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It is good to see a great number of activities restored to life in the village. It is still disturbing, though, to realise the current regime is very fragile and a further lockdown could return at any moment.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to congratulate so many villagers who have come forward to help this year. It is extremely sad, therefore, to announce the demise of the local Care Group who have been giving help to those in need for over forty years. In recent years this has largely been about providing transport to hospitals. Maggie Wallace has been leading the team and we all owe her an enormous debt of gratitude. Maggie has written on page 4 about their regret in closing the Care Group but it is the particular vulnerability of the older members of the community who, ironically, make up the majority of the helpers that has finally resulted in its ending.

Maggie says in her article that she would urge new people to come forward to help so please, all those who may be able to spare a little time, consider offering it to those needing help in the village and surrounding areas.

Please find the information on page 4.

The Editor

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NOT LATER THAN 12th October.

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& home phone number/e-mail address.

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NO CYCLING ON FOOTPATHS

Concern has been expressed to the Parish Council about the number of adults cycling on the footpaths in Kingsclere. It is one thing to have small children riding cautiously on the pavements but adults riding at speed having no regard for pedestrians, small children and animals is clearly dangerous and unacceptable. The Highway Code (Rule 64) states "You MUST NOT cycle on a pavement. The same is true for the Love Lane footpath which runs from the School to North Street and then North Street to the Longcroft Estate. This footpath (FP68) has a no cycling order placed on it (although that should not be necessary as cycling is forbidden on all footpaths) and Hampshire County Council will shortly be replacing any faded or missing "No Cycling" signs on this route. The no cycling sign is a bicycle within a circular sign with a red boarder. Here is an example (but it will be printed in the magazine in black and white).



MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS

We hope to be able to present the awards in early 2021, to those residents who deserve a big public thank you for their commitment in helping our community during the Coronavirus pandemic of 2020. We are asking you to help us recognise them by nominating people 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.

We are also looking into how we can recognise the key workers who live or work in Kingsclere so please nominate them too. We don't know who they all are but there must be many in Kingsclere who were required to carry on working in the community during lockdown and

we need your help please to recognise them. There may have to be more than one event, depending on the numbers but until we receive the nominations we won't know.
 Thank you.

RIPARIAN DUTIES

This is the time of year when we need to think about the state of Hampshire's land drainage network. As the rain begins in earnest and leaves begin to fall, all riparian owners (those who have watercourses on or bordering their properties) across Hampshire, and beyond, should be looking at the state of their drainage ditches, pipes, culverts and other watercourses to ensure there is unobstructed conveyance of rain water and a reduced risk of localised flooding.

If you have any enquiries regarding this or any other areas of flood risk management, please visit Hampshire County Councils website at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding>

HALLOWEEN



At the time of going to press, it is difficult to know what the situation will look like on 31st October in terms of our freedom to move about with regards to Coronavirus. If we are able to Trick or Treat this year, please be respectful of those who do not wish to take part. If anyone would like a "No trick or treating here" poster we have a small supply in the office so please contact us (details above).

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING

The collections dates are 7th and 21st October 2020.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday 26th October 2020, using Zoom Virtual Meeting Software unless government restrictions in place for Covid-19 are lifted, in which case normal meeting procedures will resume in the Village Club. Details to connect to the virtual meeting will be displayed in the Agenda.

The Parish website www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk
 @kingsclerepc  facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

Kingsclere, Ashford Hill and Headley Care Group (KAHHCG) ‘The Care Group’



It is with regret that we announce the closure of the Care Group, with immediate effect from 1 October 2020.

The decision has been made by the Care Group Committee*, with advice and support from the Good Neighbours Network (GNN: the body to which we are affiliated). It follows formal consultation with all those who currently drive for the Care Group.

As many of you will know, the main area of work for the Care Group for some years, has been driving people to health-related appointments, such as those at the Health Centre, local hospitals (North Hampshire, Hampshire Clinic, Royal Berks), or further afield to Winchester, Frimley Park or Southampton. The current 18 drivers complete over 150 drives a year on average: clearly demonstrating the need for such a service. Regrettably, individuals in need will now have to rely on relatives and friends or use some form of paid transport.

We know that the villages we have served so well for many years abound with those who do want to help others: the response to the pandemic has demonstrated that in numerous ways. We are hopeful that taking this drastic step of closure will encourage others to step forward and start a different group with a wider range of ages and enthusiasms, to continue to offer a service which ensures transport and a kindly companion to health-related appointments of any kind, for those without their own means of transport.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our drivers who have given such good service over the years and indeed, all those many villagers who have supported the Care Group in any way in the last 40 or so years.

GNN have offered to help any individuals or groups who might be interested in taking this work forward. The out-going committee would also be very happy to advise in any way.

Please contact Maggy Wallace in the first instance: mjwwater-shipdown@msn.com; 07939 129266; 01635 298794.

*Maggy Wallace (Chair); Mary Cleghorn, Rod Eldred (Treasurer), Mary Sneyd.



The Fieldgate Centre is run by Kingsclere Community Association, a charity (No 1168366). All residents of Kingsclere over 18 are automatically members of the association, an organisation that relies on volunteers to run it. Be part of it, your support makes a difference.

Kingsclere Community Association is pleased to have re-opened the Fieldgate Centre. Measures have been introduced to minimise the risk of Covid-19 whilst at the centre. Staff have been trained, and an enhanced cleaning and hygiene protocol is now in place. The Government's guidelines regarding social distancing are implemented at all times and visitors to the Centre are required to wear a face mask except whilst eating, drinking or exercising.

- **The Office** Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-1pm. *Please phone before visiting.*
- **Exercise Classes** Many of your favourite classes have resumed. See our timetable for updates.
- **Social Gatherings** Contact us to discuss how you can socialise within the new restrictions.
- **Business Meeting Space & Remote Working** Are you struggling to comply with social distancing for your meetings, or you want a space away from home to work in? Please call the office for more info.

Sports Local sports teams have resumed activities on the playing fields and we have introduced measures to enable them to access some of the facilities. Check out the sports clubs' websites to find out about the latest training, games and matches. Our all-weather floodlit Multi-Use Games Area is available to book through the office (priority is given to local teams).

New look, new funding During the temporary closure our volunteers have been busy sprucing up the bar, social area, darts/chill-out area and the foyer. Larger improvement works will commence in the Autumn, using grants and match funding. If you are interested in becoming involved we have a variety of worthwhile tasks and we can provide you with a letter of reference.

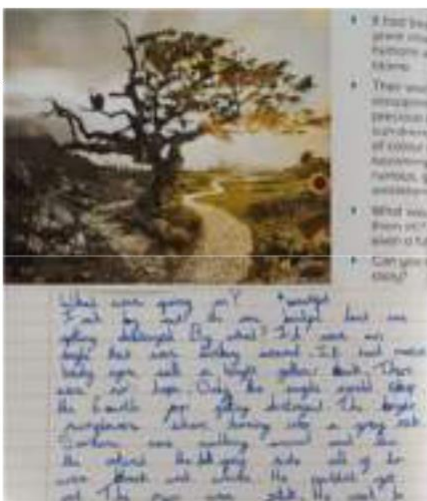
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Kingsclere CE Primary School



The school is full of a wonderful excitement and **Love** for learning following the return of all pupils and staff this term. Our Year R children have settled well into their new routines and the rest of the school are excited to engage with their new Enquiry learning. We have begun our 'catch up' curriculum and the children are working hard to develop their next steps ready to achieve highly, demonstrating **Courage**.

During October we are celebrating all things 'green' with *Walk to School Week* and *Green Week*. The children will be looking closely at sustainability and the importance of looking after our environment by recycling and re-using items they find around the house. It is important to us that the children understand the impact they have on the wider world beyond our beautiful village. The children are able to



demonstrate one of our core Christian values of **Respect** by considering how best to look after our environment for the next generation.

Our House Birds have had a revamp over lockdown and we would like to introduce to you: Eddie Eagle, Ollie Owl, Harry Hawk & Flora Falcon!

Our children and staff are becoming more familiar



with our new school Values: Love, Courage & Respect. This has been demonstrated positively following a recent visit from the Local Authority whereby the consistency and high expectations of learning and teaching was evident demonstrated by the children's learning attitudes and behaviours observed.

Please do visit our school website for further information about the school!

Mrs Hannah Melrose Headteacher

Tower Magazine

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All current COVID19 regulations will be adhered to.

Please contact Brian Elborn on the following:
Home: 01635 298704/ Mobile: 07741075473/
email: b.elborn345@btinternet.com

Many thanks on behalf of the Management Committee and Distribution Team.

Dear Editor,

Gareth and Vanessa would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and congratulations for their eldest daughter Hannah who gave birth to a baby girl called Ivy Elizabeth on Thursday 20th August at 6.09pm weighing 6lbs. Mum, Dad and baby are all doing very well.

Thank you also to all those kind friends in Kingsclere who so kindly gave us baby items.

We are truly very grateful and we send our love to you all.

Gareth and Vanessa Martin

Dear Editor, (Ref. the July issue of the Tower.)

I fully agree with the author and the editor on this disturbing discovery and its implications for our local wildlife. I am hoping that this illegal killing of birds of prey has been reported to one of the following, the police Wildlife Crime Unit on 101 or the RSPB at crime@rspb.org.uk. Would it be possible to find out if the editor or author of the article has done this?

I am a long term member of the RSPB and I have supported 2 recent campaigns to prevent illegal persecution of raptors in the UK. It is a sad fact that there are people who knowingly break the law by killing protected species and that they are rarely prosecuted. The RSPB and Wild Justice are trying hard to change the law to fight for the wildlife and to rectify this. The lockdown has made this persecution easier for the criminals involved and so it has increased all across the country.

If the killings have not been reported, I would be happy to do so.

Many thanks

Linda. Tel 01635 268318

Dear Editor

I am in the group 'Kingsclere Past and Present' on Facebook, and there are some quite interesting articles appearing. Somebody is obviously visiting the archives of Kingsclere Heritage Association and reproducing bits which were published in the Kingsclere News in the 1960s (familiar to me when I worked with the archives in the 2000s)

Rather than just informing a few in the Facebook group, I thought it would be a wonderful idea to put some of this information in The Tower, or to get someone in the Heritage Association to do the research work for you. People are obviously very interested in the history of our village.

Kind regards,
Ursula Taylor

Dear Ursula,

Thank you for your letter. I, like you, find the stories about Kingsclere that appear on 'Kingsclere Past and Present' fascinating. It allows people, some of whom live on the far side of the globe to remember their families' lives in Kingsclere and many come up with priceless stories.

The Tower concentrates on providing information on what is happening in the village currently and as a platform for local churches, organisations and clubs to advertise what they do. Other items are included too but often space is very much at a premium. We do have occasional historical pieces provided by members of the Heritage Association but, normally these have to be short as the A5 page format of the Tower does not make for easy reading if we have an article of more than two pages. We prefer to restrict them to one page only. Two months ago we had two pieces of historical interest and there is one this month in this edition which followed a request for information on the 'Kingsclere Past and Present' Facebook page..

I know that members of the Heritage Association Committee are also members of the 'Kingsclere Past and Present' Facebook page and I'm sure this will result in some fruitful research in the future.

Regards, Mike Stokoe (October Editor)

Royal British Legion



At the time of writing, we await further direction regarding the Remembrance Parade and Poppy Appeal for 2020.

As we currently stand we will, sadly, be unable to hold a parade or church service. This year's Act of Remembrance will be a small gathering at the memorial. If you do attend, please ensure you maintain your own social distancing. If you or your organisation wish to lay a wreath, please contact me on 01635 628004.

We have been informed that we will be unable to collect for the Poppy Appeal face to face, but this may change before October. Details to follow.

We held our first socially distanced Brunch Club in late September to try and bring some of the branch and community together. With the recent changes to the regulations, we are unsure when the next will be.

Mark Holden
Chairman, Kingsclere RBL

KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB

Social distancing

At the time of writing, the Government has tightened its rules on meeting socially. Events, classes and meetings can still continue with more than six people so long as those taking part do not socialise in groups of more than six. If you attend, please help us all by sticking to the rules!



New activities coming to the Club



A brand-new **music group** for 5 to 8 year olds starting in October. Games and activities to grow confidence, build musical skills and learn to play the recorder!

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AGM – CHANGE OF DATE

Our annual AGM is at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 21st

(not as advertised in last month's Tower) at the Club or online, depending on circumstances. Please contact:

clerk@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk as we need to know numbers in advance. Do you want to stand for nomination as a Trustee? Then please contact our Clerk as above.

Helen 297390 or events@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk

Reflections

"Oh, I wonder what will happen next year - there's always something exciting on a farm. I'm sure next year will be greater fun than ever! But that, of course, is another story." And so with those words came the end of

The Children of Willow Farm by Enid Blyton, which I'd been reading to my daughter at bedtimes. It wasn't perhaps as page-turning as the Famous Five or Secret Seven but we enjoyed it nonetheless. I must admit I learned a lot about how things are made, whether it be thatching, making a haystack, shoeing a horse, or churning cream to make butter. It really reminded me what a wonderful world God has created and how so much has been provided for us.



And remembering the good things given to us in the world is a central part of our harvest festivals which we'll celebrate this month. That's why traditionally worshippers have brought the produce of their gardens and allotments, whether it be fruit or vegetables or flowers, to decorate the church as a reminder of the provision that God has made for all of us. Being able to wonder at the fresh grown carrots and marrows, apples and potatoes, cabbages and cucumbers is part of what harvest services are about. But we don't just stop there, because what the harvest is meant to point us to is not just the wonder of creation, but the wonder of a Creator who made such things. It's meant to lead us to thanking God for these things and to, in a word, worship.

Perhaps given the struggles of this last year, that's something we need to do all the more. Because, although there are many beautiful and wonderful things in the world, there are also some very troubling things, things that we can't explain or account for. But, as Christians, we believe and hold onto God being good because we've seen it in Jesus Christ, in His selfless love shown on the cross and the intimacy with God that that brings us.

We'd love you to join us at our harvest services this year which are this Sunday morning, 4th October in Kingsclere at 9.30am & 10.30am, and at 9.30am in Headley on the 11th and 9.30am in Ashford Hill on the 18th. All are welcome.

Blessings, Ben



Sunday Worship at St Mary's Church OCTOBER

Worship

All our churches have followed government and Church of England guidelines and have put measures in place to keep everyone safe. For more details on what to expect when you come to worship, see www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

	8 A.M. (BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)	9:30 A.M. (COMMON WORSHIP)	10:30 A.M.
4 th October	Headley Holy Communion	Kingsclere Holy Communion HARVEST	Kingsclere Morning Worship HARVEST
11 th October	Kingsclere Holy Communion	Headley Morning Worship HARVEST	Kingsclere All-Age Messy Worship
18 th October		Ashford Hill Morning Worship HARVEST	Kingsclere Communion Service
25 th October		Ashford Hill Holy Communion	Kingsclere Morning Worship

If you're unable to worship with us in person please join us via YouTube

Private Prayer

St Mary's Church will be open each Thursday between 10am and 4pm for those that wish to use it for private prayer or quiet reflection.

Thursday Worship

Every Thursday at 10.30am there will be a worship service held in the side chapel of St Mary's with prayers, music and a short bible study, particularly for those who are not yet confident in coming to Sunday worship & for those who are feeling isolated and would like to meet others mid-week for worship.

Other Church Activities

At the moment, all other mid-week services, groups and events are not meeting

Kingsclere Methodist Church



On Sunday 6th September we were able to re-open our Church for worship for the first time since lockdown happened in March. I think we were all a little apprehensive as to how things would look and work out within the church, given that we are having to comply with social distancing, wearing face masks and particularly hard for us Methodists, **no singing!**

However, we had no need to be concerned. The seating in church worked well, everyone wore their face mask / visor and we hummed the hymns and clapped at the end.

Our thanks must go to Maggy Wallace, who was willing to accept the challenge and be first on the new Rota and who prepared and took the service so beautifully. Thank you also to all those of you who came to the service (twenty in total). We hope you enjoyed being able to worship with us again and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Wendy Morgan, Senior Steward. Tel : 01635 297538

Services in October

4th Morning Worship led by our Worship Leaders

11th NO SERVICE

18th Morning Worship led by Malcolm Stone

25th NO SERVICE

All are welcome to attend

Lighting up St. Mary's

The sight of St Mary's Church when it is floodlit is truly beautiful. Many people sponsor these lights (£12 per evening) to celebrate an occasion such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary, christening, or some other special day in their lives.

To book, contact Emma our Church Administrator on 0779 0934972.



October

6th To commemorate Terry Mark's 15-year anniversary of his passing. Empathy Makes People Ask To Help You. It's been 15 years on the 6th October since we said goodbye to you Terry (Tel) and it's still so very hard living without seeing your face except in a photo. I would give anything to have a hug with you. Fly high my darling I love and miss you so much. Love from Mum, Dad, Sally, Charlotte and all the family xx

21st Loving thoughts of Neil (Westcombe) on his birthday. Love always Elaine, Christopher, Suzanna, Helen, Chris, Thomas and Oliver.

The Albert Hall

The builders have been busy renovating the Albert Hall in Swan Street. How good it is to see the building back in use as studios for the Kingsclere Performing Arts College. Not only is it pleasing to see the Hall restored, but in use by the young which is how it has been used for much of its history.

The Albert Hall is built on a garden originally owned by New College, Oxford. The land was bought at the suggestion of Mrs Porter, wife of Park House stables owner John Porter. It was built by Mr Garrett for £855 3s 11d with donations from a large number of people including the Holding family who lived at Elm Grove and Lord Wellington who donated £20. It was opened by Miss. Beach, daughter of Rt. Hon. William Beach, local JP and Member of Parliament on 14 June 1886. Amongst the regular performers at the early annual concerts was Mildred Porter, daughter of John and a medal winner at the Royal Academy.

The availability of a stage and ample room for an audience made it a perfect place for local entertainment. The Newbury News for April 1896 records on the 11th a dramatic performance, organised by Mrs Holding for the benefit of the Kingsclere Cricket Club, before a large and appreciative audience, of "the Duchess of Bayswater and Company". Miss Lillian and Mr W. Holding Jnr. parts "were both well sustained". This was followed by Burnand and Sullivan's "charming little comic opera Cox and Box" Mr Sweeting was specially mentioned for his "exquisitely refined singing". Here to, 4 September 1900, there was a capacity audience that voted to support a new railway line between Basingstoke and the Didcot, Newbury and Southampton line, stopping in Kingsclere and continuing to Highclere. Sadly, such enthusiasm did not result in sufficient financial support to sustain the campaign.

During WW2, local girls got to dance with American Servicemen at the Albert Hall, who, in turn, entertained local children at Christmas time. During the war, the hall was also used by the Secondary Modern School for assemblies as well as classes. This continued after the war. Many will also remember ballet and old time dance classes held there. Brownie meetings took place and local amateur dramatic performances were held. It was very much the Village Club where wedding receptions and parties occurred. I well remember the late Chrissy Snook recounting pantomimes, parties and her own wedding celebration there. By the end of the '60's it was no longer financially viable so it was sold and in 1969 it became the St Peter & Paul Catholic Church, a much-loved place of worship for local Catholics sustained financially, in part by the Social Club run at the rear of the premises. When the Social Club closed at the beginning of this century and with the slow reduction in worshippers, the decision was made to sell.

A sad end to one of the corner stones of the community.

Nevertheless, entertainment and youth were amongst the reasons for the Hall being built and the Performing Arts College is a fitting use of the facility.

mike@mikestoke.com

Kingsclere Heritage Association



We are starting our Winter programme on
THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER 7.45pm

Our Chairman **Richard Croft** will present his next instalment of
" THE CONTINUING STORY OF KINGSCLERE ".

The village and local area played a significant part in the Second World War. It was a base for thousands of troops particularly in training prior to D Day. The village had it's own Royal Observer Corps, Home Guard and Women's Land Army. There was an important gunnery range on the outskirts and a shooting at the Crown which was hushed up at the time but later given National coverage. All this will be covered in Richard's presentation.

Immediately before Richard's presentation commencing at **7.00pm** we will hold our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**.

We meet at the Village Club, George Street. Visitors are welcome at £3 pp. We are pleased to be able to meet again after the enforced closure of the last several months. The Club has gone to great lengths to ensure our safety and we will play our part in abiding by the regulations which will be clearly displayed.

Michael Leah Secretary tel 297403

Thank you to everyone who bought a copy of my booklet

"A History of Kingsclere Dell".

I hope you enjoyed reading about this unique and fascinating corner of Kingsclere that was once a working chalk pit.

Unfortunately, a couple of errors crept in so please note

Page 6: St Mary's Church is 12th Century.

Page 19: Should read Plastow Green

Fascinating facts:

- In 1881 there were as many children (under 16's) living in the Dell as adults (111).
- Some cottages have been auctioned three times in their life.
- Two railway carriages were brought in the 1880's and used as a 'Ranter's' hall.
- A medieval dagger dated 1541 was dug up whilst burying a pig.
- So many men joined up in WW1 that a war shrine was dedicated as a reminder.

A few copies of the booklet are still available at £5.00, including free delivery within Kingsclere Village.

If anyone would like a copy please email GarethAlanMartin@gmail.com

Nature Notes

The garden pond has existed for over thirty years and during that time the fish have generally been in good health but have rarely produced any progeny, this year is so different. Black goldfish fry are understandable as a rather plump mature fish was introduced in Spring but there are also abundant numbers of shubunkin fry which are brightly coloured whilst still small so that the pond is alive with colour. They are also very active and, although only an inch in length, are already mixing it with the large fish at feed times.



Could the gravid fish have stimulated mature shubunkins to breed? The weather was extremely hot at the peak of the breeding season? No golden orfe are currently in the pond. They were very active fish and possible fry eaters? Whatever the reason, they are a delight.

Last year, two self-sown sunflowers left to go to seed, attracted enough birds to remove every last seed. Two more were deliberately planted this year and the large seed heads are attracting customers.



Visiting Hosehill Lake recently made us aware of the increase in cormorant numbers as these birds of the coast have moved steadily inland to exploit the fishing opportunities of lake and gravel pits. We counted 51 adults and juveniles occupying the lake margin. We also noted that great crested grebes were scarce and that perhaps

the competition for fish by voracious cormorants had driven them away.

The tiny autumn ladies tresses orchids are flowering at the moment on Greenham Common and this year fine crops of field mushrooms and puffball mushrooms have appeared.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

Kingsclere Community Library



Thank you to everyone who responded to our notice in last month's parish magazine. We are heartened by the good wishes and concern expressed, and we will keep everyone posted as to our situation as it develops.

We are delighted that people are returning to the library and want to remind you that while an appointment is not required, you may find it helpful to book your library time. If you attend without booking, you may need to wait outside, since we are keeping numbers restricted for everyone's safety.

We received a good number of new adult and children's books last month, so do come in and browse.

If you would like to book a time you may do so by emailing or phoning.

We are grateful to everyone for wearing masks and sanitising their hands as they enter – thank you! Just a gentle reminder to some that your nose needs to be covered, too!

If you book the Go Online computer, which now must be done by contacting the main library phone number, you will still need to book your time in the library by contacting us. We apologise for this awkwardness, but there is no way around it at the present.

The jigsaw library which was so popular during lockdown is still going strong with new puzzles available.

Nicki Lee, Kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com 07899 623872

Kingsclere Gardening Association



At last we had a meeting, with most of the committee present, on a very nice sunny afternoon in a garden down Union Lane. Luckily we met this week as another two days and it would have been illegal. Things change so quickly! However, the answer to all suggestions was, "Wait and see", as we all know nothing can be planned. It was agreed that all current members would automatically have membership free for next year up to January 2022. Let us hope that there will be something worth while seeing or hearing. It was also agreed that it should be possible to organise a plant sale for next May if we spread things around in the churchyard. We will need to discuss this with FOSM who have always been responsible for the sale. We were unable to plan any shows. These will be discussed in the New Year.

At home the potatoes have been dug and in fairly good condition with much less slug damage than last year. Winter crops of leeks and parsnips are growing well. They are always supposed to be better after frost. Nowadays they are on sale all year round. Brussel sprouts have suffered from drought and pigeons. The consolation is they are not usually dear to buy and may need less preparation than home grown. Lawns have recovered well with mowing needed quite frequently and some toadstools have grown as well. I am planning to move the rhubarb which will involve a lot of digging but the crowns could provide some good forced stems for next year. There will probably be some spare if anyone needs some!

Let's hope for a reasonable Christmas but not with too much optimism!

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

**St Mary's 200 Club Winner
September 2020, no 83, Heath Denness**

Well done, Heath

October In The Garden

This month autumn colours will give a good show. Unfortunately they last for such a short time before the leaves begin to fall. This is accelerated by the cold nights- so enjoy the show now! With the leaves falling from the trees, it's wise to pick them up as soon as possible. This prevents slugs and snails from setting up home underneath them. A good way to decompose the leaves is to place them in a black bin bag punched with holes and leave for a couple of years. This will make wonderful leaf mould. Do make sure you do not compost diseased leaves.



As most baskets and tubs have finished flowering, they can now be planted up with bulbs and evergreens including hardy cyclamens and heathers. Plant evergreen hedging plants now before the soil becomes too hard with frost. Otherwise leave this job for the Spring.

Roses can be pruned. Climbing roses need to be tidied up removing any dead wood. Cut some of the height away to encourage the plant to flower lower down. Otherwise it will become ugly with flowers just at the top of the plant with bare stems lower down. Non-climbing roses I half prune back to stop the plant from rocking in the winter weather leaving the main pruning till Spring.

Trim conifers if needed. Take care not to get too enthusiastic because should you cut into old wood, most will not regenerate.

It is time to gather and save seeds. Some gardeners leave the seed heads on plants as they can look very attractive when covered in frost, but take care as some seed heads are a nightmare if left to self set.

Dahlias can be dug up after the first frost, stems cut down, then turned upside down to drain and stored carefully. If dahlias are grown in a sheltered spot they can be left in the ground so long as the cut down plant has a pile of soil on top to prevent the frost penetrating to the tubers. Hopefully, most of the spring bulbs have been planted by now. Tulips can be planted from now till November. They do like drainage. When planting them in pots I like to add gravel to the bottom of the pot and usually I plant the tulips in layers.

The vegetable plot needs digging over when the runner beans have finished. There is still time to plant spring cabbage and autumn onion sets. Also garlic can go into the ground as can broad bean seeds. Last of the main crop apples should be packed for storage. Blackcurrants can be pruned now if necessary.

The garden is giving us it's last show before winter with plants like the Kaffir lily, nerines, Chinese lanterns, chrysanthemums and berries.

Denise Allen

Kingsclere Photo Club

Friendly and thriving club covering many aspects of photography for most ages and abilities with an emphasis on sharing work rather than competition.

We also run a traditional darkroom for black and white printing. Group meetings the first Wednesday of the month, normally at the Village Club, George Street (though on 'Zoom' during the present Covid-19 restrictions).



ANNUAL EXHIBITION – due to Covid-19 we will unfortunately not be hosting our annual exhibition this year. Instead we will have an on-line exhibition of work on our website.

2021 CALENDAR



We are pleased to announce our super 2021 calendar, with local images from 13 members.

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or call Gareth Martin and leave a message on (01635) 299227

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group



This month, we would like to say a big thank you to The Four Lanes Trust based in Basingstoke. They have awarded us with a grant to enable us to replace our very rickety and leaky toy storage shed with a brand-new sparkly shed. Our committee worked hard on the application and we are pleased to accept this grant. As well as giving the toys a good clean, the shed will allow improved storage and better conditions for all the toys, most important at this time.

At time of writing, the rule of 6 is being implemented and therefore it is still difficult to imagine how we can reopen Bunnies anytime soon in its previous format, but we are open to ideas, perhaps having toy zones for family groups to pre-book in order to stick to social distancing rules. We are looking at lots of different options, but if you have any suggestions please do get in touch. The committee are all volunteers and have the best interests of our Bunnies and their families and carers at heart, so please bear with us during this difficult time and keep an eye on our Facebook pages for updates. (Or please ignore all of this if we have in fact reopened between writing and Tower delivery!)

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.

Check out our Bunnies Facebook site – as well as our local buying and selling site “Kingsclere Bunnies Preloved”, where local mums often have bargains to pass on.

villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com



Kingsclere Youth Football Club

The Kingsclere Youth Football Club was formed in 1989 by Steve Clark who remains Life President of the club. Boys and girls are welcomed to the club from



the age of 6 years initially learning the basic skills progressing to playing matches in small-sided formats until the age of 13 when they play 11 a side football. Our Saturday teams play in the North East Hants Youth League while the Peter Houseman Youth League provides Sunday Football

Despite the problems caused by the Covid19 situation football is under-way again while adhering to strict guidelines. Saturday morning training is undertaken at The Fieldgate Centre while matches are played at Michael's Field in Hannington where the club benefits from the use of three excellent pitches, a recently refurbished pavilion and the club installed a defibrillator in case the excitement gets too much for the supporters!

The club is keen to recruit more players, boys and girls, particularly for the Under 10 and Under 11 teams.

There is a hard-working committee which aims to raise funds through social events including the Annual Awards day. This ensures players have first class kit to play matches in Home strip (Red and Black), Away strip (Yellow and Black), and that the correct equipment is always available. In order to keep subscriptions as low as possible the club is grateful to kit sponsors which last season included a generous donation from the Tower Magazine.

We maintain strict Child Welfare measures and are proud of our tradition to encourage players of all abilities to play football in a true sporting manner.

The Club achieved the FA Charter Standard Club award in October 2004 which has been renewed successfully ever since. In 2007 the Club won best Charter Club in Hampshire.

More information can be found on the club website or by emailing secretary **Richard Hannev** on richard.hannev53@btinternet.com (<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/kingsclereyouthfootballclub>)

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands WI Village Club, 35 George Street, Kingsclere



Speaker **Ian Henderson**, retired BBC reporter / journalist, is the presenter we had booked for a talk this month on Wednesday 14 October at our Village Club venue. The title of his presentation: *'Around the World in 40 Years'* - recalling four decades of an exciting TV career. We are sad to hear that, although safe from Covid-19, Ian's health is not currently good. We wish him improvement and greater peace of mind and intend to keep in touch with him.

In this same month of the 'old normal' we would have enjoyed a second billing (scheduled a fortnight later for Wednesday 28th October) when members of our local WI, would have 'tootled' over to attend our Autumn Group Meeting at the East Woodhay Village Hall. The East Woodhay WI, a sister-member of our North Downs WI Group, was to have hosted this event. Who then was the Speaker who would have entertained us at East Woodhay? That would be **James Haddow**, increasingly well known as the *'Taxi-Driver Poet'* - a 'moniker' he regards not as a nickname but as his *nom de plume*, his *alter ego* and (almost) his "reason for being".

Anyone wanting to learn more about him before we can see him should *Google* his name or refer any specific enquiry to our WI via the contact below.

Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum quickly responded to lockdown by moving our services on-line. We focused efforts on tackling isolation for our members by providing support virtually. Offering both weekly coffee & chat and chair yoga sessions.

We also continued to provide our signposting activities which help those with disability related queries.

We will always find a way to continue supporting the disabled people in our community. Currently our offerings include weekly virtual Chair Yoga & meditation, Walking Clubs, and Online Signposting and Support groups.

We would love to hear from you whether you have feedback, ideas on how we can best serve our disabled community or if you would like more information on our current services - become a member of our BDDF community follow us on Facebook @BDDForum; email us info@bddf.org.uk or call 01256 423869.

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