

The KINGSCLERE Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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Your Tower

We're grateful to everyone who contributes to the Tower, keeping all of us informed about news and opportunities in our village.

We are delighted that so many are enthusiastic about sharing their information through our magazine. In order to allow everyone their say, we sometimes have to shorten articles. Long lists of thanks normally don't go in, and events that are several months in advance are usually also cut. Each event may go in one month, with just a couple lines in another edition for a 'heads up' or a reminder.

It helps if most months most items are less than an A5 page. Priority is given to events in Kingsclere. If you keep all this in mind you are more likely to have your whole item remain as you had planned. Also, **please submit text, not PDFs**, as we often can't insert as sent.

Thank you to everyone for your understanding and help.

The Editors

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FAWCONER ROAD DEVELOPMENT SITE – Thank you to the 68 residents who attended the exhibition at the Village Club on Monday 1st July where representatives from David Wilson Homes and Savills were there to discuss the proposed development at Fawconer Road.

Feedback from residents will inform amendments to the scheme prior to the outline planning application being submitted to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, and will be included in a Statement of Community Involvement that will accompany the application.

One of the queries raised by residents was the traffic survey strip across the road. A number of people commented that it is south of Fawconer Road and therefore not picking up traffic turning left onto Ashford Hill Road. DWH have checked with their highways engineer and this strip was monitoring traffic speeds over a 7 day period to inform the visibility splay required for vehicles exiting the site. An additional survey has already been carried out at the Ashford Hill Road/A339 junction to monitor all traffic movements using that junction.

MISSED BIN COLLECTIONS – Advice from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Please do not report a missed bin collection until after 6pm. Collections are from 7am to 6pm on the day of your collection, there is no set time during this period. Due to the round changes the times will have altered from when they used to be collected.

Before reporting a missed bin collection:

Have you checked your bin collection date?

Was your bin placed on the edge of your property by 7am on your collection day?

Check online if there was a problem with your collection
<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/MissedBin>

If you still feel your bin was missed, please phone Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on 01256 844844. You must report your missed bin within 24 hours, otherwise the crews will not return until your next scheduled collection day.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collection dates are Wednesday 11th and 25th September 2019.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 30th September 2019, in the Village Club, (unless otherwise notified). We welcome the attendance of all parishioners at our meetings and anyone who wishes to raise any matters of concern will be given the opportunity to do so.

The Parish Website www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk

 @kingsclerepc  facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

Kingsclere Village Club

Charity Registration Number 233266a



“... a wonderful piece of theatre, a real treat ...” A welcome return of the ‘mesmerically gifted’ actress **Alison Neil** with **Larks & Magic** – the fascinating life story of children’s author E. Nesbit (The Railway Children). £15 Supper included* **Saturday 28th September 7:30 pm**, doors open 7 pm



Dance the night away (or sit and tap your feet!) at **Rock & Chilli**
Live music with **Contraband**, **Friday 4th October 7:30 pm £10**
including a chilli supper*

**please inform us of any dietary requirements*

Tickets for both events from events@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk, tel. 297390 or The Village Butcher *also* **Larks & Magic** wegottickets.com/event/479608
Rock & Chilli wegottickets.com/event/479612

Date correction: our evening of magic with Mike Stoner is on Saturday 21st
March 2020

Dementia Friends Information Session with Bluebird Care, 10:30am Saturday
28th September.

Can you help? Our next ‘Clean-in’ will be held on Sunday October 20th 10-12 am.
Volunteers welcome.

Helen 297390

Kingsclere Heritage Association



We resume our speaker programme on Thursday SEPTEMBER 26th when our Chairman Richard Croft will continue his story of the history of Kingsclere this time from the late Victorian period to Queen Elizabeth II. Richard will look at the changes in the village as a result of the first and second World wars and thus bring us much up to date.

We meet at Kingsclere Village Club at 7.30pm .
Visitors always very welcome £3 p.p.

Michael Leah, Secretary, tel 01635 297403

Alder Bridge Steiner-Waldorf School



Open Day on Saturday 12th October from 10am until 12pm. Chat to teachers, parents and pupils; take part in classroom activities and explore our kindergarten and school.

Alder Bridge is a warm and vibrant community with many opportunities to get involved, both in the education of the children and in community life. We boast 6 acres of woodland with an outdoor classroom, set in semi-rural grounds off the A4 between Reading and Newbury.

www.alderbridge.org.uk
0118 971 4471

Registered Charity No. 297857

Dear Editors,

My Husband recently lost his wallet, he was convinced it was in the house so blocked his cards.

The next day when he arrived home from work, his wallet had been posted through our letter box all intact but with no note.

We would just like to say a very big thank you to whoever returned it. It's nice to know there are still decent people out there.

Regards
Debbie / Wilf

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group



We have enjoyed a lovely summer at Bunnies. It has been great to see some of the children who have left us for preschool or school coming back for a visit. We wish all of the children well who are going to school in September, you will all have a brilliant time!

With older bunnies departing, there is space for new baby bunnies to join us. We have a special protected area for babies with lots soft matting and toys to keep them entertained. It is also a great opportunity for new parents to meet fellow carers – enjoy a tea or coffee while the children play together. Don't forget, the first session is free and don't worry if you aren't able to get there for 9am, it is not a problem to drop in whenever you can make it. We hope to see you soon.

Where: The Village Club, George St

When: every Tuesday, 9am-11am

Cost: first visit free. After that, £1 for bumps and unweaned babies. £2 for first child (including snack donated by Swan St Stores) and 50p for additional children.

villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com

Headley with Ashford Hill Community Shop

We are currently looking for volunteers to help each day for 2 hours, or more if you can do so. Shifts to be covered are 9.30 – 11.30 & 11.30 – 1.30

This will be to stack shelves, serve customers (if you wish to), keep the shop tidy and other general duties.

We are a friendly community shop, we would like for you to join our volunteers.

If you would like to come along to the shop, please ask for Carol-anne or email me on carol_anne_rhatigan@hotmail.com

“Autumn Delights”

The Reading 440 choir and Fusion instrumental group Saturday 26th October 2019
7pm – 9pm

St. Paul's Church, Ashford Hill RG19 8AZ - Early bird tickets £8 now selling in Kingsclere Butchers and Ashford Hill and Headley Community Shop and Eventbrite

St Michael's Hospice House to House Results



I would like to thank Mrs Ellie Hamilton, our House to House Volunteer Co-ordinator and all our fantastic willing volunteers who were out in the village in June collecting for St. Michael's Hospice. The residents of Kingsclere this year have raised the fantastic amount of £723.47 which is truly wonderful, and I would like to say thank you to all the residents who help support this year's Campaign.

The continued support of the local community and our volunteers is hugely important to everyone at St. Michael's Hospice and without this generosity and kindness we would be unable to provide the vital services to patients across North Hampshire with life limiting illnesses. With your help we can continue to provide the best professional care for our patients and families at a time when it is truly needed, and for that we thank you.

Kingsclere Community Library



It's the Book Sale!!

Saturday 21st Sept. 9am-4pm

Sunday 22nd Sept. 10am-3pm

As always, thousands of books on offer at very low prices,
and FREE tea, coffee & cake

Donated books very gratefully received at the library
(no CDs or DVDs, thank you)

Kingsclere Summer Reading FUN!

Has been very successful, with many children collecting their prize, medal and certificate! It's not too late to collect yours!

The third Tuesday of each month is Jigsaw Puzzle Day, come along and join in putting together a puzzle.

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

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands W.I.

Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street



Our next Meeting: Wednesday 11 September

Members & Visitors: Please sign in at 1.30 for a *prompt* start of ‘business’ at 1.45

Speaker: Jill Daniels

Jill’s talk: “*Romans, Ottomans, Tulips*”

We won’t disclose any more of the presentation other than to say it concerns the exotic history of a city throughout its three famous identities.

We welcome **VISITORS** with open arms. There is a modest fee of just £2 per person to ‘sample’ one of our monthly meetings. Although W.I. rules set a maximum of only 2 trial visits we believe you might find us appealing enough to consider taking up membership! It is always such a pleasure for us to introduce a new member to those elements which our W.I. provides: the companionship of colleagues, the snippets of knowledge delivered by many good speakers throughout the year, the occasional excursion and not least of all, the regular ‘teas & treats.’

Two more thoughts: (1) Our monthly ‘bring ‘n’ buy table will give you the chance to buy all sorts of items including plants at ‘give-away’ prices; (2) our monthly raffle offers the chance of winning any one of the many prizes on the Raffle Table at better odds than you can imagine.

MEMBERS: Letter-clue for the monthly competition is “S” for ‘Sierra’

Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570

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

St Mary’s 200 Club Winner August 2019, no 8 Mary Smith

Well done, Mary



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

Saturday, 14 September, 2019

The Elephant Man

(1980 – Historical/Drama -AA - 124min)

A surgeon rescues a heavily disfigured and mistreated man. Behind the face is a person of intelligence and sensitivity. Stars Anthony Hopkins, John Hurt, Anne Bancroft and John Gielgud.

Next month: Saturday, 5 October – **Collette** (2018) –
AGM & start of New Season

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

New members welcome at any time.

For further information call John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221 or Diana Tait (Membership Sec) 298494

Do you have a few hours to spare once or twice a month on Thursday afternoon between 1:30pm and 4:00pm?

AGE
Concern

We are looking for a willing, friendly volunteer, who enjoys supporting older people and can help our two existing volunteers.

The Kingsclere Social Group, meets at Rose Hodson Court

This friendly group enjoys an afternoon of games, quizzes, chair based exercises and much more besides.

So whether you make a lovely cuppa or enjoy calling a game of bingo or enjoy chatting to people, you are who we are looking for.

We would love to hear from you. Please call **Age Concern Hampshire** on **01256 423874** and ask to speak to Kirsty.

This group means so much to those that come along each week and you can help to make a real difference

TAI CHI for HEALTH

Tuesdays 2-2:45 pm, The Village Club, Kingsclere

Suitable for Everyone



For bookings and further information call Paula Chandler 07825 664296
or email Paulakayfitnessberkshire@gmail.com

Kingsclere Bowling Club



The Sandy Walker Memorial Trophy was held on Saturday 3rd August 2019. Joan Walker hosted a wonderful afternoon of competitive bowling. The final was a close-run match with Elaine Stephens, Andy Fisher and Daniel Meredith emerging triumphant. The match was followed by a delicious meal.

The bowling season is well under way with all teams performing well in their respective leagues. The weather has been kind to us making all matches more enjoyable with the green playing exceptionally well.

We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining us or just giving it a try, then why not drop in to the club on a Tuesday evening after 7:00pm.

Would you like to join our friendly book club?

We meet on the last Thursday of each month in Kingsclere Library at 7:30pm.

Books are chosen by the group from Hants Libraries' book sets and cover a wide range of fiction and some non-fiction too. We'd welcome a few extra members

If you are interested please email - georgestreetreaders@gmail.com for more information

METHODIST NOTES

Kingsclere Methodist Church. Services for September

- 1st September Maggy Wallace Morning Worship
- 8th September Revd. Rachel Borgars Holy Communion
- 15th September Jane Sutton Morning Worship
- 22nd September Revd. Andy Fitchet Morning Worship
- 29th September Revd. Rachel Borgars Harvest Festival (Donations of Tinned and Packet Foods would be very much appreciated and will be donated to the Basingstoke Food Bank)



After the Service we shall be having our Harvest Festival Lunch which is a Bring and Share event. All are welcome to attend. Just bring along a plate or bowl of food to share and enjoy God's bounty.

Services begin at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

CAMARADERIE

Our August meeting was a great success. There was a 'Garden Party' theme, with the obligatory hats and great entertainment provided by Mr. Jack Connors. We all enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and a glass of bubbles!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd October, when our speaker will be a representative from St. Michael's Hospice, followed by afternoon tea.

Do please come along to the Methodist Schoolroom at 2.30 pm and join us. You will be made most welcome. £2.00 to include refreshments and raffle.

Pam Kitch – 01635 299743

METHODIST CHURCH:

Chief Steward	Wendy Morgan	297538
Secretary & Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	297585

ROMAN CATHOLIC:

Rev Patrick Tansey	0118 981 4572
tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

Reflections



I wonder whether you've ever experienced a violent storm. This summer we've had a few in Britain with various events being cancelled particularly in Cornwall, where we had a quite damp (yet enjoyable) family holiday last month. But it's another storm that will forever be etched in my memory. When I was a child, we used a camp in North Wales on a little peninsula connected to the mainland via a causeway. It's called Shell Island because of the number of shells which wash up on the beach there. One day we went for a long walk and on our return we were caught in an awful downpour. I remember my sister and I sheltering behind a giant boulder the mainland side of the causeway while my parents tried to flag a car down to take us across the causeway. It was dark and cold but then someone stopped and got us back to the island and to our tent which thankfully kept most of the wind and rain out. I guess we shivered as our parents dried us down and put us in bed, to sleep very well that night!

I write this having thought on another storm on the first day of our summer holiday club. We had a great time learning about when Jesus and the disciples were out on the Sea of Galilee and got caught in a storm. As the disciples, some of them seasoned fishermen, panicked and were wracked with fear, Jesus slept on a cushion in the stern. Finally they woke him and said "Teacher, don't you care that we are perishing?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!". And as He did that, a great calm descended. The disciples were amazed, saying "Who then is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

As we thought about that event, we were reminded that God is able to deal with our fears and worries. We were able to physically see these worries dissolve as we poured water on dissolvable paper. And Jesus doesn't only do that for holiday club children but for all. He can take our worries and fears and deal with them, leaving us with a deep sense of peace and calm. Why not ask Him into your situation and see how He can do this in your life even today?

**Blessings,
Ben**

Sunday Worship in our Churches September 2019



St Paul's, Ashford Hill

1st September 8am

22nd September 11am

29th September 6pm **Harvest Worship**
(starting at 5pm with a Bring and Share Supper)

St Peter's, Headley

8th September 11am

15th September 8am

St Mary's, Kingsclere

Breakfast every week at 8.45am in the Kingsmill Room

1st September 9.15am

8th September 8am and 9.15am

15th September 9.15am and 11am **Harvest**

22nd September 8am and 9.15am

29th September 9.15am



for more information on services and events in our churches see
www.clerewoodlands.org.uk

St. MARY'S CHURCH:

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	Sarah Mussett sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk	01635 291900
Administrator:	Emma Rivers	
	administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk	07790 934972

Changes to St Mary's Church Interior

It seems the months just fly by and it's time to prepare another update on what's happening with the proposed changes to the church.

The plans have been on display inside the West Door for nearly two months and I know from comments and conversations I have had that people are interested and have particular ideas and views about what we are considering.

Tradition plays a big part in what people want to see, moving the font, replacing the pews and changing the current layout and how we envisage the use of the building in the years to come have produced the most responses.

We must be sympathetic to the past and yet be prepared to see change where necessary and to bring the building and its facilities fit for current purpose.

Our meeting with the church authorities in July produced helpful and constructive comments and has made us look again at some of the changes we wanted to make but overall, they were supportive of the majority of the current plan.

The email address created for your suggestions and ideas has now closed and the committee intend to meet to discuss and amend the plans where possible or where the strength of concerns was such that we could not ignore your comments.

It is intended that we will submit draft plans and our draft Statement of Need and Statement of Significance to the DAC Office (The Diocese planning authority) in October 2019

We hope that it will be considered at a meeting during the latter part of this year and any part of our plan not appropriate or requiring change will be returned to us for amendment by the Project Team and our architect.

Its still got a long way to the final plan stage but we hope that after the DAC committee have given us guidance on any changes, they need to see we will be in a position to show the final plan and start the next, more technical stage, of plans which can then be costed.

Whilst this is happening, we will be looking at how we will fund the work, applying for grants and funding from individuals and organisations.

Thank you to all those people who have sent emails, your comments will be considered and discussed. The team hope to have the opportunity to meet and discuss the emails personally with all the contributors as we move the project forward to a conclusion.

Andrew Kitch

Lighting up St. Mary's



5th August Remembering David on his Birthday from the Sanders family.

16th September Neil Westcombe The number of years without you could never be greater than the way we loved you. Love always Elaine, Christopher, Suzanna, Helen, Chris, Thomas and Oliver

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk £12 per evening, block booking discounts. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome.

Deadline for October Tower is September 10th.

Kingsclere Royal British Legion



After a busy start to the year, we are starting to prepare for the events surrounding Remembrance in November. To make this year's Act of Remembrance as special as last years, your support is crucial, so please put 10th November in your diary and come out and support if you can.

Our monthly Brunch Club which is held on the first Saturday of the month at 11am at The Crown continues to go from strength to strength and is open to all of our community, so come along and have a great breakfast, meet the members of the branch and see what we do.

We plan to donate £1000 in September to the Hampshire RBL Welfare Fund; the first time we have been in a position to do so. This fund directly supports local Service Personnel, Veterans and their families who are in dire need. This is possible due to the generosity of the villagers at our recent events; this is what the RBL is about and for your continued support we thank you all.

Our village branch continues to grow steadily in numbers and in our planned events and socials, so why not come along to a meeting which we hold every first Tuesday of the month in The Crown, starting at 7pm, or join us for Brunch! This is a great way to support our community!

Mark Holden, Chairman, Kingsclere Royal British Legion
Kingsclere.Chairman@RBL.Community or via 01635 628004

Kingsclere Gardening Association



Our first meeting this autumn will be on **Thursday, September 12th**, at the Village Club and starting at 7.30pm, doors open 7.00pm and help with putting out chairs will be appreciated.

Our speaker this evening is **Mrs. Patricia Elkington from Crawley near Winchester**. She has been the organizer of the Yellow Book of gardens open to the public for many years and regularly opens her garden to the public and organised groups. At the moment her garden is short listed in a competition to find Britain's Favourite Garden, final judging of this is later in August. She will be bringing plants for sale as she states she is a compulsive potter of plants. The evening is free to members, for visitors there is a £2.00 charge. Membership is £8.00 or £6.00 for seniors.

Our meetings are all on the second Thursday of the month in October and November, nothing in December.

For our October meeting the subject is **The Gardens of Japan**.

John Eckton 01256 850017

Nature Notes



Convolvulus, Bindweed, Cornbine, call it what you will is a real nuisance in the garden, it chokes weak plants with its clinging, smothers foliage, infiltrates flowering bushes and, at this time of the year, seems to grow a mile-a-minute. Not welcome! However, change the scene:- There is an ash hedge locally which has a dense covering of bindweed on top of which is a wonderful display of large white cone flowers which are festooned along its length, A lovely sight and a wild flower doing what comes naturally.

We went to The Countryfile Show at Blenheim again recently. One of the exhibitors was B.T.O. (British Trust for Ornithology) and they were demonstrating bird ringing. They had just netted a young kingfisher and were assessing it, part of which was to weigh it. We were surprised to see the bird placed in a scale pan on its back and the handler's hand removed, it lay there so calmly.. Young kingfisher beaks are green/black.

It was a surprise to see the hedgehog, which visits regularly, completely ignore three large slugs one evening. A hedgehog expert explained that the large amount of slime that they produce makes them unpalatable and also that a hedgehog's relatively small mouth would be unable to cope with prey of this size. The small slugs that do the real damage to our plants are preferred.



Hedgehog courtship is a protracted affair where the sow snorts and puffs while keeping her back protected and the boar pursues stately circles around her. An hour of this can result in both then going their separate ways.

A pair of juvenile terns appear to be the successful outcome of the adults seen occupying the nesting raft on one of the lakes we visit

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred



Summer of Fun

At the time of writing we have held three of the six play sessions during the school summer holidays. We would like to thank children and parents who have supported the days so enthusiastically and who have helped to make them a great success. So far we have welcomed 170 children, plus their carers and baby brothers and sisters. 98 children attended on Playday alone!

Summer of Fun was made possible by the dedicated team of volunteers, and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Greenham Trust, The Good Exchange and Kingsclere Parish Council, with help from Abzorb, Basingstoke Golf Centre, Proteus Theatre, Bounce4Fun, Homestart, the Kingsclere Brownies and Tesco.

Events in September

Sunday 1st - **Caribbean Festival** Midday – 7.30pm FREE Admission. Authentic music, food, drink, art, pottery and crafts, and a T20 cricket match! Everyone welcome to enjoy a laid back Caribbean vibe. Raising funds for Kingsclere Cricket Club and The Fieldgate Centre.

Saturday 14th - **Last Night of the Proms** 7.30pm-10.30pm. Classical music spectacular on the big screen. Bring a picnic supper. Tickets on the door: £5 adults, £2.50 children; includes a glass of Prosecco, beer, or a non-alcoholic alternative. Bar Open (please do not bring alcohol to the event).

Tuesday 17th – **Monthly Meet-Up @ The Fieldgate** 2.30pm-4.30pm. Make friends – social activities – refreshments – volunteer. All welcome. If you require transport, please call 01635 298497.

01635298497

fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com

www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk



We hope you are all having lovely relaxing summers! Back to school seems to be everywhere already, so here are the dates for your diary for Autumn Term 2019/2020.

Saturday 28th September – Autumnal Ball at Sandford Spring Golf Course

Friday 19th October – Film Night for pupils

Monday 22nd October – Happy Bags for schools

Saturday 2nd November – Bonfire Night & Fireworks

Saturday 7th December – Christmas Fayre

Friday 17th January – Film Night for pupils

Happy Bags for Schools is an easy fundraising scheme that helps schools to raise funds through the collection of pre-loved reusable clothing. If you would like to have a sort out and donate old clothing, please pop by the school office to pick up a bag and then deliver old clothing for recycling to school on the morning of Monday 22nd October before 10:00am www.happyschoolbag.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at one of our many events when the new term starts.

If you require any further information about any of our events or want to get involved, please contact fkscommunity@yahoo.com.

Harriet Gabbott
Chairman Friends of Kingsclere School

WATERSHIP DOWN HEALTH FLU IMMUNISATION CLINICS

As usual we will be offering flu vaccination clinics at both **Kingsclere** and **Overton** for those patients over the age of 65 years, pregnant women, or for patients with a history of heart disease, lung problems, or diabetes, since Influenza can be more serious for these people.

If you are eligible you can book at either location, on line, or by contacting the surgeries.

Win Harfield Watership Down Health

Kingsclere Twining Association



- All are welcome to our **AGM** at 7.30 p.m. on **Monday 30 September 2019** at the **Fieldgate Centre**. Join us for a glass of wine and nibbles to hear about this year's activities, and share any ideas you may have for future social events. It's also a good opportunity to **renew your membership** for 2019-2020, at only £5 per family.
- **Tickets now available** for the **Bedbug Drive** at 6.30 p.m. on **Saturday 19 October 2019** at **Kingsclere Primary School**. A Beetle Drive with a Kingsclere twist!
 - Children welcomed.
 - Two course supper provided.
 - Bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks.
 - All are welcome. No need to be a member.
 - Tickets £10 for members, £12 for non-members, £2.50 for children (under 4s free). Email for tickets at Kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk, or contact Sue Watson on 01635 298940.
- **Save the Date** for our recently postponed 'Would I Lie to You?' **Wine Tasting Quiz**. This will now be held on **Saturday 7 December**; further details to follow.

Kingsclere Twinning Association

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Thank you to everyone who attended The Kingsclere Singers 'Songs from the Shows' event in July

A special thank you to The Bel & Dragon, Twist Hair Salon, Sandford Springs, Blandys of Inglewood, The Crown and No. 1 George Street for your support.

The Kingsclere Singers' new term starts on Monday 2nd September at the Methodist church. Rehearsals are every Monday from 7:30pm. If you've ever been curious about giving singing a go, why not come and join us for a taster rehearsal?! We're a fun, laid back group and there's no auditions! We hope to see you on the 2nd.

SILCHESTER PARISH CHURCH

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30P.M.

THE BELLE CANTO TRIO

(Heather Sims, Jane Greenshields, Gabi McKeown)

(with Pianist Andy Baldwin)

PRESENT

'THE FABULOUS FIFTIES'

A New Programme of Trios, Duets and Solos

From the 1950's, including 'Mr Sandman'

'Unchained Melody' & 'Bye-Bye-Love'

Tickets £10 (including glass of wine
or soft drink) (children free)

Pay at the Door

Proceeds to Church Funds

See www.facebook.com/bellecantotrio

www.bellecantouk

Police Report



Theft from motor vehicles: Property stolen from a vehicle at White Hill was found discarded at the cemetery in Ecchinswell. A vehicle has also been broken into at Swan Street where it had been parked overnight.

Several allotments have been broken into at Hollowshot Lane. Batteries have been stolen from an address at Galley Lane and an industrial estate on the A339.

Anti-social behaviour has been reported at Garrett Close, it has been reported that persons using the park are using alcohol and drugs. We will be patrolling the area.

The neighbourhood team investigate incidents where dogs have bitten members of the public. It is your responsibility to ensure that your dog does not act in this way as it can be considered as dangerously out of control. The offence can be committed on your own property. Most incidents are resolved by a Dog Behavioural Contract which the owner of the dog is asked to agree to.

Police responded to an incident at the Dell where an intruder was reported climbing in a window. All was well — it was the householder who couldn't find his key!



Overton & District U3A

Have you heard of the U3A? An organisation run by volunteers all over the country for retired and semi retired people. Our local branch is in Overton. Many volunteers run many groups for many participants. The groups can include card games, mahjong, outings, walking, lunches, dancing, singing, photography, computers, crafts, languages, gardens, and much more. The groups may meet weekly, monthly or bimonthly mostly during the daytime. They may meet at a private house (usually the group leaders house) or a hall or a clubhouse depending on the size of the group.

Membership of the U3A is £15 per year and you can join as many groups as you have time for. Contributions to the group is usually 50p but maybe a little more if held in a hall. For more information go to www.overtonu3a.org.uk. Most groups close in August but you can still sign up to be a member ready for the start of the next term at the beginning of September

Our next monthly meeting is **18th September**, 10.00am at St Mary's Hall, Overton, RG25 3HA when our speaker will be **Lydia Bauman**, an artist and art historian. Her talk will be '**Looking for Georgia O'Keeffe**' an American artist, well known for her paintings of flowers and Mexican landscapes. This promises to be an excellent talk so we look forward to seeing you there! **Visitors pay £3 on the door.**

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum

Trustee recruitment – Have you ever considered becoming a Trustee for a local charity? In return for just 5 hours per month, a unique opportunity has arisen to help shape the future of BDDF and give back within your local community. Experience of working within local schools welcomed but not essential. To know more please contact Tony (Chair) info@bddf.org.uk.

ConneXions coffee morning – Free tea / coffee & cake, social informal coffee morning on 3rd Wednesday morning of the month, 10am-12noon. Meet at the Orchard, White Hart Lane, Basingstoke RG21 4AF for an optional gentle walk around War Memorial Park - route suitable for mobility aids, dogs and pushchairs. Or simply enjoy a free cuppa in The Orchard coffee bar, chat or play a game.

18 September The Army Flying Museum in Andover will visit us to speak about the history and stories of innovation, courage and bravery, and will include artefact handling, smells, dressing up and chance to share memories.

Fibromyalgia / Chronic Pain new daytime & evening support groups
3rd Wednesday of the month, from 16 Sept – The Roger Morris Centre, 1-3pm.
1st Tuesday of the month, from 6 August, 6-8pm at Popley Fields Community Centre.

Disability Information Day Friday 13 September, 9am-4pm, come along for advice and information about the disability you or a member of your family is affected by. At The Malls, Castle Square (outside Primark).

FREE Advanced IT Course – Mondays from 7 October for 7 weeks. Time 10am-1pm. We have space for 10 learners so please request a booking form quickly. info@bddf.org.uk.

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Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship

KINGSCLERE RUGBY CLUB and MINIS RUGBY CLUB

Kingsclere Rugby Club would like to invite you to come along and join us for the new 2019 - 20 season. No matter what level of experience you have you will get a great welcome from the players and club.

Rugby is a full-contact, team game, inclusive of all ages (17 to as old as you like!), shapes and sizes - where the 20 odd stone bulldozers are valued just as highly as the small, pacy whippets!

We train with RFU qualified coaches from 7:00pm on Wednesdays at The Fieldgate Centre, and play our matches on Saturday afternoons.

Our first league game of the season is at home on Saturday 14th September against Farnham 4s, and a preseason away against Hungerford 2s on 7th September.

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

For further information please contact Aurie Woodley on 07733 367900 or alternatively please email info@kingsclererfc.co.uk

Kingsclere Minis Rugby Club would like to invite you to come along and join us from Sunday 8th September.

Mini rugby is a fantastic way of gradually introducing children to the great game in a carefully structured format in line with their physical development and motor skills. In addition to keeping children fit, rugby creates a strong bond of friendship and mutual respect not just for team mates, but for opposition players and the rules of the game. The life skills children learn through rugby are invaluable and many of the friends that the children make during their rugby career will be with them for life.

Minis Rugby is currently for Ages 4 to 10 years (but please feel free to contact us regarding any other age groups).

We train with RFU qualified coaches from 10:30am on Sundays at The Fieldgate Centre, and after each of the action packed and fun filled sessions all the children get a bacon/sausage butty!

For further information regarding the Kingsclere Minis please contact Nikki Shouesmith on 07958 568620 or alternatively please email secretary@kingsclererfc.co.uk

Please follow on Facebook: Kingsclere RFC Minis & Kingsclere RFC

Events from Sandham Memorial Chapel



Chapel Service

Wednesday 4th September 10:15-10:50

Join us for one of our monthly chapel services, led this month by a guest rector. Entry is free, donations are welcomed.

Chapel Talk

Monday 9th September 11am

Listen to the story behind one of the most important 20th century artists - Sir Stanley Spencer and how his dream of a "Holy Box" came to fruition. Tickets £8 call 0344 249 1895

Heritage Open Weekend : Sandham Memorial Chapel – Drawing out the Detail

Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th September 11:00-16:00

An extraordinarily special opportunity to see beyond Stanley Spencer's paintings and view some of his rarely seen sketches. With lots of hands-on activities for young and old and a pop-up vintage tearoom, this is sure to be a special experience. Entry to the chapel will be free to all visitors.



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We raised £135.90 at St Mary Bourne fete, thank you to everyone who visited our stall.

We will be at the Foxcotte Vets Open Day on Saturday 14th September from 1pm-4pm. We hope to see you there.



Lovely Lulu from last month was lucky to find a new home in Salisbury. Mitzy has been in our care for a long time and is waiting patiently for her forever home. She was not happy with the dog in the house so will need a home with no dogs. She would be OK with older children and is used to going out and about so a safe garden away from busy roads would be ideal. She is around 5 years old.

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