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We hope that everyone enjoyed the rather smart April Tower having been professionally printed for the first time. One of the downsides of working with a printing company is that they require more time than our own duplicating team did. This means we now need to strictly enforce the 12th of the month deadline to enable us to complete our editorial, layout and proof-reading activities in less time.

There are a number of ways you can help us with the items you email to us:

- Make your email subject/header relevant to your organisation or event eg “Kingsclere Players production” (rather than “Item for June Tower”)
- Attach items in Word format if possible .
- Review your item before sending & check you have included all your details correctly (eg who/what/why/where/when). This saves us re-working multiple versions of the same item.
- Make sure final copy is with us on or before 12th of the month.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Editors

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To all “Tower” Contributors

Copy for **March** to the Editor at 3 Blue Meadow, Garrett Close.

or kingscleretower@gmail.com

NOT LATER THAN 12th May.

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

KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING followed by AGM – The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 16th May 2016. As part of the meeting there will be a presentation. Please come along and support this event. We are busy gathering in reports from all the Groups and Organisations in the village for the Annual Report which was very well received again last year. If your Group wish to be included, and have not already done so, please get your report to me as soon as possible at clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk Thank you.

FAREWELL CATHY -.By the time you read this our Borough councillor Cathy Osselton will have attended her last Parish Council Meeting in Kingsclere. Cathy has served as our Borough councillor for the last 13 years and has decided not to stand at the election this May. The parish council said farewell to Cathy at their Ordinary Meeting on 25th April. Thank you Cathy for all of your hard work over the years and we wish you well in any future ventures.

LANDSCAPE WATCH - Hampshire County Council holds a large quantity of aerial photography and satellite imagery. In order to monitor and manage environmental change i.e. flood vulnerability, loss of habitat and preserve areas of national character, these maps need to be interpreted. Aerial photography makes detailed analysis all but impossible – interpretation using the human eye is the only solution. Because of this and the large size of the task, HCC has established a new community project, Landscape Watch Hampshire. LWH needs the help of community groups and individuals to help interpret these maps. The LWH database contains pairs of aerial images of Hampshire taken in 2005 and 2013. Maps are divided into cells of 200m x 200m. Participation in the project is free and once logged on to the database, users annotate the land use of both maps thus building up an overall picture of how the area has changed. If you would like to participate in the project, log on to www.landscapewatch.com. Once registered the on-line tutorials will guide you through the process.

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN – Clean for the Queen is the plea from the Borough council in the run-up to the Queens 90th birthday celebrations, a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy. Residents are being encouraged to get involved and get their

communities looking at their best this weekend. The parish council will be doing their bit too, tidying The Square and our notice boards etc. We will register our involvement at www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk.

BASINGSTOKE IN BLOOM – This completion is open to everyone in the borough not just the town! Posters are on noticeboards or visit www.basingstokeinbloom.com for more information.

TRAIL MARATHON – On Sunday 19th June, a trail marathon and trail ½ marathon is being run through the countryside around Kingsclere. Event held under UK Athletics rules (TRA Race Permit: 103). It will start at 10am on The Gallops in Kingsclere. For more information and details of how to enter go to www.hampshiretrailmarathon.co.uk.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are 11th and 25th May 2016.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 23rd May 2016, 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.

KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Congratulations to Oakley & Deane who are the first of 12 Neighbourhood Planning groups in Basingstoke & Deane whose Plan has passed their parish referendum. The turnout was nearly 44% with almost 95% voting in favour of the plan. There is also good news with the Borough's Local Plan which has been approved by the Secretary of State and will now go to the Full Council on 26 May for adoption. At this point, it will form the development plan for the Borough, and will guide development for the period up to 2029, providing the framework for Neighbourhood Plans.

As for our own plan, we have seen the first draft of the Strategic Environment Assessment which looks very positive. Linden Homes have provided an ecology briefing paper and an initial review of access and transport issues for the Porch Farm site. Both will appear on the web. Our next task is to agree our criteria for evaluation the remaining sites and applying the criteria so that we can draft our final policy on where to develop homes in Kingsclere. We will also be engaging a consultant who will draft our plan which, when approved by the Borough, will be the subject of a formal public consultation. Finally, my apologies for the late posting of some documentation on our web site. We've had a few glitches of late but will endeavour to post information more promptly in future.

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

POLICE BEAT REPORT - MARCH
FOR THE PARISHES OF KINGSCLERE, HEADLEY, ASHFORD HILL
AND HANNINGTON

This is the crime summary for the month of March 2016

Total crimes reported: 8

Assault- 2

Burglary other than in a dwelling- 3

Burglary in a house- 1

Criminal Damage- 2

Public order- 0, Theft- 0, Theft from vehicle- 0, Other - 0



Neighbourhood Priorities:

House Burglary- There was one attempt break-in to a dwelling this month entry however was not gained and nothing was taken.

Non Dwelling Burglaries- This month there has been 3 non-dwelling break-ins in the area. In two of these non-dwellings nothing was taken from the premises however in one incident angling tools to the value of around £200 were taken. If anyone has any information with regards to these incidents then please contact 101

Theft from vehicle- This month there has been no theft from vehicles.

GOOD NEWS

Speed enforcement has been carried out on Basingstoke road throughout this month.

Wednesday 16th March one driver in excess of the speed limit. Travelling 52mph in a 30mph speed zone, he has been reported for the offence and will be heard before the courts.

The community speed watch team are looking for a volunteer to join their team as the co-ordinator to run the sessions. If you are interested in the role then please visit this website for further information about the role as a speed watch volunteer <https://www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk>. If you would like the role then please contact PCSO KNESS 15948 on the email address at the end of this report.

Follow us on Twitter @BstokeRuralCops for regular updates and advice. Join Hampshire Alerts for personalised alerts and updates from the Police.

PCSO 15948 Mel KNESS Melody.Kness@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Kingsclere

Community

Library



Enjoy an evening of poetry and prose as author, blogger and stand-up poet **Toni Kent** shares her route to writing and explains how a chance trip to a pub in Kingsclere changed things forever...

Author of "Reasons to be Cheerful, Part One" and "I Need a Wife"
Monday, 23rd May at the Library
7.30pm

Tickets £5 from the Library & on line via EventBrite

Are you unable to go to the library, or do you know someone who is home bound? The **Home Library Service** will match up a volunteer with each person needing books, recorded books and other materials delivered regularly. Contact the library to register.

Our first AGM will be 8th June, 7:30pm, to be swiftly followed by a celebration to thank all the volunteers who have worked so hard to keep our community library thriving.

New Volunteers are ALWAYS needed, please let us know if you can help! Even one 2 hour shift each month would be extremely useful.

Opening hours – Note Saturday change!
 Tues & Thurs 1:00 – 5:30 Saturdays 9:30 – 2:00
Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

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 [@kingsclerepc](https://twitter.com/kingsclerepc)  facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

KINGSLERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Forthcoming Events

Our next event is our annual duck race which will take place after the school summer fair on Saturday 25 June.

On Saturday 16 July we will be holding a celebration for Bastille Day – more details of both of these events will follow in due course.

If you would like to receive our newsletter, please email kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk.



Sue Watson 01635 298940



News from FKS

The Parent Teacher Association of Kingsclere Primary School

Registered Charity 1099453

Thank you to everyone who supported the FKS Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Saturday. The event was great fun & raised over £500. Everyone had a great time despite the rain and we look forward to next year's event.

The new pirate ship has arrived on the top playground! This project has taken several years of planning/fundraising and there has been great excitement at its arrival! New benches and play tables have also been installed onto the lower playground.

The **School Summer Fair** will be held on **Saturday 25th June 2016** from 12pm in the grounds of the Primary School. This year's event will have a seaside theme and we will have donkey rides, BBQ, bar and refreshments, ice creams, bouncy castle, face painting, traditional stalls, a raffle plus lots and lots of fun games to play with fantastic prizes to be won. See next month's Tower for more details.

Dates for your diary

Tues 17th May - Bag 2 School collection. Please leave any plastic bags of unwanted good quality clothes/shoes/cuddly toys at school gates by 9am.

Sat 25th June - Summer Fair held at School from 12pm

Sat 9th July - School Campout

Rachael Knight FKS - Tel: 268160 - e:knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk

Vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant at Kingsclere CE Primary School

Hours of Work: Mon-Fri, 11.55am to 1.10pm, Term Time Only

We are seeking a person to join our team as a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant. The successful applicant will need to be friendly, patient, caring and a fun loving person who shows enthusiasm to make lunchtime a fun and safe part of the school day.

You will be working as part of a team and duties will include:

Supervising children in the school hall as they eat their lunch.

Supervising children as they play outside

Ensuring the safety, welfare and positive behaviour of all children during their lunch break.

Promoting positive play by joining in with the children's games

For more information or an application pack please contact Lesley Dudman in the school office on 01635 298583 or email adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk



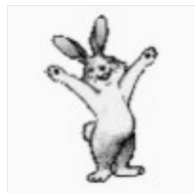
Congratulations to Anna Allam, Lucy Melling and Nahla Stafford-Allen who have completed their Baden-Powell Award. This is the highest award in the Guide section. The girls had to complete 10 challenges which included building and sleeping in a bivouac, running a cooking competition and

completing the Active Response badge. They also attended a B-P weekend at Foxlease in the New Forest.

At the time of writing we have yet to arrange their presentation evening which will be in May. This evening will also be the last evening for me as your Guide Leader. Unfortunately, no one has come forward to run our Guides so reluctantly the Unit will have to close. There have been Girl Guides in Kingsclere most years from the 1920s and the girls really would like to continue. It's not too late to get a new leadership team so if you are age 18+, enjoy working with young people and want to give something back to the community, this could be the role for you. Full training will be given for this really rewarding voluntary job which is widely recognised by employers as demonstrating such abilities as teamwork, good communication & leadership skills.

We really need one (or two ladies who can job share) to take on the over-all running of the unit. Why not give it a go? For more information, see www.girlguiding.org.uk or contact: Sue Adams sueadams@madasafish.com 01635 299242

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group



Spring is well and truly underway and the Bunnies are enjoying regular use of the garden. We have confirmed a trip to the under-4s soft play Active Tots this month, and are planning to hold a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the early summer to say a fond farewell to those bigger Bunnies who will be leaving us for school. Karen the hairdresser has confirmed that she will be in session on the last Tuesday of every month – no need to book, just turn up and sign up.

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.

Claire Ellis - 297050

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner April 2016 No 112 Peter Stamp
Well done, Peter
Entries drawn first week of each month,
various village venues .

Dear Editor

We experienced an attempted house break-in on the 8th March 2016. Thankfully 'they' were unable to gain entry, however they did damage two rear doors that need to be replaced.

We reported the break-in attempt to the police using the 101 number thinking we would hopefully get a crime number but not much else. However, our experience has been the opposite.

Two officers arrived to investigate and showed professional concern, checked damage, looked for possible entry points into our garden, took a statement, and talked to neighbours. They arranged for a forensic officer to visit and also for the 'Blue Light Trust' to visit us, who would check on our house security and offer advice to improve our security. The police subsequently remained in contact with us and local officer, Melody (Kness) called to see us.

With all the cut backs the police forces across the country have endured over recent years we were pleasantly shocked by this high level of service! Their time and effort has gone some way to help us get over the distressing experience. A big thank you to Hampshire Police from very grateful Kingsclere residents!!!

Name and address supplied

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Methodist Chapel

(see also Back Cover)

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Wendy Morgan

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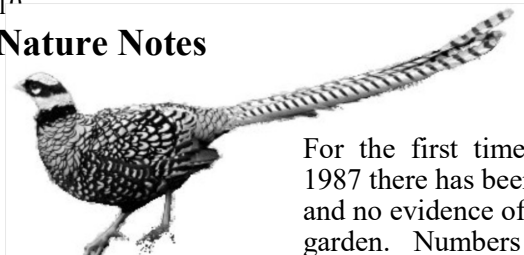
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Nature Notes



For the first time since the pond was dug in 1987 there has been no frogspawn laid this year and no evidence of frog activity in pond or garden. Numbers have been declining over the past ten years and outbreaks of disease have been evident during this time but it has still come as an unpleasant surprise to see a completely spawn free pond. The fish will be disappointed too as the previous annual glut of tadpoles provided a springtime feast. Nature always shows amazing powers of recovery and the weather during Autumn and Winter has been unusually wet and warm so here's to a recovery in the months to come.

From a distance tufted drakes look black and white but we were able to admire one at close quarters. He was in full breeding plumage, had a head and neck shot with purple, a vivid golden eye, a bill of slate blue and a wonderful dark tassel hanging on his nape, a really handsome bird.

Our common cock pheasants are magnificent birds but familiarity makes them taken for granted. While walking on a large farming estate we were stopped in our tracks by a most wonderful bird. Clearly a large pheasant of sorts, each pale gold feather trimmed with black giving a chain mail effect. The tail was a huge arching plume while the white head and black bar across the eye was reminiscent of a burglar's mask. This beautiful creature, strutting its stuff, was a Reeves Pheasant now reared and released as a game bird. A second one was spotted later.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

In aid of Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere

PLANT SALE

Saturday 14th May, in St Mary's Churchyard

Opening at 10am

Lots of good plants at reasonable prices!

Reflections

Thoughts as we move to the parish of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley ...



It's Friday afternoon and I write this in my study surrounded by half-opened boxes and packaging from the move everywhere. I've just been on the phone to the man who was in charge of renovating the vicarage here in Kingsclere to thank him for the great job he has done (it really is very well done) and to mention a few minor things that need to be sorted. My wife, Bethan, and my daughters, Cara and Chloe, are out visiting a friend who lives in Oxfordshire, leaving me behind to unpack and sort a few other things. By the time many of you read this, we hope to have emptied all the boxes and be fairly settled. I hope perhaps that we may even have met already and we look forward to getting to know you better in the months and years to come.

And that really is vital for us as we think about the churches in Kingsclere, Ashford Hill and Headley. St. Mary's, St. Paul's and St. Peter's need to be places where we get to know each other better, to share our lives together even. We, as churches, are called to know one another as close even as family and support one another in our shared faith in Jesus Christ. As part of me getting to know you, please feel free to pop in to the vicarage and introduce yourself. We are really grateful for those of you who have already popped by to welcome us, for the lovely food hamper that awaited us when we arrived, and for all the work that was done in preparation for us arriving. I'm also going to try and visit as many of you as possible. For those of you who are already part of these churches (and any others who would like to be), my hope is that we continue together to get to know Jesus better and to open ourselves up to Him knowing us better – through learning about and from Him in the Bible, and through spending time with Him in prayer and worship both together and on our own. One of the great privileges and responsibilities of being a Christian is just that – knowing God and sharing that knowledge. I hope that in coming to the parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley, I may come to know God better and you may also.

Rev Ben Read

Methodist Notes

Our own Sunday services remain at 9:30am for the present time.

Preachers for May:

1st Rev Elaine Rawlings

8th Maggie Wallace will be leading a joint service with St Mary's in the Methodist Church at 11am.

15th Rev Elaine Rawlings with Holy Communion.

22nd Shirley Mackintosh

29th Dr. Michael Stone

Coffee Mornings are every Thursday from 10:30am to midday.

We are now having more men who would like to get together for a chat, as well as women. All ages welcome. We recently had a mother and new baby which meant we had four generations of one family. On March 31st a man who now lives in Chippenham visited the premises who 50 years ago was at the school behind The Crown Hotel. He remembers stealing a kiss with a certain girl. I wonder who she was and if she remembers it? Happy memories are such a wonderful thing.

These thoughts are reminding me of Doreen and Howard's Diamond Wedding on April 2nd. They have both done so much for our Methodist Church over many years and Doreen is still an excellent organist. May they enjoy any celebrations they had planned, and I wish them good health and happiness in the future. May God continue to guide and uphold them in all they do. God bless you!

Good Friday: the annual Walk of Witness involving the three church fellowships started this year on Good Friday from the Village Club to St Mary's churchyard. Maggie Wallace started off devotions prior to the walk and Father Patrick led the short outdoor service which included singing three hymns including "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?". Keith Williams read a bible passage. Between 60-70 people attended. Afterwards people met in the Methodist Hall for coffee, tea and hot cross buns. I would like to thank Hazel O'Leary for giving me a lift in the car and for placing a chair in the sunshine for me to sit on and also to the men who brought out chairs for the less able to sit. The previous day I had prayed for a fine day for the walk. God certainly answered my prayer as we had a wonderful spring day with a blue sky and continual sunshine. Don't we all feel better when the sun is shining.

Please be patient and wait: three times recently my door bell has rung but by the time I can get up out of my low chair and downstairs in my slow chair lift there is no one about. Even when I've been standing in my kitchen and able to get to the door quicker there's been no-one there. If you want to relieve your boredom you might like to ring the bell a second time. At least I would know you are still there.

Margaret Ingram 299152

**Services in the parishes of
Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley
May 2016**

Sunday 1 st May Easter 6 / Rogation Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	11am	Parish Communion with Baptism and Junior Church Kingsclere Methodist Church
Thursday 5 th May Ascension Day	7.30pm	Ascension Day Eucharist – St Peter’s Headley
Sunday 8 th May Easter 7	8am	Holy Communion – Kingsmill Room
	10.30am	Parish Communion – St Peter’s, Headley
	11am	Second Sunday Service – Kingsclere Methodist Church
Sunday 15 th May Pentecost	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter’s, Headley
	11am	Parish Communion with Baptism and Junior Church Kingsclere Methodist Church
Sunday 22 nd May Trinity Sun- day	8am	Holy Communion – Kingsmill Room
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Baptism – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
Sunday 29 th May Trinity 1 / Proper 4	10.30am	Benefice Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
Sunday 5 th June Trinity 2 / Proper 5	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary’s, Kingsclere

**Our ABC service for children and their carers will be held on
16th May at 9.30am
in the Kingsmill Room,
St Mary’s Church**

Lighting up St Mary's

May

- 4th Loving memories of my sister Moira on her birthday.
- 8th V.E. Day
- 27th In loving memory of Joyce Frith. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.
- 28th Ken Mason. Ten long years since you went away. But you're loved and remembered every day. Lots of Love from Jean, Ken, Avril, Jeffery, Linda, Nigel, Sandra, Derek and Grand children.
- 31st Loving memories of a special mother, Grandma and Great Grandmother, Hazel Soper on her birthday.



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 June Tower is May 10th.

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We would appreciate your help to deliver the Tower Magazine in the ASH GROVE area.

If you think you could spare about an hour each month, please contact the following for details.

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Your help would be much appreciated; we look forward to hearing from you soon

Kingsclere, Ashford Hill and Headley Care Group



A date for your diaries:
AGM, Friday 10 June, 7 for 7 15pm.
Kingsmill Room, St Mary's Church.

Guest Speaker: our new Vicar, Rev. Ben Read.
 Also, come and hear about the new project **Camaraderie**.
 Contact Maggy Wallace 01635 298794
 or mjwwatershipdown@msn.com for more details

KINGSCLERE BOWLING CLUB



The Club is hosting Open Days at the William Holden Field, Ashford Hill Road on:-

Sat. 28th May from 2:30pm.

and

Sun. 29th May from 2:30pm.

Come and give lawn bowls a try. It is a very enjoyable and social sport.

Bowls can be played by all ages, abilities, and sex.

Families will be welcome, tuition will be given, and bowls will be available for your use.

We just ask that you wear flat shoes or trainers.

New members would be very welcome with membership fees starting from just £20 per annum.

If you are unable to attend an open day or would like more information then please telephone,

Brian Watts on 01189 816892.

From the Registers of St Mary's

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

19 March Lauren England & Sam Booth

9 April Sophie Davis & Jesse James

Village Club - Market



We are very grateful that we have a group of loyal customers, but could do with more people visiting the market now in its 22nd year. We need your support if the market is to survive. The market has some very good products from food to craft, wools, household, skincare, soaps, candles and other products. At the moment we are considering a bring and buy stall table but this requires more thought.

So come along on the 28th May 10am-12 noon, entry free.

Alan Gore 01635 299118



With summer just around the corner now is a great time to buy some new clothes. And at our Boden sale you can pick up some stylish bargains.

The Village Club trustees are holding a Boden sale on **Saturday May 21 in the Village Club from 10am to**

2pm.

The event will raise funds for the Village Club, a registered charity, so please come along and support us.

We will be selling the new Summer range of Womenswear, Jonnie b and Mini with 20% off everything and free postage and returns. Regular customers can earn £25 credit for every new customer they introduce to Boden (up to a maximum of 4). There is also a free gift for the first 40 customers.

Clare Roberts, Village Club Trustee 299487.

Thank You

I would like to express my appreciation to the trustees surprise presentation of the theatre tickets and flowers for helping with the Club entertainment.

Having been given the opportunity to do something I enjoyed and being able, with the help of "Hog The Limelight". to bring such talented professional acts to the Village has given me a huge amount of satisfaction and pleasure.

Unfortunately, due to local government cutbacks the cost of continuing is no longer feasible.

I would like to especially thank the ladies who helped with the Bar at these events, Irene, Eunice, and Qui, I couldn't have managed without them. And of course Sharon who took me completely by surprise at another event at the Fieldgate with the presentation which left me delighted and flabbergasted.

Thank You Again **Bill Cooper**



**2015-2016
10th Anniversary Season**

Saturday, 14 May
7.30pm

The Village Club, George Street:

The Night of the Hunter

(1955 – X – 93 minutes)

A religious fanatic marries a gullible widow whose young children are reluctant to tell him where their real daddy hid \$10,000 he'd stolen in a robbery. Directed by Charles Laughton, starring Robert Mitchum, Shelly Winters & Lillian Gish.

Next month: 11 June 2016 – ***Julia***

Kingsclere Film Club membership gives access to all films shown each month on the big screen (averaging out at £4.16 per month). Guests welcome - £7.50

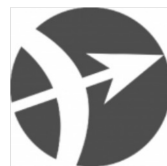
For further information: Diana Tait (Membership) 298494

Foresters Friendly Society

The Foresters will be visiting Blenheim Palace and Garden Show on

Saturday 18th June 2016.

The coach will leave The Square, Kingsclere at 9.00 a.m.



If you would like to participate please contact Eric Fowler,
2 Medway Close, Thatcham, Berks. RG18 3AU or telephone
01635 863765.



The Garden Club



Thank you to the many of you who came to our Spring Bulb and Flower Show. It was a spectacular show with entries in more than 40 classes.

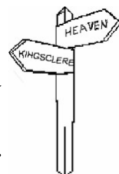
Very disappointingly, we have had to cancel our proposed outing to Isabella Plantation and Petersham Nurseries on 4 May due to insufficient support. Apologies to those of you who had booked and were looking forward to this trip.

On **Thursday 12 May** we are visiting Growing2gether at Cottismore Park, Newbury Road, Kingsclere RG20 4SY. Growing2gether supports individuals with learning difficulties and who are socially disadvantaged to grow local wholesome food and flowers. If you would like to join us, please be there by 7pm.

We have an evening visit (by car) and guided tour of **Ashe Park, Overton RG25 3AF, on Thursday 16 June from 7pm – 9pm.** The entrance is 2 miles east of Overton on the B3400, approximately 500 yards west of Deane. There are extensive gardens, parkland and specimen trees, woodland walks, a large contemporary potager, lime avenue and several newly planted areas. The cost is £9 per head for the guided tour, tea or coffee and cake. Please contact **Sylvia Pennington on 01635 298880** to book, for more information, and to arrange transport if required and available. Everyone is welcome – hoping to see you there.

Chris Earl 01635 298286

KINGSCLERE PARISH PATHS



Not much to report this month as the proposed work day was a "wash-out". However, on Friday 25th, the day before, Alan and Tom took advantage of the fine weather and improved the footpath by Gaily Mill by putting in two "stepping stones" to help the crossing by the bridge. Many thanks to Lord Huntingdon for providing the wooden sleepers.

Please note that a finger post that says "Footpath" or a yellow way mark means just that; it is a footpath only, no cycling.

Next work day will be Sunday, May 29th, 9.45am at the Village Club.

For further information call me or the Parish clerk (298634)
Heath Denness Tel. 298376



**A Celebratory Concert
in memory of local musician
Timothy Gilson**

**Sunday 15th May 2016
at 3.00 pm**

Kingsclere Methodist Church

A variety of music including Bach, Handel,
Purcell, Sullivan, Gershwin and The Beatles.
Music played by Tim's friends and students
including Kingsclere Guitar Society

All welcome, whether you knew Tim or not.
Entry by donation to St Michael's Hospice
Registered Charity Number 1002856

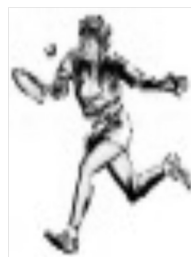


Kingsclere Tennis Club

It's time to dust off your racquets and come out to
enjoy your local village courts!

Adult, Junior and Family memberships available at
very reasonable rates.

Play socially or in Basingstoke and Newbury league
matches.



ALL WELCOME!

For Kingsclere Tennis Club Membership contact Ted Dunn on
01635 298582 or check the website:

<http://www.kingscleretenniscub.co.uk/>

If you are interested in playing socially on a Thursday morning, we
have organised 4s for members.

For details, contact Daphne Snook on 01635 47311.

“That’s Entertainment!”



Saturday 25th June 2016
Music, Arts and Crafts Festival
10.30am – 5pm
Evening Concert, 7pm

St. Paul’s Church, Ashford Hill
 Free entry, programmes £1.

Music performances from all ages in the church all day.
 Out in the churchyard we have two fairgrounds
 and Climbing Wall.

We have Free music/arts and crafts workshops

Come and try something new!

We have many workshops, steel pans, willow weaving, drumming,
 puppets and much much more!!

Craft stalls and craft demonstrations. A Grand Raffle
 A great day to get the arts out in the rural communities

Please come and join us!

For tickets for evening concert and general info
 Facebook: That’s Entertainment Ashford Hill
 (For times of workshops and regular updates)

Telephone: Vanessa Martin 01635 299227
 All proceeds split between ABF The Soldiers Charity
 and St. Paul’s Church

openstudios 2016

West Berkshire & North Hampshire

From 30 April to 22 May, artists throughout West Berkshire and North Hampshire will be opening their studios to welcome visitors. This year, studios have been grouped by location into "trails". There are two trails that converge on Kingsclere:

The South East Newbury trail loops north through Burghclere, Newtown, New Greenham Arts and Headley.

The North Hampshire Artists trail ventures out to Tadley and then heads south, taking in Sherborne St. John and Sherfield Park (where there is a North Hampshire "satellite" exhibition) en route to Long Sutton near Odiham, then back through Basingstoke.

All Open Studios artists are represented at the INSIGHT exhibition at New Greenham Arts and listed in the free, illustrated directory. The directory and copies of trail leaflets can be picked up at INSIGHT and a number of other locations - including Kingsclere Library.

The directory can also be accessed online at <http://www.open-studios.org.uk/>

North Hampshire Artists have their own Web site, with details of their exhibition and trail, at <https://nhantsart.wordpress.com/>

You can also download the trail leaflets noted above from my own Web site, <http://amandabatesart.co.uk/>. You'll find me at 24 Swan Street. I look forward to seeing you there!

Amanda Bates, local artist

Coach Outing from Kingsclere

Wed 25th May 2016: the outing this month is to the NT property at **DYRHAM PARK**, South Glos. The coach will pick up at 9:00am at King John Rd, the Square and then Garrett Close.

Coach fare £13.30. Admission: NT members free, non-members £10.60.

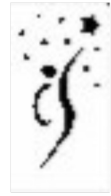
We will leave Dyrham Park at 4:00pm.

If you wish to come on this outing please let me know as soon as possible as these outings are very popular.



Josie Norton 298059

The Children's Society



So far nine supporters have returned their home collection boxes, raising a very pleasing total of £187.74 which will be passed on to the charity. Once again, thank you for your continued generosity. (Emptied boxes are available for collection from St. Mary's Church.)

All boxes need to be emptied no matter how full, so if you haven't yet returned yours, please give it to a Church Warden or telephone me to arrange collection.

www.childreassoc.org.uk

Sue Grove-White 297683

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands W.I.



There is no speaker scheduled for our **Wednesday 11 May meeting** which marks the end of our financial year and is reserved for matters of business. This is our **Annual Meeting** and the most important item on the agenda is the election of our office-holders - President, Treasurer and Secretary and, of course, committee members for the coming year. This does not mean that first or second-time visitors are excluded. On the contrary, the usual time-honoured welcome is extended to visitors.

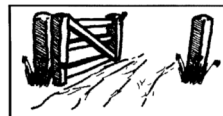
At £2 per person, there's also the usual tea & companionship plus sales-table bargains to be enjoyed. Start time: 13:30 (1.30).

Looking further ahead:

We're pleased to report that a presentation by **speaker Mike Southwell**, that was postponed from 8 February this year due to a family bereavement, is **now booked for Wednesday 8 June**. This retired Chief Superintendent Hampshire Police and Head of the Force Professional Standards Department will speak about 'Murder Most Macabre'. Not for the faint-hearted!

Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570

May at The Fieldgate



Please note:

Netball – Monday 7.30pm – 8.30pm on the all-weather pitch.
Slimming World extended meeting 5.30- 8.30pm.

Some Public Events in May:

7th May – **Election day** – Centre open all day
9th May Youth Football Awards Evening
11th May Royal British Legion meeting – new members welcome
 8-9.00pm

Refurbishment Programme

We have completed the first stage of the refurbishment of the toilets at the centre by re-instating two backstage toilets and refurbishing the disabled toilets. We will be refurbishing the main toilets in the course of the next few months.

We have some booking times available for regular users and individual bookings.

Enquiries: 01635 298497 e-mail: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com.
 Follow us on Facebook or see www.TheFieldgateCentre.co.uk
 The office is open 10am – 2.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please leave a message on the answer phone when the office is closed and we will get back to you. Booking enquiries can also be made using: info@thefieldgatecentre.co.uk

St. Mary's Church

(see also Back Cover)

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