

# The Kingsclere Tower



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Are you BAD or SAD?

(BREXIT Anxiety Disorder, Seasonal Affective Disorder)

This winter has certainly taken its toll.

Have no fears! I have it on good authority that the Government has been working hard to ensure that Spring will not be stopped at our borders if we have a No BREXIT deal. Even as I write, Mother Nature is pushing up the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils in the Churchyard.

Was it only a week or so ago that we were digging our way through the snow to get down the road to the shops? Rod and Diana write about the beauty of the snowscape we experienced in their Nature Notes (see p10). How right they are. So often we face a day or two of miserable, slushy snow which is just inconvenient but this year it was a little bit of magic that came and went so quickly.

Thank goodness Nature gives us something so beautiful to distract us!

**The Editor**

**Please note that the Care Group Transport phone number has changed. It is now 07388 539730**

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## **To all "Tower" Contributors**

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**NOT LATER THAN 12th March.**

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## KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL



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## GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN COMES TO KINGSCLERE

We have signed up to the Keep Britain Tidy "Great British Spring Clean" and will be hosting a Kingsclere Spring Clean event on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 10am-1pm**. The Parish Council will have a gazebo "station" in the Churchyard where volunteers can come and collect equipment to help collect litter. So join us as we prepare to stand together and declare that single-use plastic litter – which degrades the beauty of our environment and threatens to harm wildlife – is not acceptable.

*The power of Blue Planet II – over 70% of people now view tackling litter as more important than they used to and 75% feel more appreciative of people who pick up litter, according to a new survey carried for Keep Britain Tidy by Ipsos MORI. More than 67% also said they tried to purchase less single-use plastic than they used to, and eight out of ten people said they thought people who litter-pick are vital to protecting the environment.*

Please do come and join the team on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and demonstrate your support to help collect and safely dispose of single-use plastic from our streets, open spaces and footpaths. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the organising for the day, please contact either John Sawyer or Louise Porton (contact details above). Youth (or other) organisation teams are welcome to get involved.

## DOG FOULING

Once again dog fouling in public places is becoming a problem. Complaints have been received about the local footpaths, in particular the area where footpath 91 (The Dell) and footpath 89 (Hollowshot Lane) meet. Can we appeal again to everyone walking dogs to ensure that they clear up after their pets. Dog waste can be disposed of in all the public litter bins all around the village. Please do not leave plastic bags containing dog faeces in the hedges or verges.

The Parish website [www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk](http://www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk)

@kingsclerepc

[facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil](https://facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil)

## GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING

The collections dates are 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – will be at 7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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.

### In Remembrance Wynn

Wynford Morgan sadly died on Saturday 3rd February 2019.

He will be remembered with much affection by his many friends and staff from his years managing Swan Street Stores. Our sympathy and thoughts are with his wife Deana and family.

We will all remember Wynn with great fondness.



**Busy Bees Pre-school  
(Kingsclere) Est. 1976**

The theme for this term is Winter. This includes hibernation, weather, polar regions, healthy eating and physical activity. We certainly have had a taste of variable weather this term!

We have also been celebrating Chinese New Year by tasting some special fried rice and prawn crackers, by doing Chinese writing and tackling chopsticks.

We look forward to celebrating Pancake day, Mother's Day and Easter.  
A very busy term!

**Charlotte Souza 07955862322**

### Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

It's nearly time for our Table Top sale on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, so please do pop in to see if you can grab a bargain between 10am and 12pm. There will be tea, coffee and cake available too, so come along and support your local baby and toddler group at the Village Club.



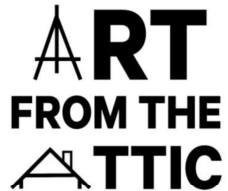
With Spring approaching, we are looking forward to the children being able to start playing outside again with lots of great opportunities for some seasonal crafts with Pancake day and Easter coming along shortly. And of course we mustn't forget Mother's Day at the end of the month. We hope all our Mums have a lovely day and are able to enjoy some family time – note to children and Dads – breakfast in bed is a good place to start!

**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**



***Declutter your attic!  
Spring is coming!***

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere will be holding a great

### ***Art from the Attic Sale***

15th and 16th June

**Look out your old pictures & let us sell them  
for you on a 50:50 basis**

For details email: [artfromtheattic19@gmail.com](mailto:artfromtheattic19@gmail.com) or 'phone 01635 297555



## News from FKS - The Parent Teacher Association of Kingsclere Primary School

We have started 2019 with a bang! Already, we have had a film night and the school disco with UV lights!

**\*\*Take note, there was a wrong date in last month's report.  
The Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June\*\***

### 2019 Dates For The Diary

Film Night for pupils Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Egg Hunt – all welcome – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (last day of term)  
from 15.30 at School

Film Night for pupils – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**\*\*School Summer Fair – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June\*\***

Camp Out – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Fireworks – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

We are 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 [fksgcommunity@hotmail.com](mailto:fksgcommunity@hotmail.com)

### Kingsclere Heritage Association



Our next meeting, the last of this winter season, will be on  
**THURSDAY 21st MARCH**

when Bob Clarke will be revisiting us.

Bob is a local historian and an entertaining speaker. His subject this time:

#### **"From Grub Street to Fleet Street"**

will encompass the history of English newspapers to 1899.

Bob is a leading authority on his subject.

We meet at the Village Club, George Street, at 7.30pm  
and visitors are always welcome at £3 pp.

**Michael Leah Hon Secretary Tel 297403**

## Police Report July 2018



Between 1<sup>st</sup> December and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 4 drivers were arrested for drink drive offences in the rural area also 4 vehicles were seized from the road side.

4 vehicles seized for no insurance.

Over the last couple of weeks there has been various reports of vehicles involved in scrap metal thefts in the area

28/01/2019 a white Ford Transit MA57 \*\*\* was sighted in the Kingsclere area helping themselves to metal from front gardens.

22/01/2019 a Silver Ford Transit OU09 \*\*\* was sighted in the Binley area touting for scrap metal.

### Action Fraud

04/02/2019 – A local resident called police stating that they received a call from a male claiming to be a Detective Constable from the Metropolitan Police. The unknown person on the phone stated that they had a relative of theirs in custody for a high value fraud from their bank account. When the name was given to the resident they confirmed that he was NOT a relative. The person on the phone then went on to ask the resident to attend their bank to withdraw £5k. The resident realised this was not a genuine call and the call was ended.

**PLEASE DON'T HAND OVER ANY MONEY OR PERSONAL DETAILS. IF IN DOUBT CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE FORCE VIA 101 or 999.**

**DON'T USE THE FRAUDSTERS' NUMBERS THEY GIVE**

**PCSO 12960 John Dullingham**

### *Dear Editor*

I have come home to find not only the public path outside my house but drive and garden covered with dog mess. It doesn't take much effort to clear up after your dog, and if an owner thinks that's beneath them and not their responsibility, then they shouldn't own a pet at all.

I live in an area that is used both by dog walkers and families going to and from the village and I am fully aware that cleaning dog mess off shoes is not a pleasant experience after walking back and forth to school but neither is cleaning your driveway and public path!

Thank you

## Kingsclere Community Library



### Fact or Fiction? Do you believe the panel?

Our very popular game night from 2 years ago returns on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Your £10 ticket includes nibbles and dessert with coffee/tea. Tickets in advance, please, from the library and the Village Butcher.

Once you have your ticket please ring the number on the back to arrange your team of 8 or to be placed on a team.

Great raffle prizes! Fieldgate Bar will be open.

**Rhymetime with Rita:** On the second Tuesday of every month, 2.30pm

**NEW! FREE Jigsaw Puzzle** loan or swap. Stop in to borrow a puzzle, return it when you are finished, with no time limits.

Opening hours: Tues & Thurs 1 – 5.30pm; Saturdays 9.30am – 2pm

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

## Hampshire Home Library Service

I am raising awareness of our free Home Library Service, available through all Hampshire County Council libraries. We are currently looking to extend this service out to more Hampshire residents and find that those who benefit most are the most difficult to get information about the service to. If you or someone you know has ill health, disability or caring responsibilities, and would be interested in receiving the service or learning more about it, contact us at the details below. As our customer base expands we will require more volunteers, so if you have a few hours spare each month and would like to visit someone who struggles to get to the library and take them library items, please contact us for more details.

By phone at 0300 555 1387

By email [library@hants.gov.uk](mailto:library@hants.gov.uk)

Or online from our website -search Hampshire Home Library service



## Kingsclere Film Club

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

**Saturday, 9 March, 2019**

### Becket

*(1964 – Drama/Historical - 148min – PG-13)*

Historical drama exploring a conflict of loyalties that comes to separate close friends, King Henry II and Archbishop Thomas à Becket.  
Stars Richard Burton as Becket, Peter O'Toole as Henry II, and John Gielgud as King Louis VII of France.

Next month: Saturday, 13 April – **It's a Wonderful Life** (1946)

*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 Sec) 298494

## Kingsclere Bowling Club

February sees the start of our planning for the new bowls season. Fixture lists need to be organised and printed, entries to various competitions collected and sent off. Work on the green will start as soon as the weather permits. We are hoping to open the green slightly earlier this year as the league competitions are starting before the end of April.

As part of our fund raising we are planning to have a:



**Nearly New Jumble Sale at our club house, Holding Field**  
**Saturday 23rd March between 12pm and 2pm**  
**Refreshments, including homemade cakes,**  
**will be available for purchase.**

Everyone is welcome to come along and search for a bargain.

**If anyone would like to donate articles for the sale, please contact Elaine on 01635 622651 or Andy on 01635 299241**



## Kingsclere Twinning Association



**The Bedbug Drive 30 March 2019** Please note that unfortunately this is now **cancelled** due to a clash with another village event. However, we hope to rearrange this popular event for Autumn 2019.

**Our Visit to Cormicy 2019** The Village of Cormicy have confirmed dates of **Saturday 4th May to Monday 6th May** for the next Twinning visit from Kingsclere to Cormicy. All Members are welcome. Please let us know if you are interested in coming so we can let Cormicy know potential numbers.

**French Conversation** Our next French Conversation will be on Wednesday 6th March 7.30pm. All abilities are welcome to join our friendly group, from beginner to conversational level.

We always welcome new members. Why not consider joining in 2019? Family membership is £5 per year and includes reduced admission prices to most of our events, free monthly French conversation/class (depending on confidence level), and the opportunity to visit **Cormicy** in the beautiful **Champagne** region of France.

Please contact [Kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk) for any further information.

## St. Michael's Hospice



**Your Hospice Needs YOU.**  
**Volunteers needed for St. Michael's Hospice**  
**(North Hampshire) House to House Collection in June**

St. Michael's Hospice is looking for volunteers to help out with their annual House to House collection. If you have a couple of hours to spare in June to deliver and pick up envelopes and would like to be involved then please contact Lynne Grimshaw, Community Campaigns Coordinator on 01256 848845 or email [Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelshospice.org.uk](mailto:Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelshospice.org.uk)

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**St Mary's 200 Club Winner February 2019.**

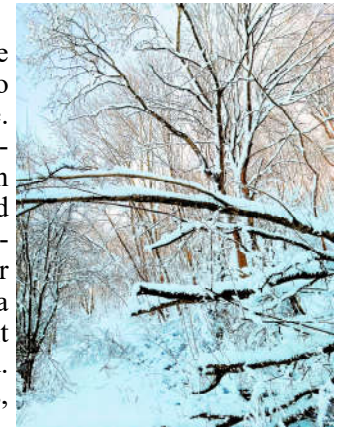
**No 83 Heath Denness**

**Well done Heath**

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

## Nature Notes

We were alerted to a lake locally where a large saw-billed duck, a goosander had been seen. No luck for us on our visit but it was still worthwhile. In nearby conifer woodland which included Norway Spruce, there was such a vibrant, evergreen carpet of bilberry growing under the well spaced trees where sufficient light allowed such abundance; Bilberries usually like woodland edges or open heathland. One towering spruce tree had a wonderful crown of dangling cones which caught the winter sun, turning them to burnished gold. The ground beneath was strewn with cones, stripped to the core by squirrels.



If snow should fall may it always be like the last one. It came on the Friday, steady and gently through the day. It stayed where it fell, no wind to create drifts and pots in the garden gradually grew tall chef's hats of snow. School was closed and it seemed the whole village was outdoors enjoying winter activities even building a full sized igloo in one case. A crisp weekend and then, on Monday, like a well mannered guest it took its leave. Apologies to those who had to struggle but our usual snow is such miserable slushy stuff and this had real beauty.

The bird table has a wide selection of foods but suet pellets seem to be the preferred choice over mixed seed by visiting robins, sparrows and even a blackcap.

In mid January, travelling back to Kingsclere, a great orange moon larger than usual hung over the hills. It was certainly unusual but was made more magical by wisps of cloud, veil-like that drifted across the upper part of its face.

**Diana Tait and Rod Eldred**

	<h3 style="text-align: center;">CONCERT</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">A special concert performed by harpists          Angela Moore and Anne Denholm          joining with Watership Cantabile          St Pauls Church Ashford Hill RG19 8AZ  <b>Saturday April 27th, 2019 7pm.</b>          More details in April Tower.          Early bird tickets at £8 Eventbrite from 1st March and          Headley Community Shop and Kingsclere Village Butchers          from 1st April 2019</p>	
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## Reflections

Last month I talked about making time to spend with God, reflecting on those words from a song in the Bible: *Be still and know that I am God* (Psalm 46). I wonder how you got on? Did you manage to find a bit of space to mull it over? If not, did you want to but business took over and you never got round to it. I find it so easy for that to happen – why not give yourself 5 minutes now? Find a quiet place, read over the words and let them sink in.



One important thing we as a church did last month was hold a vision day for our regulars. Having spent time thinking and praying, we set aside a day to discuss our vision as a church and to come with some ideas about what we thought we should be involved in. It was great to see so many willing to set that time aside, to do the important thing together, and not allow other things to encroach. One thing that struck on the day was about how we welcome people. A lady made the point that she didn't think that people who weren't Christians realised that they are welcome at church too. I was struck by this and as a church we'll be thinking about how we make clear that all are welcome. In fact the Bible tells us that we are to welcome one another as Jesus welcomes us (Romans 15:7).

We hope to make some progress on this in the coming weeks and months. Let me re-iterate how welcome people are, whether they believe in Jesus or not, to come and join us on Sunday mornings. Our traditional services are at 8 and 11 on Sunday mornings most weeks in Headley, Ashford Hill, and Kingsclere. Each Sunday in Kingsclere, we have breakfast together at 8.45am in the church room – come and join us for a croissant and some coffee. Then at 9.15ish we move into the main part of the church building for the service. I'd be delighted if people came to see what it was like, even if they didn't want really to join in. We'd love to see you – consider it an invitation – and we'll try and give you a warm welcome as we learn what it means to welcome like Jesus welcomes us.

Blessings,

Ben.

## Methodist Notes

### March Services

3rd Rev Rachel Borgars Holy Communion

10th Malcolm Stone Morning Worship

17th John Waterer Morning Worship

24th Rev Carmel Ieraci Morning Worship

31st NO SERVICE AT THE METHODIST CHURCH  
( WE SHALL BE JOINING WITH OTHER CHURCHES IN THE CIRCUIT )

All Services begin at 10am

Wendy Morgan

### From the Registers of St Mary's

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

20 Jan Charlotte Anne Keable

### CHURCH CONTACTS

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#### Administrator:

Emma Rivers  
administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk 07790 934972

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**Secretary & Hire of Hall** Jeanette Billington 297585

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tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



**Services in the parishes of  
Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley  
March 2019**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March Sunday before Lent	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday	4pm	Holy Communion with imposition of ash St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 1	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
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	11.30am	Holy Communion – Rose Hodson Court
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 2	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	9.15am	All Age Messy Worship– St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 3	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 Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9.15am	All-Age Messy Worship – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Mothering Sunday Worship St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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)

**ABC, our service for pre-school children and their  
carers will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am**

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Full Revision of Electoral Roll for St Mary's Kingsclere

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 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.

By enrolling on the electoral roll, you become a voting member of the Church of England and are able to attend and vote at the meeting. It also gives an indication of the real membership and strength of the church in our parish.

Every six years the roll is completely revised meaning all names are removed from the current register and everyone has to re-apply. The deadline for this in 2019 will be **15th March 2019**.

If you would like to be added to the roll, please visit the Benefice website: [www.clerewoodlands.org.uk](http://www.clerewoodlands.org.uk) and click on Electoral Roll.

If however you do not have access to the internet, paper forms can also be found at the back of St Mary's Church. Please complete and return to the Church Electoral Roll Officer or Churchwarden before the deadline.

*The requirements for joining the roll are:*

*\*Being baptized and over the age of 16, willing to declare yourself a member of the Church of England AND*

*\*Either resident in the parish or have habitually attended worship in the parish for six months prior to enrolment.*

**Les Wallace – Church Electoral Roll Officer**

### Footpath Group

The Paths group met in January and tackled a number of issues. We removed a fallen tree from the footpath heading out towards The Star pub, we cleared the way behind Foxes Hall including some very low tree branches and we replaced some footpath posts and signs.

The group will next meet on 31st March (9.45 in the garden of the Village Club)





## Changes to St Mary's Church Interior

The project team have now met twice and a number of drawings and possible schemes were prepared for consultation.

We have been careful to look back into the archives to see what had been considered previously and what the church authorities and other heritage organisations had deemed possible or in some instances NOT acceptable!

Its quite a task to make sure we can fit in the right amount of seating in such a narrow nave with large areas taken up with things such as the Kingsmill Tomb.

We want to make the entrance more open and welcoming and where possible introduce modern materials (glass and light wood fittings) Within our team we have different ideas and, as with most things in life, there will need to be compromises

Some of the initial ideas will be presented to the PCC for their comments and further meetings with our architect are planned for March.

We remain on track for a presentation on 1st April after the APCM where plans will be shown for people to give comments and suggestions. They will NOT be final plans for acceptance or rejection but a working document which I hope will inspire constructive and helpful ideas which we aim to incorporate into our final scheme.

The meeting to discuss the schemes will be in the Kingsmill Room at St Mary's at 8.00 pm on 1st April. There will be refreshments at 7.45 pm.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible. As a community we should all have an opportunity to be a part of the future changes of one of the Village's prized assets, our church.

To be continued.

Andrew Kitch



## The Bus of Hope

The Bus will be returning to Kingsclere in March. Look out for our posters and banner for the date.

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.

## St. Mary's Blackpool Staycation Day

On 31st January forty five of us were transported to Blackpool for the day when St. Mary's hosted a 'Staycation'. There was Blackpool rock, sand-castles, photo-booths, bingo, ice cream, pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, kiss-me-quick hats, knotted handkerchiefs and cream teas. We even managed to get two high profile celebrities to switch on the illuminations. The Tower lights were awesome!



I would like to thank all of those who attended and joined in all the fun. You all helped us to make the day such a success.

Thank you, also, to all of the volunteers who made it all possible. Thanks too to Revd. Ben for his part in the organisation and for spending the day on the beach with us!

The biggest thanks of all goes to Nigel, Craig, Suzanne and all the staff of The Crown. They worked so hard to provide us with 45 portions of fish, chips and mushy peas - all delivered perfectly cooked and piping hot.

Reflecting after the event - we all said how lucky we are to live in a village where we have such facilities and an army of volunteers.

We hope to travel to other parts of the world later in the year. Look out for announcements in The Tower.

**Pam Kitich**  
299743

## Lighting up St. Mary's

### February

22nd To commemorate Thinking Day - Rainbows, Brownies and Guides remembering their Guiding friends worldwide.



### March

7th Treasured memories of Karl Anthony Jones on his birthday. Forever in our hearts, Mum, Dad, Beverley and Julian.

21st Remembering Iris Tolhurst.

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

## Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands WI

Village Club, 35 George Street, Kingsclere

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING:** Wednesday 13 March @ 1.30pm

Our speaker will be **Amanda Belia**, certified instructor for **"Move it or Lose it!"** an increasingly popular, practical and soundly-devised exercise programme. She currently runs a regular local class but we have asked her to give our W.I. members and visitors-of-the-day a professional talk plus 'demo' of the techniques specially developed to assist the shall we say, 'more *mature* of us?' to improve not just our physical selves but also our confidence. With common sense and within reasonable limits then any extra dignity that might come as a bonus along with such self-care would be well worth the effort. And this would apply whether one becomes a regular, formal student of the programme or chooses to practice in private along the guidelines provided by Amanda.

**MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Letter-clue for the March competition is 'E' (for 'echo')**

**VISITORS WELCOME:** £2 per person per visit. We look forward to meeting you.

**Nova Sanderson - 01635 299570**

## Kingsclere Gardening Association

On **Thursday March 14th** our speaker is Mr Ray Broughton from Winchester. Ray was head of horticulture at Sparsholt College for a considerable time and is a versatile speaker.

**The talk is about Garden Ponds**

**The Village Club 7.30pm**

We are always glad of help to get set up if you have the time. I heard Ray giving this talk to Sandhurst Garden Club where I was judging their Spring show and was impressed! I hope our members will enjoy it too. I believe he covers most aspects of making, owning and maintaining a pond and reasons for not having a pond as well!

**Please come along and join us for the evening.**

**Members are free visitors/guests £2.00**

Join at the meeting if you wish, we no longer send people round to collect subscriptions.

**Our Spring Show this year is on Sunday April 14th at the Village Club.**

**Staging from 9.00am - 11.30am, judging until 2.00pm**

**Open to public from 2.30pm**

Tombola will be running and flowers will be for sale.

We will be taking part in the plant sale in May **John Eckton 01256 850017**



## Dates for Your Diary

(See website for more info.)



**March  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Kingsclere Rugby Club  
Charity Quiz Night  
7.30pm Ticket £10 (inc. food).  
In aid of Blue Cross animal charity. All welcome.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup>**

Kingsclere Village Library 'Fact or Fiction' Quiz  
Kingsclere Rugby Club Band Night.  
All welcome.

**April**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

An exciting, action-packed, afternoon with Southwest Wrestling. An event for the whole family! Doors 4pm. Tickets available online at [www.southwestwrestling.co.uk](http://www.southwestwrestling.co.uk)

Do you just want to dance? Ceroc is here every Thursday evening; Beginners and experienced dancers are welcome. Let your hair down to music from 60s – today. Les's disco for over 21s is bi-monthly on the 2nd Saturday (next one April 13th).

## KCA Events

**August 7<sup>th</sup>**

National Play Day Free activities for 4-12yrs.

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

Last Night of the Proms Music, picnics and flag waving.

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Race Night Don't lose your shirt!

**26<sup>th</sup>**

Halloween: Band & A Bite Night Spooktacular live music and food.

**Nov 8/9<sup>th</sup>**

Pantomime Kingsclere Players

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

Festive Singalong Kingsclere Singers

Please get in touch if you would like to lend a hand with any of KCA's events.

All of this, plus a weekly timetable of classes and sports activities! The Fieldgate Centre, 'Your community, your place'.

website: [www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk](http://www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk)

tel: 01635 298497

email: [fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com](mailto:fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com)

## KINGSLERE SINGERS

*present*  
**Joyful, Joyful!**  
*A rhythm and soul musical celebration*

Join the Kingsclere Singers for their Spring events including a mix of worldly music arrangements including traditional African songs. Make it a special day for Mum and join us for tea and cakes on Mother's Day at the Fieldgate Centre. We hope to see you there!

**Friday 29th March**  
**7.30pm St Paul's Ashford Hill**

**Sunday, 31st March**  
**3pm Kingsclere Fieldgate Centre**

Tickets £7.50 sold in advance at The Village Butcher or on the door

[www.kingsclere-singers.co.uk](http://www.kingsclere-singers.co.uk)  
 Follow us on Facebook!

## KINGSLERE ALMSHOUSE CHARITY

A vacancy has arisen for a one-bedroom Bungalow Almshouse in George Street Kingsclere.

The Almshouse is available from 1st April. 2019.

If you are currently living in the Parishes of Kingsclere, Headley or Ashford Hill and wish to apply, please write or email in the first instance to:

### Clerk to The Trustees

Mrs Jan Pearce  
 Russell House  
 Ashford Hill Road  
 Headley Thatcham Berks RG19 8AB  
 01635 269184 [kingsclerecharities@iname.com](mailto:kingsclerecharities@iname.com)



## Kingsclere Rugby Club



KRFC is running Touch Rugby sessions from 7.00-8.00pm on Wednesdays for the Adults team which everyone is welcome to attend.

Then from 8.00-9.30pm move on to game play tactics and more contact training but for those who don't want to do the second part then it's get in to the bar for a pint!

We train with RFU qualified coaches from 7.00pm on Wednesdays at The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere RG20 5SQ and play our matches on Saturday afternoons. Come along and join no matter what level of experience you have.

Rugby's values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship are what define the game of rugby.

We welcome all new members to the Club both on and off the field.

### Upcoming matches are:

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** KRFC v Farnborough 2nds Home  
**9<sup>th</sup> March** KRFC v United Services 2nds Home  
**23<sup>rd</sup> March** KRFC v Alresford 2nds Home  
**30<sup>th</sup> March** KRFC v Portsmouth 3rds Home

### Upcoming Social Events:-

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** Charity Quiz Night for Blue Cross Animal Rescue  
 Charity 7pm at the Fieldgate Centre  
**30<sup>th</sup> March** Band Night at the Fieldgate Centre

For further information please contact Aurie Woodley 07733 367900 or alternatively please email [fixtures@kingsclererc.co.uk](mailto:fixtures@kingsclererc.co.uk)  
 Looking forward to seeing you all there!



Please follow us on Kingsclere RFC

**Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship**

Terri Hudson is running a Coffee Morning

**On 30<sup>th</sup> March 10am -12pm**  
**At the Methodist Church Hall, Kingsclere**  
**To raise money for 26.2 mile**  
**"Moonwalk"**

On Clapham Common on May 11th  
 In aid of "walkthewalk"  
 a breast cancer charity

Raffle, Guess the weight of the cake  
 Silent Auction for handmade quilt

## Overton and District U3A

### University of the Third Age

Our next meeting is on

**Wednesday 20th March 10.00am**

**St Mary's Hall Overton RG25 3HA,**

Our talk 'You the Jury' will be given by **Peter Thompson**

Peter was a practising Barrister in Chambers for 27 years at the Temple in London and his talk will entertain us with his experiences as a barrister. *Entry for members is free and visitors are welcome and pay £3 on the door.*



### WINTERSHALL THURSDAY 20 JUNE

A very special day out!

The Kingsclere Benefice is arranging a coach to see a performance of "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.**

Young and old from all walks of life will be mesmerised as 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 and seating on level ground for those who need it. If required a mobility buggy can be booked to come to the coach door.

Wintershall events attract audiences totalling some 35,000 per year.

The Kingsclere Plan. There will be several pick-up points, including Ashford Hill and Headley for the coach at about 8am on 20 June. (Getting back by about 5pm.)

Inclusive Cost. This should not be more than £35 for adults, £33 for over 65 and £24.50 for children 3-18. For a family of 2 adults and 2 children about £95. (Exact prices nearer the time.)

Booking. We hope to fill a 53 seat coach. If you wish to reserve a place (as soon as possible and to be confirmed by 7 May) please give names, any mobility problem, and contact details to:

**Tom & Mary Sneyd.** [tom.sneyd.kingsclere@gmail.com](mailto:tom.sneyd.kingsclere@gmail.com) 291230  
or **Hazel O'Leary.** [hazeloleary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hazeloleary@hotmail.co.uk) 298507

## Kingsclere Village Club

Dubious political deals, mishandled money, bribery, political panic – sounds familiar?

The Mayor of a small town is in a cold sweat. News has reached him of an imminent investigation by a high-ranking government official who is travelling incognito –



### The Government Inspector!

**Shifting Sands Theatre's hilarious update of Gogol's classic satire**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March Doors open 7pm**

Tickets £15 from

[events@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk](mailto:events@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk)

[wegottickets.com/event/460460](http://wegottickets.com/event/460460), tel. 297390

or The Village Butcher



**Helen Andrew 07887521359**

### Newbury Spring Festival 2019

Tickets go on sale on 25<sup>th</sup> February for the Newbury Spring Festival 2019.

A host of artists and performers from the worlds of classical, jazz, world music, folk, ballet and cabaret will descend on Newbury from 11 to 25 May.



**newbury  
spring  
festival**

**11-25 may 2019**

**two weeks of  
world-class music**

The Festival opens on 11 May with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales conducted by Xian Zhang and the young violinist Alexander Sitkovetsky playing the beautiful Brahms Violin Concerto. On the same night but opening the daily Corn Exchange programme is the BBC Big Band who will celebrate the 'Sound of Cinema'.

Other highlights include for the first time the Gabrieli Consort appearing at Holy Cross Church Ramsbury on 14 May and a return of celebrated choral group Tenebrae to Douai Abbey on 17 May. Following his sell-out lunchtime recital last year BBC New Generation artist Misha Mullov Abbado returns with his young group for an evening performance of their unique style of jazz at the Corn Exchange on 17 May.



## Kingsclere Royal British Legion

Plans are well on track to hold a number of events through this year to continue to raise the profile of your village branch of the Royal British Legion. Watch out on the Village notice boards for details soon, but as a sneak peak, plans include:

A late Easter Fete on Saturday 27th April with WW2 vehicles, stall, music, face painting and much more, including the return of "The Super Raffle" with the top prize being two tickets for a West End show kindly donated by Lord Webber.

World War 2 themed "Village Bake Off" in July.

Tuesday Bike Nights at The Crown in the summer.

Battle of Waterloo dinner night in April plus much more!

We held our first Brunch Club in February and we plan to hold one on the first Saturday of each month commencing at 11am at The Crown. Why not join us for a superb cooked breakfast for only £6.60 or go large for £10. This is open to all but we would appreciate if you can let us know if you plan to attend to enable us to ensure all are catered for (either via our Facebook Page or via email to: [Kingsclere.Chairman@RBL.Community](mailto:Kingsclere.Chairman@RBL.Community) or leave a message on 01635 628004.

Our new Recruitment Officer is beavering away producing new posters and we hope that you will consider joining our little branch which as part of the wider RBL is supporting servicemen and women, their families and veterans across the globe.

It is a myth that you had to have served in the military to be a member of the RBL. All are most welcome and we would encourage all to come along to a meeting to see what we are about. If you would like more details please contact me via our Facebook page or call on 01635 628004. We meet in the Function Room of The Crown at 7pm on the first Tuesday each month.

**Mark Holden**  
Chairman  
Kingsclere Royal British Legion



## Sandham Chapel Burghclere

### Chapel Service

Wednesday 6 March 10.15-10.45am

Join us for one of our chapel services led by our local rector.



### Papercraft Workshop

Friday 8 March 10.45am-12.45pm

Create beautiful cards and three dimensional projects with papercraft.

Tickets £15, to book please call 0344 249 1895

### Jewellery Workshop

Friday 8 March 14.00-16.00pm

Discover the basics of jewellery making and create a memory wire bracelet and earrings. Tickets £25, to book please call 0344 249 1895

### Chapel Talk

Monday 11 March 11.00am-13.00pm

Listen to the story behind one of the most important 20<sup>th</sup> century artists Sir Stanley Spencer and how his 'Holy box' at Burghclere came to fruition.

Tickets £8, to book please call 0344 249 1895

### Silk Painting Workshop

Friday 22 March 10.30am-13.30pm

Learn the fabulous art of silk painting in a workshop led by a local artist.

Tickets £40, to book please call 0344 249 1895.

**Adrian Speed**

## Tadley and Baughurst Art Club is holding its Spring Exhibition in support of Living Paintings.

The exhibition will take place in  
The Ambrose Allen Centre, Franklin Avenue, Tadley, RG26 4ER  
Saturday 30th March 10 am to 5 pm  
and  
Sunday 31st March 10 am to 4 pm.

Around a hundred original paintings, crafts, cards and 3D images for sale. Free admission and parking. Artists in residence will be demonstrating throughout the day and refreshments are available. The exhibition will be opened at 11am on Saturday by Camilla Oldland CEO from Living Paintings.



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