitch, Chairman 299743

Lighting up St Mary's

June

26th The eve of the wedding of Stacey Colburn and Martyn Evans

July

14th My nephew Ben who died tragically near his home in Tasmania (22). This special day our family would have celebrated my sister (his mum) Jane's 50th. Many happy plans not to be. Ben, we promise to look after Charlie for you. Claire, Malcolm, Josh, Matt and family.

23rd Congratulations Nicki on your Call to the Bar. We are all very proud of you. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Catherine, Ashley, Nanny and Grandad.

August

1st For Nanna Williams and Grandad Mackie with love from Jake and Jenny xxx

5th In loving memory of David on his birthday. The Sanders Family.

13th Many Congratulations to Winn and Alan Jones as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. 60 wonderful years! Such special parents and grandparents - all our love Beverley, David, Adrian, Caroline, Harriet, Henry, Hannah and Alex xxxx

14th Treasured memories of Michael Hopkins (Mick) on his birthday. Never out of my thoughts. Miss and love you forever. Sleep with no pain. Jac xx

14th Mick / Grandad forever in our thoughts on your birthday. Love Carla, Nick, Ellie and Lucy xx

15th 70th Anniversary VJ Day

31st In loving memory of Janet Lavina Cox on your birthday. Always in our hearts and minds. Love from all the family xx

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk Hand deliveries please use the black post box next to the front door. £12 per evening, discounts available for block bookings and business sponsorship. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for September Tower is August 10th.

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

At the end of June a party of Friends enjoyed a most interesting visit to the award-winning Hattingley ValleyWines near Medstead, where they were shown the vineyards and given a guided tour of the winery, with its impressive state of the art French equipment. The visit was rounded off with a tutored tasting of several of the Hattingley wines, enhancing an idyllic Summer's day in lovely countryside.

The organisers of the biennial Art Exhibition in St Mary's have once again very kindly offered a special Friends' Preview Evening, with a glass of wine and nibbles. This will be held on Thursday 15th October. We look forward to seeing many Friends at this informal and enjoyable occasion, and also to welcoming anyone interested in joining as a Friend (for the modest annual subscription of £10); please contact Alan Denness on 298376 beforehand, or on the night.

Peter Turner, Chairman

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner July 2015 No 102 Lyn and Tony Pounds
Well done Lyn and Tony

Entries drawn first week of each month, various village venues

Bell Ringing

On Friday 19th June a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.

On Monday 6th July a quarter peal of 1260 Plain Bob Doubles was rung for the 50th anniversary of the Kingsclere Tower Magazine. This was also the first quarter peal for Sarah Bates.

Helen Piper

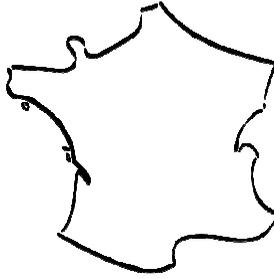
A vacancy has arisen for a Church Cleaner at the Methodist Church. A person is required for 3 hours per week - preferably Thursday afternoon, or Friday - to clean the whole of the church premises .

Wages: £7.85 per hour (the Government Living Wage) plus the statutory Annual Holiday (Pro-rata for part time employees)

For an application form, please apply to :

Mrs Jeanette Billington - Church Secretary - Tel 01635 297585

The closing date for applications is Sunday 16th August.



KINGSCLERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

DUCK RACE

Thank you to everyone who supported the duck race. Thankfully the sun shone for us and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Rev Lucy for “launching” the ducks and to her husband David for his masterful commentary.

OCTOBER VISIT TO CORMICY

There are still some places available for our trip to Cormicy from Saturday 24 – Monday 26 October 2015. If you enjoy travelling abroad and having a good time then do join us – first come, first served. Accommodation will be with host families, meals will be provided and travel will be either in your own car, shared car, or by minibus, depending on your preference.

Full details and booking forms are available on our website (www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning) or by emailing kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk.

You do not need to be able to speak French, nor provide accommodation for families visiting us from Cormicy; you just need to belong to the Twinning Association (£5 per household per year).

CHILLI AND QUIZ EVENING

This will be held on Saturday 26 September 2015 at 8pm, following our AGM at 7:30. There will be the opportunity to renew your annual membership of the Association. Bar available and further information will follow.

Follow us on Facebook and don't forget to “like” us.

Kingsclere Twinning Association Committee

Tadley Citizens Advice Bureau

Tadley CAB are looking for volunteers in their office in Franklin Avenue, Tadley. They are now recruiting for volunteer advisers to start training in September. They provide all trainee advisers with a comprehensive accredited training programme that will give you the skills you need to deliver a high quality service to clients.

They also need more volunteer Trustees for their Trustee Board including a Treasurer and Book Keeper as a number of long serving members will be retiring in October. The Board meets quarterly in an evening and has a number of sub committees. The Board is responsible for ensuring that this valued service continues to be offered in Tadley and would welcome new members who would like to help in this work.

They are also looking for a volunteer IT support co-ordinator to assist and support them with the general maintenance of their IT network.

If you are interested in either of these roles, please either phone the office on their admin line

0118 981 7567 or email them on admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk to discuss further.



Coach Trip - Open to All Kingsclere Branch. Royal British Legion.

We are organizing a Coach Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, Staffs. on Wednesday 2nd. September 2015. Leaving The Square at 8.15.am. Cost £20. Entrance to the Arboretum is free.

If you would like to join us for this outing to this beautiful place, please contact Wendy Morgan (Chairman) on 01635 297538. Payment on booking please.

We hope you will be able to join us .

Wendy Morgan.

Would you like to learn to play the ukulele?

The Kingsclere Ukulele Group meet every other Tuesday at St Mary's Church. If you play a little already, why not come along and join our friendly group. If you are new to the ukulele, beginners classes are also available

along with private tuition. Full details on the website at <http://kingsclere.ukuleles.org.uk/> or telephone Stephen Robson on 01635 552329



GARDEN CLUB



Our Annual Show will be at the Fieldgate Centre on Sunday 23rd August. Open to public at 2.00pm. Staging of exhibits from 9.30am until 11.30am. This is our big one for vegetables also dahlias, classes for other flowers, pot plants, domestic classes, and photography. There is also a section for Kingsclere residents only to exhibit in. The usual tombola and some craft tables.

Entry 50p, exhibitors free.

Next month, a barbeque for members, date September 5th, at Jada, Union Lane. Details next month.

John Eckton 01256 850017

Sixty

And now a man whose surname was Rose: I've never heard his first name as he was known to all the village as Sixty. His brother-in-law Ted Hutchins told me this yarn about him. Sixty pints a week was his normal dose; eight each working day and ten pints at the weekend. One night in the Swan Sixty was told if he could drink a gallon of beer in a quarter of an hour, there would be a free gallon for him. "I shall have to think about that" says Sixty, so he pops along the street to the Crown and finds he can manage 8 pints quite easily in 15 minutes. Back he goes to the Swan, accepts the challenge and drinks another 8 pints in 15 minutes, and wins for himself another 8 pints.

Some years later, Mr. Hopkins the builder sends Sixty down to me to connect my cottages to the main sewer, and it seems he had gone completely over to tea drinking.

From the Memoirs of Garfield Foster



THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

News from FKS

The School Summer Fair raised over £2,700! A huge thank you to all teachers, staff, parents and past parents who helped at the event as well as those organisations that donated some fabulous prizes. And a big thank you too if you came along to support the event, it was great fun!

FKS appreciates all your support this academic year, we hope you have a fantastic summer holiday and we look forward to an exciting school year ahead.

Dates for your diary

Fireworks & Bonfire event - Sat 7th Nov at The Fieldgate Centre

School Christmas Fair- Friday 4th Dec 3.30pm - 5.30pm at School

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Volunteering Opportunities

Age Concern Hampshire has existed for 30 years to promote the general well being of the over 55's in Hampshire. Many of our services would not exist without our dedicated team of volunteers.

We offer a range of services in and around Basingstoke:

Social Groups

Footcare Services

Exercise & Yoga Classes

Weekly Café

Information & Advice

Computer Learning

If you would like more information, please call Jenny at the Basingstoke office on 01256 423874 or alternatively e-mail: jenny.faulkner-quick@ageconcernhampshire.org.u



Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

June has been a sun-filled and busy month for our Bunnies. We have been enjoying water and sand play in the lovely garden, along with all our usual activities. Parents and carers also enjoyed a glass of wine whilst giving all the indoor toys a thorough clean one weekday evening.

We are hoping to run throughout the summer holidays but there may be weeks where there aren't enough committee members about to do so. Please keep checking our Facebook page for confirmation nearer the time.

We are a friendly group of parents, carers and mums-to-be who warmly welcome you to join us for a play and a natter over a cup of tea.

You do not need to have had your baby to join us – come along to as many sessions as you want to before his or her arrival. Once your baby is here, we have a protected baby area with bouncy chairs, rugs and baby toys for them to use, as well as toys and activities, both indoor and outdoor, for older babies and toddlers.

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.

We would love to expand our group with new friends and we promise to make you feel welcome and offer any support you may need.

Do search “Kingsclere Village Bunnies” to find us on Facebook – we also have a Preloved page on which you can buy, sell and give away items locally.

Sue Elliott - 298047

Autumn Clean- Kingsclere Village Club

We need your help to clean, weed, paint and sort.

Sunday September 20th, 1-4pm

Tea, coffee and yummy cake supplied.

Please help us look after your Village Club

Enquiries Emma 01635 297913

Dear Editors

What a joy it was when I saw this copy of the 50th anniversary Tower. It must have been a difficult task for those who decided which items to include and which to leave out. How fortunate for us readers to have someone who has kept these writings all these years.

I am shown disapproval because I am a hoarder. There are copies of those magazines which I cannot throw out for recycling which include articles on Kingsclere such as Guyon Bull's 'The Story of Kingsclere' with the map of 1752 showing the buildings in George Street with the Black Horse Inn, Duck Street, the workhouse next to the Golden Falcon in what is now the churchyard. The Title Barn and stew pond in what is now the school playing field.

In 1986 Joan (nee Mortimer) Constantine wrote her memories on Kingsclere in the tower. She wrote 50 years earlier (1936) the Village Club was the centre of activity with billiards, snooker, table tennis and darts. She recalled that Ron Pearce had a lovely touch on the piano, while his brother Algy and Bill Edwards both had lovely tenor voices, ideal for singing in the Choral Society which also met at the Village Club.

Bim Payne and Jerry Theobald went to the Albert Hall in Swan Street dressed as Zulus. "Their bodies covered in zebra grate polish and they looked fantastic in their grass skirts."

It is good to know the first page from the Kingsclere Tower was written by the vicar Rev. David Shearlock. I was somewhat surprised when Gordon came home from Church and said they had been told to call him David. To me, vicars and doctors were always called by their surnames otherwise it showed a lack of respect. How things have changed, but have they gone a little too far when children call pensioners by their Christian names? At least they still call their teachers by Miss, Mrs. or Mr. showing respect.

Margaret Ingram

Kingsclere puts on best show of the season

This article originally appeared in the Newbury Weekly News on August 24th 1905.

The best show held this season in the Newbury district. This crystallises the general opinion of the visitors to the annual show held under the auspices of the Kingsclere Horticultural Society.

The show has prospered much during the last sixteen years in no small measure due to the organisational ability of Doctor Maples who, although he has resigned the post of hon. secretary still retains the greatest interest in the Society as was shown by the fact that he once again placed the commodious and convenient grounds at the rear of Tower Hill House[1] at the disposal of the executive.

During some recent seasons the Society has been rather unfortunate in regard to the weather and the balance at the bank has become somewhat depleted. But the exchequer should be appreciably assisted as a result of yesterday's show for although the morning did not look over promising, the clouds cleared away as the day wore on, and with the sun shining brilliantly in the afternoon, the people came up in large numbers.

The gate receipts totalled about £65[2] which considering the fact that three other shows were taking place yesterday and Kingsclere is off[3] railway speaks volumes for the popularity of the exhibition.

There were nearly 1000 entries in yesterday's show and the excellent quality of the exhibits showed no trace of the trying season which horticulturists have had to combat with in very adverse circumstances. They were capitally staged in three large marquees[4] and arranged in a most satisfactory manner giving plenty of room to the exhibits as well as the spectators.

The show falls at the time of year when the ordinary exhibitor is able to exhibit of his best, and the area covered by the Society is a wide one including Kingsclere, Woodlands, Headley, Ecchinswell, Sydmonton, Hannington, Ewhurst, Wolverton, Baughurst and Tadley.[5] The prize list is larger than that offered by any other society in the locality.

The competition is keen in all classes, professional, amateur, artisan and labourers. Where the show is so much in advance of others in the neighbourhood is in regard to the floral exhibits. These help to make the exhibition so much more attractive.

[1] Now Cedar Drive. [2] £7606 in today's money. [3] In 1905 it was planned to build a light railway to Kingsclere. [4] Made by Carter's in Kingsclere. [5] The Kingsclere Police Division in 1905.

Peter Woodman

Royal British Legion Commemorations

We would like to inform people that we will meet at the War Memorial in the Square at 11am on 15 August to Commemorate VJ Day when the Japanese surrendered and the War was finally over.

We shall also commemorate the Battle on September 15th, again at 11am at the Memorial.

We are always pleased when Members of the Public join us at these events as we will never forget the Sacrifices made on all these occasions in order for us to live as we do today.

M.G.Martin (RBL Secretary) 01635299003



KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS W.I.

Our next meeting: Wednesday 12 August at 1.45

We meet at the Kingsclere Village Club in George Street

Our speaker in August will be Jill Daniels whose presentation 'Where is and What is That?' in Hampshire we have been looking forward to for some months now. Jill and her husband Tom, a professional photographer, work as a team

and they were originally booked to do this talk towards the end of last year shortly after we had first encountered their professionalism at Burghclere W.I. That talk at Burghclere, a stunner, had been just one other of the 19 talks on their agenda at that time. All in all, they had 12 'in their bag' featuring Hampshire-related subjects - geographical, historical (in a literary, theatrical and/or political sense) and 7 more that were internationally-based.

However, our own booking of their services, so keenly anticipated, had to be cancelled for the saddest of reasons - a family funeral scheduled for that very day.

We are delighted to now have the opportunity to catch up with Jill & Tom again and our 'missed' presentation is firmly back on the programme. Jill speaks clearly, without notes, in a delightfully conversational way. Her husband's photography is superb. So, we ask you: "How well do you think you know your own county of Hampshire?" And, we can tell you: "This talk will help you discover more secret haunts of the county than you've encountered before!" Join us as a guest on Wednesday 12 August - 12.30 for 1.45 and find out for yourself.

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