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We continue to receive more positive feedback about the Tower 50th Anniversary edition, which villagers both old and new seem to have enjoyed.

There are still copies available from the Library, Swan St Stores and other local shops, The Fieldgate Centre and the Church. They're free of charge so don't forget to pick up yours! Look out for its distinctive colour cover showing "then and now" village scenes.

**The Editors.**

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**To all "Tower" Contributors**

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# Kingsclere Parish Council

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**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOWER** – The Parish Council would like to congratulate the Tower Team for an excellent 50th Anniversary Edition. Thank you to everyone involved in the production and distribution of the Tower magazine – it is fantastic way to communicate to villagers, what would we do without them?

**VILLAGE DIARY** – If you would like your event listed in the online village diary, please send the details to the clerk at the above email address.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** - After the very successful re-introduction of the Volunteer of the Year Awards last year, it is now time to nominate residents who deserve a big public thank you for their commitment in helping to keep our community running for 2015. We are asking you to help us recognize them by nominating people from your group or members of the community who you think deserve recognition for all that they do. There is no limit to the number of people you can nominate but we do need to know why you are putting them forward and how you feel they have gone “that extra mile” in order for them to be considered. For an application form please contact the Clerk. Thank you.

**GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING** – the collections dates for September are the 2nd, 16th and 30th.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 28th September 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](http://www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk)**

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

*Dear Editors*

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, gifts and good wishes following my retirement as Clerk to Kingsclere Parish Council. I have received so many lovely comments from so many lovely people... thank you. I can honestly say that being Parish Clerk over the last 10 years has been the most rewarding job I have ever had, it has been a pleasure.

Norman and I will be leaving the village soon to have a few adventures of our own and with everyone's generous donations towards my leaving gift I shall purchase some good camera equipment that will help me record our travels over the next few years. Hopefully I will be able to share these with many of you in the future but until then, I thank you all for your support and wish you well.....I will miss many things in Kingsclere... not least it's people.

**Sheila Thompson**

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Please could you pass on our sincere thanks to a very special person in Garrett Close who year in and year out keeps the public grass areas at the front of Garrett close looking lovely. Particularly at this time of year, when lawns need constant care and maintenance this person dedicates a substantial amount of time to keeping the public grass areas looking lovely so that the rest of us from Garrett Close and Blue and Meadow can enjoy coming home to a tidy road at the end of each day. This very generous neighbour cannot see these grass areas and never asks for any recognition in return so I would like to say, on the behalf of all of the residents of Garrett Close and Blue Meadow, a big thank you for their hard work and dedication.

**Grateful Garrett Close residents.**

**How to contact your Councillors and MP**

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Address: 2, Church Close, Andover, SP10 1DP

## Appearing At The Village Club this Season



We have a very varied programme of professional entertainment this autumn and winter, something to suit nearly everyone:

Starting on **Saturday 17th October**- We are pleased to welcome **OLIVER MEECH**, and his improvised Magic Show. Oliver creates unique comedy magic show at the drop of a hat on your suggestion, always unpredictable, always inexplicable, only one thing is certain- it's a cracking night out.

On **Saturday 30th January**- The very best of Rhythm and Blues entertainment from **RICKY COOL and the IN CROWD**. Some of the Midlands' top musicians create the the atmosphere, reminiscent of the heady nights at the legendary Flamingo Club in London's West End. They are a big Band with a great sound.

On **Saturday 19th March**, at the end of winter, what we all need is a taste of Summer. What better than a Spanish evening. We can't supply the sea and sand but Sangria and flamenco music supplied by three talented acoustic guitarists, **SYNERGY, AIRE FLAMENCO** combines traditional material from Spain and South America and the UK. Synergy's guitar playing is fiery and features flamenco pieces and irresistible South American rumbas.

Tickets for all shows will be available from  
**The Village Butcher** or **Bill Cooper** 01635 299293

## Fund Raising for St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke



The amount raised from the house-to-house collection in June was £1,704.88. This was an excellent result due to all the hard work of the collectors and the generosity of the people of Kingsclere.

The amount raised from the loose change boxes and the collecting tins at Cottesmore Garden Centre, the George and Horn and The Vyne at Hannington was £490.36.

Well done everyone.

**Josie Norton**

## Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan

Good news – we have been awarded a grant of £8k to cover the cost of the Strategic Environmental Assessment we are required to undertake for our plan. We are hoping our consultants, AECOM, will be able to commence work on this important document by the end of the month.

Our group of volunteers have met twice now to assess the evidence and select sites we will recommend for future development. The task is proving longer than we anticipated, generating a good deal of discussion between the group. After 5 hours we are only half way through so we are having an additional meeting, mid August, to complete the task. We will publish our conclusions and the criteria we have applied once we have finished the job in good time for our public meeting, where we will discuss our recommendations with residents along with a range of policies/projects on such issues as building design, housing densities, affordable housing, parking, trees, open spaces etc. Please be patient with us – at the time of writing, 4th August, many of the group are off on their holidays so there will be delays in posting documents on the web.

**Please note your diaries – our public meeting will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October at the Fieldgate Centre, commencing 7.30pm.**

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



## Police Report

Crime Summary July 2015 for the parishes of  
Kingsclere, Ashford Hill & Headley and Hannington



Total Crimes reported - 9  
House Burglary - 0  
Criminal Damage - 4  
Burglary other than a Dwelling - 4  
Theft from Vehicles - 0  
Theft of a Vehicle - 0  
Other Theft - 1

The current Neighbourhood Policing Priorities for the Basingstoke and Deane District are...

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

**Non Dwelling Burglaries** - There has been a series of non dwelling breaks in the area mainly targeting gardening power tools and also quad bikes, we do ask residents to be mindful of this.

**Traffic related matters**- There were three road traffic collisions in the area, no serious injuries involved.

**PCSO 15948 Melody KNESS**

Hampshire Constabulary, Tadley Police Station,  
Mulfords Hill, Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 3HZ  
Email:Melody.Kness@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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***Thanks...***

John and Ann Butler would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for the kindness and condolences shown to them after the death of their son Mark on the 16th June.

## ***Decision Time at The Fieldgate***



***There will be a Special General Meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at The Fieldgate Centre to discuss the future of the centre. Everyone with an interest in the centre remaining a facility in the village is urged to attend.***

***The current financial situation at The Fieldgate Centre is such that it cannot continue in its present form. The current committee of Kingsclere Community Association, our borough councillors and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are working hard to find a way to keep the centre viable.***

***The purpose of the meeting is to explore ways in which the community of Kingsclere can help to find a way to keep their community centre open.***

***Alan Hambidge***

***Chairman of Kingsclere Community Association***

Despite the current situation the KCA committee is very hopeful that a way forward can be found that will allow the Centre to continue to provide the venue for all the activities and functions that take place there. However, this will be dependent on a show of support on the 8th September and commitment from local people to offer practical help. We are looking for new members of the committee with energy and ideas. As well as committee members, we will need people who can help to find new ways to fund and manage the centre.

### ***Silchester Parish Council***

#### **THE SINGER AND THE SONG WITH ROBIN SCOTT**

**FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2015  
AT 7.30P.M.**

**Tickets £8  
(including glass of wine or soft drink)**

**From Ralph Atton (0118 970 0825)  
or Richard Fletcher (0118 970 0633)**

**Proceeds to Bells Restoration Fund**

#### **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS (2015)**

**Come and view the Church  
and the Roman Town remains**

**Friday 11 September 1000 to 1500**

**Saturday 12 September 1000 to 1300**

**\*\* Sunday 13 September 1200 to 1700**

**\*\* (Bell Ringing Demonstration at 1430)**

**Light Refreshments**

**and Guidebooks on Sale**

**Information from 0118 970 0825  
or 0118 970 0469**

**Website: [silchesterchurch.co.uk](http://silchesterchurch.co.uk)**

## Kingsclere Twinning Association



### CORMICY VISIT - IT'S NOT TOO LATE

There are just a few places left on our trip to Cormicy from **Saturday 24 - Monday 26 October 2015** - available on a first come, first served basis. Accommodation is with host families, meals will be provided, and travel can be in your own car, shared car or by minibus. Full details and booking forms are available on our website ([www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning](http://www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning)) or by contacting our mailbox, details below.

If you enjoy travel, French food, and having a good time, then do send in your booking form **by 11 September** please. Highlights include a visit to Reims or to a Champagne museum, and also a visit to a local Champagne producer.

You do not need to be able to speak French, nor provide accommodation for the return visit from Cormicy to Kingsclere, however you do need to belong to the Twinning Association.

### CHILLI AND QUIZ EVENING - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This will be held on **Saturday 26 September 2015 at 8pm, following our AGM at 7:30**. The venue is the Village Club and there will be a bar. Tickets are £10 for members and £12 for non-members, to include chilli and a jacket potato. There will be the opportunity to renew your annual membership of the Association - £5 per household per year. Please contact our mailbox or telephone the number below to reserve your tickets.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Email:- [kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk)

Website:- [www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning](http://www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning)

Telephone:- Sue Watson 01635 298940

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## Village Club Market

Here we are, three months from Christmas, how the year has flown. The market can cater for many of your needs. You will be pleasantly surprised at the low cost of many of the products on sale, these include all types of preserves, cakes, puddings, all of which are hygiene-certificated, plants etc. from your local garden centre, crafts made in the village, hand made cards, aloe-vera body products, home made dog treats, shopping bags, household products, also a charity table for the air ambulance. So, if you haven't been to this long running village resource, come along and see for yourself, you will not be disappointed. Refreshments available. **Market Date Saturday 26th September 10am to 12noon**



**Alan Gore 01635 299 118.**

## Nature Notes

On our last two walks we have seen destruction of wasps' nests by badgers in their search for the juicy grubs. In each case the nest had been built into an earth bank and Brock had used its powerful claws to rip aside the protective soil to get at the paper nest beneath, gouge marks clearly visible in the clay. One nest had partially survived and workers were carrying out damage limitation but the other had been totally exposed and abandoned, the few young wasps remaining crawling aimlessly about. It is unlikely that the wasps allowed the destruction to occur without a fight but badgers are quite well protected and very determined feeders.



A shallow stone bird bath 16" across has become a source of interest this summer. Honey bees from a local hive arrive to drink, sometimes sixty plus at a time and line up shoulder to shoulder around the edge. A bit of jostling goes on and one is reminded, on a minute scale, of wildebeest at a Serengeti waterhole. Occasionally an individual falls in or is blown in by a gust of wind. Landing face down enables them to "row" with the wings to the edge, landing belly up is fatal but when offered a finger or a twig the casualty quickly latches on and after a brief grooming, flies off. They are gentle and mannerly. One bee was so exhausted that it was offered a tiny drop of maple syrup, welcome fuel it seemed as it was eagerly lapped up. Wasps are altogether different and are arriving more frequently in early August. They are aggressive hunters, approaching each bee in the hope of finding a weakling as prey, fortunately the wasps are outnumbered. Topping up the water daily highlights how much water bees carry back to their colony.

**Diana Tait & Rod Eldred**

## Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands WI

To all Kingsclere ladies who are not yet members of our local Womens' Institute:

*"We would love to meet you!"*

There is no W.I. meeting this month. Instead, we are setting out a Cream Tea for visitors/non-members on Wednesday 9th September in the Recreation Room at Feilden Court, Swan Street. The room is warm, light-and-airy and generally charming, set in pleasant garden surroundings on the hill behind the Feilden Court apartments that overlook Swan Street. We ask everyone to consider kindly the **£2.50 per person** cost of every cream tea enjoyed because proceeds are to go to **MacMillan Cancer Support**, a truly worthy charity.

There's plenty of parking in front of the recreation room; inside are a lounge, kitchen and also -you'll be happy to know - comfort facilities (as they say).

Committee & Ordinary Members will be waiting to welcome you.

**Be there on Wed 9 September at 2pm (14:00) and we'll introduce ourselves**

There shouldn't be the need for any questions but if so . . .

**Tel: Nova Saunderson (01635 299570)**

## Kingsclere Photo Club

A thriving and friendly club for local photographers of all ages 16+.



**\*\*ADVANCE NOTICE –**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Exhibition**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015\*\***

In the main hall, Kingsclere Village Club.  
**With portrait sessions on the Saturday (only)**  
**& quality crafts on the Sunday (only)**

*NOT TO BE MISSED!*

Forthcoming club meetings, at the Village Club main hall, doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start:-

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> September** Photo Walk panels – see the results of our July photo treasure hunt!

For more information as always see our website: [www.kingsclerephoto.org](http://www.kingsclerephoto.org) or contact Gareth Martin on (01635) 299227

## St Mary's Guild

We have had an enjoyable Summer, with various Garden Parties and our Summer Outing to Mottisfont. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 23rd September, when Maggy Wallace will be speaking to us about her work with Greenham Common.

We are a friendly group of like-minded people – come and join us at one of our meetings. All meetings are held in the Kingsmill Room of St. Mary's Church, on the fourth Wednesday of each month, commencing at 2.15pm. A small charge of £2.00 is made for non-members, but we always finish with a cup of tea and a slice of cake. Hope to see you there.

**Pam Kitch**

## Kingsclere Medical Practice - Flu Clinic this year

We will be running our flu clinics on a few **Saturday mornings in Oct/Nov** this year for eligible patients, those over the age of 65yrs or those patients over 16yrs suffering from long term conditions. Please phone 01635 296000 or call in after 10am in the morning to book your appointment.

**We will only be open for Flu Appointments on those Saturdays** and not our usual service. Those under the age of 16 will be offered appointments during our normal opening hours.

**Win Harfield-Practice Manager**

## Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

As noted in last month's Tower, our next event will be the **Friends' Preview Evening** of the biennial **Art Exhibition** in St Mary's, on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7 p.m.**. This is always an enjoyable occasion, with the opportunity to browse (and buy!) a wide range of excellent artwork and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles. We look forward to seeing as many Friends as possible, and they are welcome also to bring anyone interested in joining as a Friend.

After that, the next event proposed is a circular **Village Walk**, on the morning of **27<sup>th</sup> December**, to recover from the preceding festivities. Everyone is welcome to take part, along with children, dogs, lingering Christmas visitors, etc. Further details nearer the time, but we hope that this may be the start of a new Kingsclere tradition.

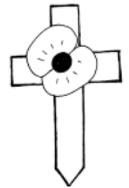
Our **AGM** will be held in the Kingsmill Room, at **7p.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015**.

**Peter Turner, Chairman**

## LEST WE FORGET

### 10 August 1915 - Two Kingsclere Men Killed at Gallipoli

Privates F Dunmall and F Seymour of the 10th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment are listed by the War Graves Commission as having lost their lives at Gallipoli on the same day.



The 10th battalion had landed at Suvla Bay on the night of 9 August as part of an attempt to break the deadlock which had set in at the Cape Helles battlefield. The aim was to land a division at the undefended Suvla Bay and to capture the heights above, cutting off the Turkish Army opposing the original landing. The assault was badly led and bogged down with heavy losses, failing completely to achieve its objective.

The two men were initially posted as missing so little is known as to exactly how or when they died [there was a massive Turkish counter attack on the 10th August]. As a result Seymour's mother was convinced that he would return home. Consequently she refused permission for him to be recorded on the Kingsclere War Memorial.

His name does appear on the Kingsclere Roll of Honour at the Village Club where he is shown as dead. Both men are recorded on the Gallipoli War Memorial on the tip of Cape Helles.

**Peter Woodman**  
**Kingsclere Heritage Association**

## Services in the parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley September 2015

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 14/Proper 18)

8am	Holy Communion	Ashford Hill
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Communion with Junior Church</b>	<b>Kingsclere</b>

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 15/Proper 19)

<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Benefice Communion with Bishop David</b>	<b>Kingsclere</b>
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### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 16/Proper 20)

8 am	Holy Communion	Headley
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Communion with Junior Church and Baptism</b>	<b>Kingsclere</b>

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 17/Proper 21)

Harvest Art and Craft Fair weekend at St Paul's Church, Ashford Hill

<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Kingsclere</b>
10.30 am	Harvest Eucharist	Headley

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October (Trinity 18/Proper 22)

8 am	Holy Communion	Ashford Hill
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Communion with Junior Church</b>	<b>Kingsclere</b>

**Our ABC Service for children and their carers  
will be held in St Mary's, Kingsclere  
on 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30am**

### **St. Mary's Church** (see also back cover)

Now that Rev Lucy has left the parish the vicarage number will be disconnected. If you wish to contact the church please use the details below:

Eileen Selsey (Churchwarden – Kingsclere) eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk or 01635 42962

Steve Jaques (Churchwarden – Kingsclere) steve.jaques@me.com or 07887428145

Emma Rivers (Administrator) administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk or 07790934972

## Lighting up St. Mary's



### September 2015

- 7th            Congratulations to Samuel Hardy B.A. (Hons) on his graduation from the University of Westminster London and also his 24th Birthday today - we are all so proud of you, may all your wishes come true - Love Mum and Dad (Sarah and Don) x
- 15th            Battle of Britain.
- 16th            Memories of Neil who left us 4 years ago. Your presence we miss. Your memory we treasure. Love always Elaine, Christopher, Suzanna, Helen, Chris, Thomas and Oliver.
- 20th            In loving memory of Ken Mason. Its nine long years since you passed away. But you're loved and remembered everyday. All our love Jean, Ken, Avril, Jeff, Linda, Nigel, Sandra, Derek and Grandchildren
- 23rd            Remembering a very loved and special lady, Betty Vine, who passed away in August. Sadly missed by her husband Ralph, Graham, Cher and all their families. What wonderful memories we have.
- 29th            For Bob Swaine Another birthday comes around, No celebrations to be found, We'll raise a glass 'To Absent Friends' I find it all so sad, Cos all I want to say to you is "Happy Birthday Dad". Missing you always but especially today. With All our love Tiggy and Jim xxxxxx

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. Tel: 01635 299710.

On-line: [www.clerewoodlands.org.uk](http://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 October Tower is September 10th.**

**From the Registers of St Mary's****Baptisms**    *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

19 July      Leon Boaz Green  
 2 Aug        Jacob Williams  
               Jennifer Williams  
               Lilia Grace Newport-Locke

**Weddings**    *Those whom God has joined together*

7 Aug        Emma Davis and Andrew Bennett  
 8 Aug        Sue Hemming and Steve Jaques

**METHODIST NOTES****Sunday Services 9:30am**

Preachers for September:

6            Rev Andrew Wood, Chairman of the District. Holy C  
 13          Local Arrangement  
 20          M/S Allen  
 27          Harvest - Rev Colin Scarrett



On Saturday 26th September there will be a Harvest Supper. It is planned that the three churches will be joining us, at 6pm.

Coffee mornings every Thursday from 10:30. Come along and join us for friendship. Tea, coffee, a cold drink and biscuits. There is no set charge but donations are welcomed.

**Margaret Ingram 299152****Methodist Church** (see also Back Cover)

**Steward**            Christine Westcombe  
**Secretary**         Jeanette Billington  
**Hire of Hall**        Jeanette Billington

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## Kingsclere Community Library



Exciting Events Coming Up at **YOUR** Library!

### ‘An Evening with Clare Balding’ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

A talk by one of the country’s (and Kingsclere’s!) most notable authors/presenters, with a Q&A session, followed by ‘Walking Home’ & ‘My Animals and Other Family’ for sale and signing while you enjoy a glass of wine (courtesy of Bel & The Dragon).

Tickets from Library or Village Butcher. £12, £10 age 65+.

LIMITED TICKETS – expected to sell out quickly!

**PLUS – ‘Clare and the Kids’** – Clare will meet children (ages 4 and up) in the library Wednesday 23 September at 4pm for an **exclusive reading** from her new book "The Racehorse who Wouldn't Gallop"

‘**Oh, What the Dickens!**’ by Newbury Dramatic Society on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept., tickets (include glass of wine), in advance from Library or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/nds](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nds) £12, £2 children under 10.

We are collecting books for our first **ANNUAL BOOK SALE** on 17 Oct. Please drop donations to the library.

Opening hours: Tues & Thurs 1 – 5:30; Saturdays 10:30 – 3

Nicki Lee, [kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com)

### Autumn Clean- Kingsclere Village Club

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

**Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**1-4pm**

**Tea, coffee and yummy cake supplied.**

**Please help us look after your Village Club**

**Enquiries Emma 01635 297913**

## **Kingsclere Rec – a very special meeting place**

If you walk your dog or play football on Kingsclere's recreation ground above Swan Street, you probably have no idea what extremely important activity is going on above your head on warm spring and summer afternoons.

It's a secret honeybee mating place. The male bees (drones) gather there in the hope of finding a queen bee on her mating flight.

The mating sites may persist for years and even centuries. Strangely bee scientists cannot identify exactly what makes a good mating site, but obviously the bees can!

So, Kingsclere Recreation Ground is a very special place. If you see quite big bees flying around in groups of ten or twenty about three or four metres off the ground, they are probably chasing a queen. Don't worry, they won't sting you – drones don't even have a sting.

I know about the mating site because I'm a local beekeeper and decided to find out where my bees were mating by going out with a long fishing pole with a queen pheromone (scent) lure on the end of it. Yes, it does look rather odd! I tell people I am going fly-fishing for drones. I've had more than 50 drones chasing the lure on Kingsclere Rec.

Be thankful for these honeybees. The worker bees are pollinating your fruit and vegetables. Without them your diet would be very boring. And what is more delicious than their honey? You can buy local honey made by my bees in Swan Street Stores and The Village Butcher.

**Stephen Fleming**





Saturday, 12 September 2015 at  
7.30pm in the Village Club,  
George Street

## *The Grand Budapest Hotel*

(2014 – 15 – 99 minutes)

*The adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous hotel from the fictional Republic of Zubrowka between the first and second World Wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend.*

Next month: Saturday, 3 October- AGM – ***Gravity***

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

For further information about the Club or use of our equipment (including our screen), please contact John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221 or Diana Tait (Membership Sec) 298494

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner August 2015 No 93 Olive Wallace

**Well done, Olive**

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

## The Garden Club

**Barbeque at Jada Union Lane.** This is on September 5th. As the organisers need to know numbers you will need to have booked by first of the month, sorry could not give more detail earlier.



Our winter programme of talks starts on **October 8th. Mr Bryan Madders** will be talking about **Chrysanthemums and Dahlias.**

Once again we will be at the Village Club starting 7.30pm.

**John Eckton 01256 850017**



With the summer holidays over, September sees us back to school and ready for an exciting school year ahead. FKS are planning lots of fundraising events so please support us and let's see what we can achieve for our school in 2015/16!

### 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

**Rachael Knight - Tel 268160**  
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## Kingsclere Youth Club

Kingsclere Youth Club is about to enter a new phase in its existence.

Several years ago the Parish Council held a referendum to ask the Village if they wished to have a new Youth building. The answer was overwhelmingly “yes”. Sadly it was not possible to do so on the “Youth Club land” due to political pressures.

Now we are in a position to build, we have most of the money but lack a body of competent adults to support with advice, expertise and project managing skills. There is a small group who are already working hard and we are looking for others to join us.

The young people have waited a long time for somewhere of their own, can you help in any way? If so please give me a call and I will explain what we have done and what we need to do.

**Janet Bond    01635 297610 or 0789 0142622**



## **Kingsclere Heritage Association**

### **Twenty Nine Years of Kingsclere History- Gift To The Village Archives**

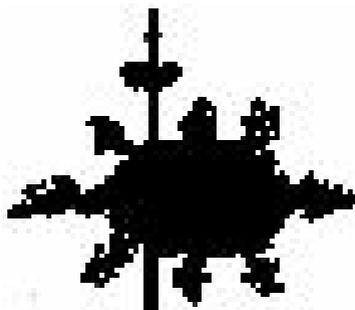
In 1973 Margaret Ingram began collecting press cuttings about Kingsclere and continued until 2012. She has now built up a collection of sixteen scrapbooks of our history and has generously given this fascinating collection to the Village Archives.

The Village Archives are owned by the community and managed by the Kingsclere Heritage Association in association with the Hampshire Record Office. The Association records, stores and makes available to interested enquirers a wide range of items connected with our history.

On behalf of us all, 'Thank You Margaret', for the valuable addition to the Village Archives.

Anyone who would like to see the scrapbooks or other archived items please contact Nova Saunderson on 299570.

**Sue Woodman - 297144**



## **Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group**



Bunnies has been running as usual throughout the Summer holiday thanks to careful planning on the part of our Committee, and extra help from parents and carers in-session. It has been lovely to see some former – now much bigger – Bunnies coming along with smaller siblings. September marks another chapter for us as we say a fond farewell to our Chair, Sue, as Cooper starts school. Sue, you have been an ever-smiling, wonderfully enthusiastic, “just do it” kind of leader and you will be missed hugely. (At the time of writing, our new Chair is yet to be confirmed).

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**



Enquiries 01256-892019 or [andovercats.org.uk](http://andovercats.org.uk)  
Stories of rescued cats [adriane.major@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adriane.major@hotmail.co.uk)  
Fund-raising/volunteers [adriane.major@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adriane.major@hotmail.co.uk)  
Items for resale 01256-892773

We have been very lucky recently in finding a new fosterer and a double pen is currently being installed in her garden. This means that we can take in and re-home two more cats from our lengthy waiting list. We would be happy to speak to anyone else who is interested in fostering. The time commitment is not excessive and all expenses are paid.

We had great fun with our soft toy tombola stalls at both the Worldwide Whitchurch Weekend and St Mary Bourne Fete. The weather was fine for both and although the proceeds from neither were great we always enjoy being out and about meeting the cat-loving public.

Liono, our August cat, is now living in a quiet home in Basingstoke with a single lady.

Mozza is a very large, very placid, middle aged, black and white cat. He has come into care through no fault of his own and is looking for a new home where he will get lots of love and attention. He is rather depressed at the moment and the two highlights of his day are when his pouch of Felix arrives.

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## *Ecchinswell Village Hall Events*

### *Ecchinswell Fun Day*

Saturday 12th September  
Ecchinswell Village hall 12– 5 PM

Family fun and games. All welcome. BRING A PICNIC. fancy dress - prizes  
Free Entry. Attractions include: Bouncy castle, Sports races, Table top sale (£5 per table),  
Bring and bake sale, Raffle, Bar, hog roast, Tuck shop.

The Pram Race is back... sign up your team, build or decorate a cart and complete the obstacle course. £5 per team, forms and details available from the Royal Oak.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!** Please get in touch if you are happy to help with a stall on the day.

### *Ecchinswell Masquerade Ball*

SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
7pm start - Carriages at 12:30.

**Tickets £15 each or 2 for £25. (FOOD included in ticket price)**

A fun evening awaits you with live band 'Stylus'.

There will also be a photo booth, big prize raffle and casino.

Dress to impress and don't forget your mask.

Tickets available from Ecchinswell Village Hall, committee members or The Royal Oak.

**E-mail: [ecchinswellhall@gmail.com](mailto:ecchinswellhall@gmail.com). [www.ecchinswellvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.ecchinswellvillagehall.co.uk)**

## **Over 55s London coach trips**

The **Basingstoke & Deane Over 55s Forum** are running 2 trips to London to "Do As You Please" on the 11th and 25th September 2015. We will take you up to London, you will then be able to do or go where you want, then bring you back about 4.15pm/4.30pm. Cost £13.75.

Pick up points will be the West Ham Leisure Park, Basingstoke (near the Fire Station) and Churchill Way, Basingstoke (Opposite the Bus Station). Leaving time from Basingstoke will be given to you when booking.

**Gerald Merritt on 07792535116 or e-mail [gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com](mailto:gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com)**

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