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Thank you all very much and we look forward to working with you all in 2017.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Editors

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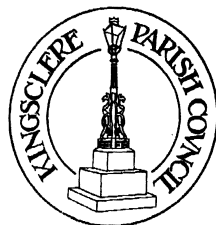
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KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2017 – Will your child be 4 years old between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017? From 1st November 2016 you can apply:

- online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions where you will also find information about schools in Hampshire; OR
- using a paper application form available from any Hampshire infant or primary school.

Application deadline is Sunday 15th January 2017.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS - The presentations are to be held on Friday 13th January 2016 at the Village Club. Cllr Keith Chapman, Chairman Hampshire County Council will be presenting the certificates to the worthy winners, who will be named in the next edition of the Tower. We would like to congratulate all those who were nominated and thank you all for the work you do for making Kingsclere a better community.

NO DOGS ON THE HOLDING FIELD – Since the implementation of the Dog Control Orders in 2007, dogs have been excluded from The Holding Field. Despite this a number of owners are still exercising their dogs on the field. As all the signs that were installed at the time have gone missing, the Parish Council has recently purchased some new signs. By the time this goes to press, the new signs will have been erected and the Dog Warden will be making regular patrols. Please do not exercise your dog(s) on the Holding Field.

RIPARIAN DUTIES – Please could all riverside properties be aware of their riparian duties and make sure that river is kept clear in order to avoid flood risks. You should keep the banks clear of anything that could cause an obstruction including weeds and you should also clear any litter from the channel and banks.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are 7th and 21st December 2016. For January the dates are 4th and 18th January.

Christmas and New Year Collections – Black (General Waste) bins will not be collected on Wednesday 28th December but instead on Thursday 29th December. This is the only change to our schedule this Christmas, Green (Recycling) bins will be emptied on the normal days as listed above.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 29th January 2017, 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL

KINGSCLERE PARISH PATHS

On Sunday Oct. 30th we worked on the footpath at Frog's Hole, and many thanks to those of you who turned up; Adam, Peter, John, Cathy and Callum and our new volunteer Charles Olive, as well as Alan and myself.

We repaired the side boards of the ditch, cut back the overhanging branches and improved the signage.

Next work day is Sunday Nov. 27th, 9.45am at the shed behind the Village Club. This will be the last meeting in 2016 (no meeting in December). I am not sure about work days in 2017 as I am retiring and so far no one else has come forward to be the new leader of our group.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who work hard every month to keep your footpaths and bridleways open.

Heath Denness

Dear Editor

Parish Footpaths

Ever since moving to Kingsclere a few years ago when I started to walk on the many footpaths in and around the village, I have never ceased to be amazed at how well they are maintained.

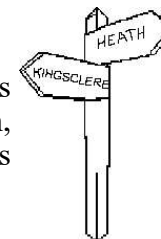
I later realized that there is a team of dedicated people who clear them on a regular basis to keep them passable for all of us. I am sure it is due to these kind people that many of us can aim to keep ourselves fit and our dogs walked, as in spite of the mass of roots and the paths being very slippery in the wet weather, which can make it quite hazardous, having the trees and branches cut back allows us to walk freely and look where we put our feet!

I know how much I appreciate all the work they do and I am sure all the others who use these paths very regularly, must agree and I would very much like to thank Heath Denness and her helpers for all the work they do.

Caroline Surtees

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For the parishes of Kingsclere, Headley, Ashford Hill and Hannington

this report also covers Wheathold and Little Knowl Hill

This is the crime summary for the month of October 2016

Total crimes reported:	15
Assault-	5
Burglary other than in a dwelling-	1
Burglary in a house-	0
Criminal Damage-	0
Theft-	1
Theft from a vehicle-	2
Other-	6

Neighbourhood Priorities:

House burglary- No private homes were burgled in October. However, please be vigilant now that the clocks have gone back, as the evenings are getting dark earlier; so if you are leaving your house unattended make sure to switch some lights on, to make the house look occupied.

Non-dwelling burglaries- There was one non-dwelling burglary In October. The Honesty Café in Swan Street was broken into between 06/10 and 07/10/2016 by unknown offenders and £100 was taken. If you have any information in relation to this, please contact the local beat officer or phone 101.

Traffic-related Matters

During the month, police seized a vehicle in the Kingsclere area because it was uninsured..

NEWS

I am pleased to announce that the speed-watch team is now up and running in Kingsclere. The Co-ordinator for the village is Mark Holden and we hope to be out on the roadside very soon for the first session.

A local shoplifter has been arrested and sentenced to 6 months imprisonment. If you are travelling in your vehicle it is a good idea to have a torch to hand and some warm clothes in the boot just in case your vehicle breaks down in the cold weather.

Another point about dark evenings. If you know of any elderly or vulnerable people who have any security worries, or indeed if you yourself do, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange a visit, to run a quick security assessment and give some reassurance. We have set up various schemes, such as the "The Bobby Trust" to help people with these issues. More information can be found at: https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/?f=/Bobby_Scheme.



Kingsclere Community Library

Author Visit 30th November, Wednesday, 7:30pm

Chris Page reads from & discusses 'Bright Lights and Fairy Dust: Matters of Life and Death.' His memoir about his wife Linda's terminal cancer diagnosis and how they faced it together is interwoven with information on her care and treatment. Their story lays bare their emotions, Linda's determination and strength of spirit and tells of the power of love.

Tickets £5 from the Library & EventBrite, glass of wine afterwards.

Special Christmas Rhymetime with Rita

Saturday 17th December 10am

Bring your little ones and enjoy refreshments afterwards

(This replaces the usual second Tuesday for December)

Our Volunteer Christmas Party is planned for the 14th of December at 7:30. Please RSVP, and we're asking people to each contribute a small plate of nibbles.

If you have a couple of hours a month to spare, we are always looking for more volunteers. We have 52 rota spaces to fill each month, and you don't need experience, we will provide all the training needed. Any questions, just pop into the library and talk to the volunteer on duty about what they do, or contact us by email. Thank you!

Opening hours: Tues & Thurs 1 – 5:30; Saturdays 9:30 – 2

Holiday Openings

Saturday	24/12	CLOSED
Tuesday	27/12	CLOSED
Thursday	29/12	OPEN
Saturday	31/12	CLOSED

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

60's 70's and 80's Disco Party

Start the Christmas Party season off with a bang at the Fieldgate Disco party on Saturday 10th December. Let your hair down with all your favourite dance and party numbers from the 60's 70's and 80's. From Pop to Motown, classic rock to reggae, ska to party classics, you're bound to find something to make you get up and "Shake your tail feathers" to.

Always a full house at the Liberty Ballroom, we expect a great night at the Fieldgate Community centre.

For information on booking a table or tickets phone Les on 07968 438775

Admission £7.00 7.30pm.- 1 am Smart Casual dress. Over 21s only

Bill Cooper

Dear Editors,

Through your Magazine, I would like to give my thanks to all the hard-working committee members and volunteers who have provided the village with such a full and varied social calendar over the last few weeks.

As a family, during the last three weeks, we have enjoyed Coffee Mornings, an afternoon tea with a talk on Australia, an Exhibition of photographs, a talk on how to improve our photographs, Toast for Tots and Baby Rhymetime, a Barn Dance held by the Twinning Association, a visit to Windsor, a bring and share supper, a very well-organised and professional Firework Evening and Sunday Lunch at Sassos with the friends of St. Mary's. The list goes on and on. We did not have the time to attend the Headley Concert or the Brew and Bake evening, WI or Film Club, but we have heard that these, too, were great successes. The Fieldgate Centre, The Library and the Village Club all organise social and educational events, which I hope are well-attended.

A quick look on the village notice boards show what is in store for us in the run up to Christmas, they are full with posters advertising Concerts, Quiz Nights, Christmas Bazaars, Toddler Mornings, Sporting Events, etc., etc. Please take a look.

We are so fortunate to be living in such a socially active village and it is all down to people who are willing to give up their own time in order to organise such events. No one can say there is nothing to do here!

Pam Kitch

Nature Notes

The uninvited guests have gone after two months and it is a relief. Wasps started nest building in the porch roof in late August but were not a problem as cool weather would soon arrive and they would die. Wrong! September and October were very mild and the wasps thrived as did their building.

The back door was in constant use just below the nest but a truce seemed to exist with humans and only when the site was tapped was the idiot stung on the ear for his stupidity. They found access to the kitchen despite plugging all obvious gaps, around piping etc. but would fly directly to the sunny kitchen window where they were released. Upwards of thirty wasps a day became the norm including eight young Queens, twice the size of workers and with attitude. Finally, November arrived and with it the cold and the visits ceased.

The ability of trees to survive extensive damage was highlighted lately when we were walking in Basildon Park. What would have been a twenty foot mature hawthorn had suffered severe damage to the trunk at ground level so that it lay along the ground propped on an 'elbow' branch. Bark at the base was incomplete and timber hollowed out. The wounds were clearly very old yet branches still survived carrying an astonishing burden of shiny berries while foliage was abundant.

While moulted buzzard wing feathers are easily found where do kites go to moult? Surely cast feathers must be around but we have never found any.

Diana Tait & Rod Eldred



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Kingsclere Bowling Club

The season has finally finished and the green is now closed until next spring. This doesn't mean the club shuts down as we still have club nights every Friday with pool, darts, cards games and special events.

On Saturday 3rd December, we will be holding a prize bingo night at the club house, Holding field, which should be great fun with a chance of winning a few prizes for Christmas. Bingo books are £1 each or 6 for £5, doors open at 6:30pm and its eyes down at 7:00pm. There will also be a Christmas hamper raffled on the night. Non-members are welcome to attend, so please come along and join us. A bar and refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kingsclere History

Old newspaper reports are always fascinating.

These are from the Hants and Berks Gazette for 1878/9

On 30 Mar there is a report of an accident in 'the Market Place'. [the market was held in Anchor Yard, The Square and Crown Green and the connecting roads]. Wombwell's Menagerie was parked there - presumably open to the public and a horse and trap was passing. The horse took fright, spilled the driver and passenger from the trap and bolted. In so doing it collided with Cardoma the Lion Tamer who was seriously injured, is in a coma and not expected to live.

There are few reports of social occasions, which does not mean they did not happen. The Foresters were already a force to be reckoned with and held an annual Foresters Fete when they paraded to a meadow for sports, dancing and singing.

On Whitsunday the 'Clubs' assembled at the Swan, Black Horse and Falcon Inns and paraded round the village before attending the church service at 11 am. They then paraded again before retiring for 'dinner and amusements'. On 7 Jun 1879 it was reported that the Swan club had done particularly well with a share out of £100. These parades usually involved the brass band from Ramsdale (Ramsdell). [At the time Kingsclere had a drum and fife band]

Peter Woodman, KHA



Enquiries 0345 2601501 or www.andovercats.org.uk

Fund-raising/volunteers

07733 242196,

coord@andovercats.org.uk

Items for resale

01256-892773

This is always a quiet time of year for homing but the cats in our pens still need to be provided with food, litter, heating and veterinary care. Why not visit our website and find out how to sponsor a pen as a gift for a friend or buy one of our cats a Christmas dinner via eBay.

You could also join our Facebook page and keep up with what we are doing from day to day.

Thank you for all the soft toys that have arrived. We shall be able to resume our fund raising tombolas in the New Year.

Olivia and her sister Jess are nine months old. They are a little timid but very friendly and would like to find a home together.

Brew 'n' Bake 2016 for St Michaels Hospice

Another fantastic night fuelled by cakes, bakes, puddings, bread, scones, Gins, Vodka's, Beer, Ales and Stouts. I'd like to again thank all those who entered the event, the level of quality was exceptional. Also this year we were very lucky to have the company of "The Only Duo in the Village" serenading us with their guitar and double bass, and of course vocals. Jamie Howell and Steve Painter, thank you once more, you did us proud.

The winners of this year's trophies were :

Beer/Ale John Jones for his Oak aged Stout

Wine/Liqueur Kaye Broom for her Sloe Gin

Bake/Pudding Jessica Craker-Knott for her mini pumpkin pies.

I hope you will all be proud to have your trophies on your mantelpiece.

Thanks to everyone's generosity we have been able to raise a very respectable £950, which, fingers crossed we will be able to match-fund and beat last year's total to an even more respectable £1900!!!

A big thank you also goes to all our Raffle donors, without your generosity this figure wouldn't be anywhere close.

Thank you all again

Sue, Beccs, Rob and Jim



Molly's

The Kingsclere Memory Cafe



For shared moments, memories and friendships

It's our first one on Mon 5th Dec 2016

This vintage style coffee morning is a social get together for people with Dementia and their Carers.

11am to 12.30pm

Every 1st Monday of the Month
at The Village Club in Kingsclere

Where nostalgia and tradition bridge the gap between years, and open the door for new conversations and companions.

For more information, volunteers and cake donations

email: mollysmemorycafe@gmail.com

The Church Pages



Reflections

What's your favourite Christmas carol? One of my favourites is O Little Town of Bethlehem partly because of the wonderful tune and also because it evokes for me a Christmas card picture of a night scene with a bright star shining over a snow-clad stable and inside Mary and Joseph and royal Child. The words of this carol were written in the nineteenth century by a vicar in Philadelphia called Phillips Brooks. He wrote it after a visit to the holy land and was inspired as he looked over Bethlehem at night. The carol conveys a very romantic view of the Christmas story which ignores the grubbiness and messiness of the first Christmas. It forgets about the murderous tyrant intent on putting an end to this newborn. And sadly Bethlehem today is far from the Christmas card picture of peace and tranquillity that we long for it to be.

However, the words do help to capture some of the wonder of the first Christmas and its meaning for us today. The first half of the carol talks about the everlasting light shining in the dark streets and of peace proclaimed to all the earth But for me, the carol comes into its own when it brings us into the Christmas story, when it tells of the dear Christ entering into human hearts. No longer can we merely stand and stare at the scene. The final verse calls us to respond. God, having descended that first Christmas in baby Jesus and then some 33 years later ascended to God, bids us to invite Him to descend again. But this descent is not merely to a little town in a particular place, but into the very core of our being. Enter in ... be born in us today. That is a wonder and a great and mighty one at that. That is why Jesus is also called Emmanuel, which means God with us.

So as we celebrate then the first descent of God to be born as a baby to a poor couple in a grubby stable, let's not miss the opportunity to invite that same God into the stable of our hearts, grubby as it may be, and discover afresh the wonder of God's promise: Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you (Hebrews 13:5, Deuteronomy 31:6).

We, as a church, hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Ben.

Services in December 2016

Sunday 4 th December Advent 2	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	4pm	Dress up Sunday and Christingle – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 11 th December Advent 3	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Parish Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Second Sunday Service with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 18 th December Advent 4	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	6pm	Candlelit Lessons & Carols – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Saturday 24 th December Christmas Eve	4pm	Blessing of the Crib – St Peter's, Headley
	4pm	Blessing of the Crib – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 25 th December Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Day Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	11am	Christmas Day Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere

Our ABC service for children and their carers will be held in St Mary's, Kingsclere on 19th December, 16th January and 30th January at 9.30am

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner November 2016:

No 113, Graham Carter

Well done, Graham

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

Services in January 2017

Sunday 1 st January Christmas 2	10.30am	Benefice Communion – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 8 th January Epiphany	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Second Sunday Service with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 15 th January Epiphany 2	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 22 nd January Epiphany 3	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Parish Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 29 th January Epiphany 4	10.30am	Benefice Worship – talk by A Rocha (a Christian Environmental Charity) - St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 5 th February 4th Sunday before Lent	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere

From the Registers of St Mary's

Funeral *I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord*

17 Oct Rosemary (Ann) Newbery aged 83

St. Mary's Church		(See also back cover)
Vicar	Rev Ben Read, The Vicarage, Foxs Lane	☎ 298471
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	eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk	
Administrator	Emma Rivers	☎ 07790 934972
	administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk	
Methodist Chapel		(See also back cover)
Chief Warden	Wendy Morgan	☎ 297538
Secretary/Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585

Lighting up St Mary's

November

21st - 27th In loving memory of Valerie Homersham from the family.

December

- 8th Remembering Margaret Fowler.
 15th Paul Read. Greatly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts you're always there. Love Alyson, Eleanor and James.
 18th In loving memory of my beloved Mark Bassett who would have been 52. We love and miss you every day. Amanda and Rocket
 19th For Marjorie.
 23rd In loving memory of our lovely mother Margaret Simpson. Amanda, Sally and Guy.
 25th Michael Hopkins (Mick) Christmas is a special time, with very precious memories. Love and miss you forever Jac xxxx
 25th Mick / Grandad Forever in our hearts and memories. Merry Christmas Love Carla, Nick, Ellie and Lucy. xx

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

Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk Hand deliveries please use the black post box next to the front door. £12 per evening, discounts available for block bookings and business sponsorship. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for February Tower is January 10th.

Many thanks and Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Sarah Bates

METHODIST NOTES

Please note change of times: services are now at 10 a.m.

Preachers for December and January:

- 4/12 S.Ayres
 11/12 Rev. Rachel Borgas
 18/12 Peter Castle
 Christmas Day: Tim Gardner
 1 Jan 2017 Regan
 6/1 Epiphany Carols at 6.30 p.m.
 8/1 Rev. Rachel Borgas: Covenant and Holy Communion
 15/1 Tim Gardner (Alternative Worship)
 22/1 Jeff Britt
 29/1 Rev. David Read

Margaret Ingram 299 152

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 7th December, at 7p.m., in the King-smill Room. All are welcome, and to have a glass of wine afterwards. Following the brief AGM business, Rev. Ben Read will give a short talk with his reflections on 'St Mary's, a building on the move'.

After its success last year, we are having another Post-Christmas Walk on the morning of Tuesday 27th December, ending with mulled wine, sausages, and mince pies in the Kingsmill Room. Assemble in the Churchyard from 10 a.m. for a 10.30 start. Suggested donation, £5 for each adult; children and dogs very welcome for free!

Our first event of the New Year is a Quiz Night in the Fieldgate Centre on Friday 20th January. Tickets from The Village Butcher from January, £15 each, to include a Ploughman's Supper & a glass of wine. Whether booking as a team or in smaller numbers, please return counterfoils, so that we know who's coming!

Last year we sold out, and had to disappoint several people. Book early!

Peter Turner, Chairman

St Mary's 200 Club

Did you know that for an outlay of just £12 a year for one ticket, you get 12 chances to win £50 in the monthly draw – what's not to like??

Have you been one of the lucky 200 Club monthly winners during 2016? Was that cheque dropping through the letter box a pleasant surprise? Why not try again in 2017? It may be your lucky year.

Why not buy tickets as a Christmas present with a difference – with 12 months' worth of potential interest??

If you are already in membership please let us have your name/money again - £12 - and you will be re-registered keeping the same number.

If you are new to the Club – let us have your contact details (name, address, email/phone number) plus £12...cash or cheque. All cheques to be made out to St Mary's Kingsclere Keystone Project.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much,

Maggy / Les Wallace

Jada,

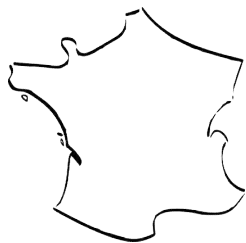
Union Lane,

Kingsclere,

Newbury, Berks. RG20 4SS or contact us on 01635 298794 or mjwwater-shipdown@msn.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Closing date for 2017 membership is 12 January 2017..



KINGSCLERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who supported our Twinning Weekend when we were visited by friends from our twin town of Cormicy in France. The barn dance was a huge success as was the trip to Windsor and tour of Eton College.

If you would like to join the Association, please contact us by email or telephone. Benefits include reduced ticket prices for social events, free French conversation evenings, and the opportunity to take part in visits to Cormicy in the Champagne region of France.

Email: kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk

Telephone Sue Watson on 01635 298940

KINGSCLERE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Following our AGM on 20th October, our presentation 'The Story of Kingsclere Part 2' was well received by a full house.

Our last Meeting of the Calendar Year Takes Place on

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016

Come & enjoy: "'Willow' of Basing - The Life & Times of Sir William Paulet" - a talk by Alan Turton about a master of political expediency in Tudor times. Alan is a well known historian. For some years he was curator of the ECW site of Basing House, Hampshire - once the largest private house in Tudor England. He is a pioneer of Living History and since 1981 has also been official presenter for the Mary Rose Trust.

Our first meeting of the new calendar year is scheduled for

THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2017

Speakers Mike & Janet Hurst, whose background is that of microbiology, will present: 'Tracks to the Trenches' a recounting of the remorseless hazards of transport back from the The Front during the Great War - as we enter the penultimate year of the 100-year commemorative period of W.W.1.

Visitors are welcome at our presentations—just £3 per person

Nova Saunderson: 01635 299570

Hon. Secretary

Kingsclere Heritage Association



Kingsclere Film Club

Second Saturday of the month at 7.30pm
at the Village Club, George Street.

Saturday, 10 December, 2016

Monsieur Hulot's Holiday

(1953 - Certificate U - 83 minutes)

M.Hulot comes to a beach side hotel for a vacation, where he accidentally (but good-naturedly) causes havoc. Jaques Tati stars & directs. (Comedy)

Christmas Party. Please contact the Secretary (Fiona Sawyer - 297221) to let her know if you are coming and/or if you are bringing guests.

Saturday, 14 January, 2017

Florence Foster Jenkins

(2016 - Certificate PG13 - 111 minutes)

Tone-deaf New York heiress plans to become an opera star. Stars Meryl Streep & Hugh Grant. (Comedy, Drama)

February: Guess Who's Coming To Dinner

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

Kingsclere Film Club welcomes guests at £7.50, subject to space.

GARDEN CLUB

Our December talk is on THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER AT 7:30PM AT THE VILLAGE CLUB and will be a general gardening talk given by our Vice-Chairman Roger Butler.



This will be followed by a Christmas Gardening quiz and festive refreshments.

The competition classes are:- a table decoration; a vase of flowers – one kind or mixed; a vase of flowers, foliage and/or berries; two different vegetables; a single stem from the garden; a pot plant.

All are welcome, members free, guests £2.

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 12 January 2017 at 7:30pm at The Village Club. This will be a short meeting followed by refreshments and wine.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY- Our annual social evening at Sandford Springs Golf Club will be held on Saturday 11 February 2017 – more details to follow in February's Tower.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS – these are due for collection early next year and we would be very grateful if any members would be able to assist with this. If you are able to offer any help, please contact Diana Tait on 01635 298494. Any assistance will be gratefully accepted – thank you in advance.

Secretary Chris Earl 01635 298286

A CHRISTMAS FANTASIA

Saturday 3rd December at 7.30pm

A CHRISTMAS FANTASIA with The Waynflete Singers and English Chamber Orchestra in Winchester Cathedral directed by Andrew Lumsden.

Vaughan Williams: FANTASIA ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS; Poulenc: GLORIA; Finzi: IN TERRA PAX; Carols for choir and audience. Soloists: Nadine Benjamin – soprano, Marcus Farnsworth – Baritone.

Tickets £9 - £39 (2 FOR 1 OFFER AVAILABLE on some seats) from The Cathedral Box Office 01962 857275 / www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk / www.waynfletesingers.org.uk (registered charity No. 285107)



News from FKS - The Parent Teacher Association of Kingsclere Primary School Registered charity no. 1099453

Thank you to all who attended Kingsclere Fireworks and Bonfire Display. Thank you to all villagers for your co-operation and support on what has become a very busy night for the village. This fantastic community event was very well attended and raised several thousand pounds, which will provide much needed support to our school. A huge thank you to all our sponsors which include Finkley Down Farm, ML Gundry Scaffolding Ltd, BCMS, Rivar Sand and Gravel Ltd, Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sandford Springs, The Bell & Dragon, Halltag Ltd, Budgens, and Protech Mercedes specialist, as well as all helpers and everyone on the FKS Firework sub-committee!

Come and join us at our School Christmas Fair, Friday 2nd December 2016 - Kingsclere Primary School Hall - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Visit Santa in his amazing grotto, many stalls (including tombola, cakes, cuddly toys), games with great prizes, crafts (including make your own decorations and make your own reindeer food), face painting, seasonal refreshments, sealed bids and there's a fantastic raffle, raffle tickets can be purchased from the school office.

Rachael Knight



Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

Welcome! 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.

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.

Bunnies Christmas party will be held on the 6th December this year with slightly different times: 9.30 to 11.00 am. Festive fancy dress is welcome! As usual please bring a plate of food to share for each child you are bringing along. Please sign up in session and indicate what food you will be bringing by the 29th November. Older siblings are welcome, but the party activities will be suitable for the toddlers.

Bunnies will be closed for the Christmas break on Tuesday 27th December. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rachel Kirby

CAMARADERIE

(TOGETHER in FRIENDSHIP)

Invite you Afternoon Tea and Christmas Entertainment Wednesday 7th December at 2.30pm, in The Methodist School Room. £1 which includes Tea and a Free Raffle Ticket

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Kingsclere Village Club: New Yoga Class with Deborah Clark

Starting 11th Jan 2017, Wednesdays 11 -12 am (term time only)

Debbie Clark is an experienced yoga practitioner and teacher. The yoga sessions include asanas (postures) and pranayama (breathing techniques). They are devised to increase strength and flexibility whilst developing better postural habits and mental well-being. Classes will be mixed ability accommodating both experienced yogis and yoginis or complete beginners.

Participants pay for a term in advance (£72), which is £6 per session. BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN.

We are also enrolling now for art class on Monday afternoons and the existing yoga class on Tuesdays. Current students can claim a free class for them and a friend if they introduce someone who enrolls for a class next term.

Contact: email: education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk or call Tracey Lethbridge on 01635-291248

KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS W.I.

Our venue: Kingsclere Village Club, 37 George Street

Our W.I.'s Christmas Meeting on 14 December involves outside catering, as in previous years, which calls for strict forward planning and that defines it as a members-only event. However, we do look forward to entertaining visitors again in January 2017.

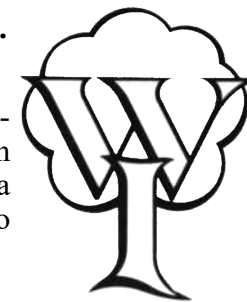
SO, DIARISE THIS:

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday 11 January and our meeting begins as usual after everyone has signed in at 13:30 (1.30pm). Author Heather Wylde has been booked as Speaker for that day. She will begin her talk after refreshments. Title? 'Keep it in the Family' - a World War II story'. About a year ago Heather captivated us with an intriguing tale based on her grandmother's diaries and we're confident that she will surprise us again with her originality.

Visitors:

Entry for visitors is just £2 per person and they will be welcomed with warmth, tea & biscuits, an entertaining presentation, a raffle ticket that offers a generous opportunity to win any one of a number of prizes and, not least of all, a chance to buy from a varying selection of items at our monthly 'bring and buy' sales table.

Nova Saunderson: 01635 299570





Clere District Girlguiding has some new and exciting opportunities for volunteers. We are seeking adults who would become part of our existing leadership teams across all age groups. You'll be working with Rainbows (aged 5–7 years), Brownies (7–10 years) and Guides (10–14 years).

Girlguiding is a leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. You could help us create amazing opportunities for girls in your local area. Our volunteers run projects, events and activities that give girls the chance to discover their potential and learn new skills for life. Girlguiding offers a fantastic leader training programme giving support through mentors to assist you to volunteer with us and

- Become a Leader: if you'd like to support a group regularly there are lots of opportunities to get involved. Working alongside other volunteers, you'll be supported with learning and development opportunities and will make a huge difference in your local community.
- Become a Unit helper, helping on a regular basis.
- Help out on a parent rota. By offering a helping hand at a few meetings per year, you can support your daughters' Leaders and experience the fun of guiding.
- Help with administration. You could get involved with anything from planning events and camps to managing finances and helping with fund-raising.
- Share a specific skill. Whatever you're great at - from football coaching to yoga teaching, graphic design to engineering - you could run sessions with local groups and help inspire girls to try something new.
- Become an occasional helper - you'll assist in running groups on an ad-hoc basis. You will be supported by other volunteers to assist in delivering activities, trips and adventures for girls.

To find out more, talk to a Leader or register your interest with us online at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or colleenmc1855@gmail.com

I would like to thank everyone who came and supported us at our coffee morning. We raised £185 towards our next camp in April 2017.

On Sunday 13th November, all the girls from Rainbows, Brownies and Guides joined the Royal British Legion in the Remembrance Day parade. I would like to thank all the girls for attending and parents for their continued support.

On 9th December Kingsclere girl guides will be holding its last meeting. Unfortunately the unit will be closing until a new leadership team can be found.

Sadly 1st Kingsclere Brownies will also be closing its doors in December. I would like to thank Hannah, Sandra and Elaine for all the happy memories that they have given all the Brownies over the years, and for the support given when I first joined. I wish you all the best of luck in your new adventures.

We will be offering space to all Brownies who wish to join us on a Friday please contact colleenmc1855@gmail.com.

Thank you

Colleen

Attention all Businesses in Kingsclere

I hope that as a local business you realise the value that having an advert in the Tower has brought you considerable extra sales and work from the Kingsclere area.

We have been making the Tower so much better over the last 10 months by improving the quality and clarity of the advertisements now that it is being professionally printed.

At the start of 2017 we intend to make a few more subtle changes to the layout and style of the Tower and, because of demand, add an extra page to the advertising section. This will give us a chance to make existing adverts larger, make more room for those businesses who have been patiently waiting to advertise and add to the range of local business who want to sell their goods and services to our readers.

The Tower is delivered free to over 1600 households 11 times a year to Kingsclere and its surrounding area.

The cost of advertising space is very reasonable 1/8th page advert costing £52 per year, ¼ page advert £85 per year and ½ page only £160 per year.

We need to make our commitment for 2017 and are looking for new advertisers for 2017 to contact us as soon as possible to make sure we can give you space in the 2017 edition. Our existing advertisers may wish to increase the size of their previous advert or make changes or improvements.

Space is limited and we anticipate being oversubscribed.

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Andrew Kitch, Chairman Tower Committee

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