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Your Village Magazine

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This month, two requests from the Editorial and Layout teams to everyone who contributes Tower articles by email, whether regularly, or on an occasional basis:

Firstly, please could you make the email subject/title the name of your organisation and/or event eg “Kingsclere Players October production”, or “Whisky Tasting trip”. The reason? We typically receive between 60-80 emails each month, many of which have a subject heading along the lines of “Article for September Tower” When we are reviewing, editing and searching for particular emails it would make our lives so much easier if their subjects/titles gave some guidance as to what each email contains!

Secondly, our Layout team have asked if contributors could please use Times New Roman font unformatted ie. ranged left with no indents etc.

As always, we appreciate your co-operation with these requests.

Sarah

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To all "Tower" Contributors

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THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

The small family run Circus Ginnett will be presenting their show on The Holding Field and will be here from the 11th - 14th September. Please check notices for exact dates and times of the performances.

SPEED WATCH GROUP

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with the Kingsclere Speed Watch Group, we are pleased to report that we now have enough names to get started and wish to thank all those involved for coming forward. The lead Councillor will soon be contacting people who have put their names forward to invite them to the initial meeting, where everyone will receive more information on what is involved.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Last call for any nominations for this worthy award please. The presentations will be held next month but there is still time if you know of someone you would like to be thanked for their help in the village. Forms are available from the parish office, or for more information please call The Clerk on 298634. Thank you

ELECTRIC BLANKET FIRE SAFETY CHECKS

The Fire Service, in conjunction with Trading Standards, has again offered to run safety checks on electric blankets this year. Our nearest participating Fire Station is at West Ham Close in Basingstoke on 22nd October and is by appointment only. Please telephone Trading Standards and make an appointment to get your blanket checked on 01962 833 358.

AGE CONCERN

Age Concern are recruiting for volunteers to help out in their busy activity centre in Kingsclere on Thursday's from 10:00am until 2:00pm. If you are interested in helping out, please call Pam on 01256 423874.

KINGSCLERE PARISH PATHS WORKING GROUP

Sunday, August 3rd, saw 11 of us tackling many footpaths around the village, some of them having become very overgrown. It is difficult keeping pace with the growth of vegetation this year, as the beautiful weather we have been experiencing has encouraged more nettles and brambles etc!! It was good to have so many volunteers to help, and we welcomed two more new ones, Andrew Browning and Rosalind Rutherford, so many thanks to you all.

We still have Kingsclere footpath maps for sale. These are available from the Parish Office or myself.

The next meeting is on Sunday August 31st, 9.45am behind the Village Club on George Street, and following that a reminder that our September meeting is on Sunday, September 28th.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – Collection days for September are 3rd and 17th.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – the next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Monday 29th September 2014 at 7:30pm in the Village Club. 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.

For all constituents in NW Hampshire

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POLICE NEWS – New Beat Officer



I'd like to introduce myself having recently taken over the role as Kingsclere Parish Constable following the retirement of PC Brian Dixon. His will be big shoes to fill but I aim to do my very best in the time that I have here.

A little bit about myself: I have 22 1/2 years' service in a variety of roles within my police career, they include front line work, control room, special branch and most recently the anti-social behaviour officer for Basingstoke and Andover. Prior to joining the Police I served in the British Army. I live near Eastleigh and have three boys 6, 8 and 16. My wife Alex is Police staff working in the complex world of Freedom of Information.

I have been on foot patrol in the village on a number of occasions and met a number of residents who were all very pleased to see me. I hope to continue being on the ground as often as I can as it's the best way of meeting people and showing a presence. My hope is to have my meal break in the Police office in the village. I am happy for anyone to come along and see me.

Rich Cousins, PC 1876
Kingsclere Parish Constable

St Mary's 200 Club

Winner August 2014 No 68:Eileen Dobney

Well done Eileen

Entries are drawn first Sunday of each month
in The Kingsmill Room, St Mary's

Dear Editors

I would like to thank the elf who has appeared at regular intervals over the summer, unseen by us mere mortals, for clearing and tidying the beautiful amenity area along the stream behind Byfields and Cedars. I have just discovered the path is also wider than I have thought for the past 30 years. I think the elf in question is retired, himself a neat gardener, who has found a little time on his hands.....thank you it is much appreciated.

Gill Sendall

KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS WI



Our next Meeting on Wednesday September 10th will be a trip to Marlborough to visit The Merchants House, a restored 17th century Silk Merchants House, this meeting is for members only.

Normally our Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Club starting at 1-45pm

More details from **Betty Eckton 01256 850017**

New Women's Group

Put October 8th in your diaries and when the time comes help us to begin a brand new Women's Group.

The ladies of **Kingsclere Methodist Church** warmly invite everyone to come to a first meeting of this group. This will be at the Church, in the schoolroom at the side of the Church at 7.0pm on **October 8th (Wednesday)**

There will be a talk about hats, tea, cake and a welcome and a discussion. More details in the next Tower.

Janet Bond.

Kingsclere Village Club

We are in urgent need of a new Clerk to the Managing Trustees



The main duties are:

Meetings – agenda, minutes and after action [every other month]

Correspondence with external organisations

Keeping up-to-date with charitable regulations

It is unpaid but all expenses are met. It would suit someone who is looking to add to their CV with a range of different skills and knowledge.

Interested? Please call **Peter Woodman on 01635 297144**

Kingsclere Singers

An Apology

Thank you to everyone who attended our concert in St Mary's on 20th July.

We were pleased to see so many families at this event but we would like to apologise for the disruption caused by a small number of young children seated at the back of the church.

Please be assured that this will not happen at future events as any children who cannot behave will be asked to leave.

We are very much committed to providing family concerts but perhaps children under school age would be better left at home if they are unable to sit quietly and listen.

Our next event is an
Olde Tyme Music Hall with Community carol singing,
in St Mary's at 7pm on 13th December

Hazel O'Leary - Kingsclere Singers

Royal British Legion - WW1 Commemoration



We would like to thank Lucy (Vicar) for the tribute paid on August 4th and those who attended the short act of Remembrance for those killed during the 14/18 War. It was good to see so many people who came along.

We also held our Candle Lit Commemoration at 10pm on the same evening. Again many thanks to those who came along to support this act of Remembrance.

A special thanks to Dan and Dave at The Crown for joining in by having the Pub completely lit up with Candles.

The Bell Ringers also played their part with a Muffled Toll of the Bell at 12 Noon and also at 9pm.

So Thank you to everyone who played a part in any way at all in helping us to never forget the Sacrifices that were made so that we can live in the way that we do today.

Maureen Martin (Secretary)
01635 299003

The Village Club

Entertainment

SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 7.30 pm



Cabaret Night with **SHOO SHOO BABY** in their new show **OFF THE SCALE**
"A Grown Up Affair"

Shoo Shoos haven't skimped on their usual helpings of fresh arrangements of much loved classics, outrageously flamboyant new costumes, riotous audience participation and watertight harmonising. They have generously added to all this with touching and witty original songs written from the perspective of a couple of wildcats looking back on their lives so far.

OFF THE SCALE was first performed at St James Theatre, London and contains songs such as "There's No Business Like Show Business" and "All by Myself". With music by an eclectic cast of composers such as Verdi, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Elvis Costello, Count Basie, Hendricks and Ross, and the Communards.

An evening not to be missed, a proper Cabaret

**Tickets available from the Village Butcher
 or Bill Cooper 01635 299293 Price £12.00**

Tai Chi - New for September

Friday mornings 11am – 1pm. Commencing September 19th. - £6.50 a session.

Please contact education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk or phone 299371.

Regular Tai Chi classes contribute significantly to wellbeing, health and good habits that form part of a healthy lifestyle throughout life, not just for a short period of time. Why not come along and give it a go!

Village Market

We are now well into the next season following a glorious summer. At the Market we have some new stalls, one selling home made dog treats. There is an exciting jewellery stall and various craft items.

For the October Market we will have a stall selling handmade bags. So come along and snap up some bargains. Refreshments available.

Next Market: September 27th.

Alan Gore.

Fund Raising for St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke



The money from the loose change boxes and house-to-house collecting has now been counted and the collected amounts are as follows:

Loose change boxes	£352.13
House to house collection	£1,903.66
Cottismore Garden Centre tin	£12.28
The Vine, Hannington tin	£23.09
George & Horn, Kingsclere tin	<u>£21.08</u>
Total	<u>£2,312.24</u>

On behalf of St Michael's, I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped raise this amount, and to the house to house collectors for finding the time to knock on doors. If anyone would like to help raise money, either by having a loose change box or helping with house to house collecting, please give me a ring. The Hospice needs to raise, through fund-raising, £3 million every year to keep it open.

Josie Norton 298059

The Garden Club.



As we have cancelled the proposed trip to Bristol University Botanic Gardens we have no activities planned for September. To enable our outings person to run a successful trip she needs names and deposits as soon as possible after announcing dates.

Our next event will be our first talk of the autumn when Mr Kevin Hobbs, a director of Hillier Garden Centres, will be speaking about plants they have successfully introduced into our gardens. He will be bringing plants for sale, the proceeds going to Guide Dogs for the blind. Our meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Club. Members free, visitors/guests £2.00

John Eckton 01256 850017

Kingsclere Photo Club

A thriving and friendly club.



Forthcoming meetings, at the Village Club main hall, doors open 7.30 start:-

Weds 3rd Sept.

“Non -Destructive Editing” – our Gordon Fawley demonstrates his workflow technique using Photoshop. Followed by Review & Critique.

Weds 1st Oct.

“The Art of Printing” – our Mark O’Leary demonstrates his approach to producing stunning prints from camera to finished result. Followed by Review & Critique.

Annual Exhibition - Sat 11th & Sun 12th Oct 2014 – including portrait sessions, 2015 calendar and picture sales in the spacious Village Club Main Hall.

For more information as always see our website: www.kingsclerephoto.org

Nature Notes



We joined a water vole survey recently on the river Anton to ascertain their presence and sustainability. Numbers nationally have declined dramatically through habitat loss but mainly through the proliferation of mink. The best way to survey these animals was to join them so, waders on, we stepped into the clear, cool water. Signs of water vole activity were, Latrines, usually on exposed logs, stones or beaches: Runs, through watercress beds or rushes: Feeding activity where vegetation had been nibbled and, best of all, bankside holes in use. Happily, the signs were good and, as if to reinforce the facts, we saw several voles during a break, unlike the otter! A couple on the bridge above us were excitedly pointing their camera upstream, two ducks flew in panic past our heads but by the time we had slithered our way up the bank, it had gone,

Volunteering again with the county wildlife trust on the river Anton, this time it was a bat survey. Having previous experience of this activity we expected to pick up the occasional bat signal (different frequencies for each species) on our monitors and log flight patterns and location etc. We were astounded therefore at the continuous sound patterns from the tiny Pipistrelles and the larger Daubenton’s bats. The former could be seen trawling the twilight air high over the trees for the abundant insects. The Daubenton’s bats skimmed the water picking prey up with their feet and were easily seen in a torch beam. It was a wonderful experience as the two distinct call patterns of chirps, burps, trills and “raspberries” registered continuously across the frequencies set on the monitors.

Diana Tait & Rod Eldred

Methodist Notes

Sunday services at 9:30am. Preachers for August:

- 3rd Mr Tim Gardner
 10th Rev John Beadle
 17th Mr John Waterer
 24th Mr Malcolm Stone
 31st Rev David Read. Holy Communion

Mid-week Holy Communion 10am Thursday 15th



While some things tend to stop in August, our **Thursday coffee mornings** will continue from 10:30am through to midday. Everyone welcome.

Christian Aid

We used to have a house to house collection for Christian Aid every May. When a shop has been empty we had people serving in it from St Mary's and the Methodists. This proved popular when it was in Chances old shop in George St.

Last month Wendy organised a soup and dessert lunch, putting a lot of work into it. We had a choice of two soups and two desserts with biscuits and cheese. Some useful items on the bring and buy stall meant one could buy little gifts to give to a holiday hostess or to use at Christmas. Any unsold items were put on Jenny's stall which is always available in aid of needy children (formerly The National Children's Home). It was good to see Pauline from St Mary's and Eddie from Overton Methodists. This is the second year Wendy has organized this event and she plans to do one next year and it has been muted it may be on a Saturday.

A cheque for £81 has been sent to Christian Aid. Thanks to those who made this possible.

Margaret Ingram 299152

Coach Outing from Kingsclere



The outing to the N.T. property of **Nymans**, West Sussex, on Wednesday 3rd Sept leaves King John Rd at 9:15am, not 9:00am as previously stated.

Coach fare £16 per person. N.T. members free admission, non-members £9 per person. Money to me please no later than 23rd August.

Josie Norton 298059

Reflections



La Rentrée

In France (where we've just been on holiday), September is known as the season of La Rentrée – The Return. It is not just schools which shut down for the summer in France, it is most businesses and government too. So la Rentrée does not just apply to those in the academic field but applies to pretty much everyone returning to the daily routine of working life.

There is something of that for us too. Even for those of us whose lives are not affected by school terms, the first hints of autumn suggest some kind of ending and beginning. While for some of us it is a relief to return to a familiar routine after the unsettling unpredictability of the holiday season, many do not welcome a return to a life which brings pressures and stresses or what may feel like the treadmill of work.

This year, though, however much we would rather cling to the relaxed mood of summer, let us at least be thankful that we have homes to return to, schools and colleges to attend, and businesses which function.

This summer has been full of appalling events on the world stage and even if they are off the front page by the time you read this, thousands of families in northern Iraq and in Gaza will have no homes or schools to return to. Many, including hundreds of children, will have witnessed horrors beyond our worst fears and known trauma that no one should ever have to witness.

As we approach the season of thanksgiving for the harvest of nature, let us also be deeply thankful for the many blessings of our lives which may not seem like blessings until we raise our eyes from our own concerns and remember those of others.

Rev Lucy

Services in the parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley September 2014

Sunday 7th September (Trinity 12 / Porper 18)

8am	Holy Communion	Ashford Hill
10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Kingsclere

Sunday 14th September (Trinity 13 / Proper 19)

8am	Holy Communion	Kingsclere
10.30am	Holy Communion	Headley
10.30am	Second Sunday Service	Kingsclere
12.30pm	50th Anniversary of Scouting in Kingsclere Celebration	Kingsclere

Sunday 21st September (Trinity 14 / Proper 20)

8am	Holy Communion	Headley
10.30am	Harvest Communion with Junior Church	Kingsclere

Sunday 28th September (Trinty 15 / Proper 21)

8am	Holy Communion	Kingsclere
10.30am	Harverst Communion	Ashford Hill

Sunday 5th October (Trinity 16 / Proper 22)

8am	Holy Communion	Ashford Hill
10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church and Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child	Kingsclere
5pm	Harvest Worship followed by Supper	Headley

Our ABC Services
for pre-school aged children and their carers
will be held at 9.30am in St Mary's, Kingsclere on:
September 15th and September 29th

Church News

A new **Bishop of Basingstoke** has been appointed. (This is an assistant to the Bishop of Winchester who generally looks after parishes in north Hampshire). He is **Rev Canon David Williams**, currently Vicar of Christ Church Winchester. He is to be consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Winchester Cathedral on Friday 19 September at 10.30am.

There will be a party from St Mary's attending the service. Members of the public interested in attending should contact the cathedral directly to enquire about a ticket

Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Kingsclere – Sunday 21 September 10.30am. Cash offerings or home grown/made produce welcome.

From the Registers of St Mary's

Wedding	<i>Those whom God has joined together</i>
5 July	Grace Britton & Aaron Hoey
8 Aug	Hannah Fleet & Alastair Melrose
9 Aug	Pamela Maylen & Damien Clay-Pretorius
Funeral	<i>I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord</i>
10 Aug	Barbara Mary Prout aged 90 (Burial of Ashes)

ST. MARY'S GUILD

The Members of St. Mary's Guild have enjoyed a very pleasant summer. We were invited to a Garden Party at The Vicarage in June, were treated to afternoon tea on board the Rose of Hungerford in July and spent a lazy afternoon drifting along The Kennet and Avon Canal. By the time you read this, we will also have been treated to an afternoon in the Garden of one of our members, Joy Gill. Thanks to everyone who helped organise and host these events.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 24th September**. Sarah Mussett will be speaking to us on '**Staying Safe in the NHS**'. As always, we will meet in the Kingsmill Room of St. Mary's Church at 2.15pm. Please come along and hear what Sarah has to say and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake to round off the meeting. New members and Guests are always welcome.

Pam Kitch (Chairman) - 01635 299743

Lighting up St. Mary's



- 31st Aug. In loving memory of Janet Lavina Cox on your birthday. Always in our hearts and minds. Love from all the family. xx
- 5th Sept. Treasured memories of George Dykes on his birthday, still sadly missed after 28 years.
- 12th Sept. Daisy Amelia Dunn a very happy second birthday Littly, with lots of love from all the family. xx
- 16th Sept. Neil Westcombe. Deep in our hearts a memory is kept of one we loved and shall never forget. Love always Elaine, Christopher, Suzanna, Helen, Chris, Thomas and Oliver.
- 20th Sept. Loving memories of Ken on his birthday. Eight long years since you passed away but you are remembered every day. Lots of love from Jean, Ken, Avril, Jeff, Linda, Nigel, Sandra, Derek and Grandchildren.
- 29th Sept. For Bob Swaine Birthdays are happy times, full of fun and cheer, but when your birthday comes around all we can do is shed a tear, and think of all the happy times we spent throughout the years, and wish with all our hearts you were still here, With all our love Dad on your birthday and always. Tiggy and Jim xxxxxx

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

Hand deliveries please use the black post box next to the front door. £12 per evening, discounts available for block bookings and business sponsorship. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome.

Deadline for October Tower is September 10th.

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

Vicar:	Rev. Lucy Thirtle lucythirtle@btinternet.com	☎299489
Churchwarden	Janet Sturgess	☎298079
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	☎42962

Methodist Church (see also Back Cover)

Steward	Christine Westcombe	☎298518
Secretary	Jeanette Billington	☎297585
Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎297585

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (see also back cover)

TIMES OF MASSES Swan St., Kingsclere

Sunday 11.15am. Confessions after Mass on request.

For details of Masses at St. Michael's, Tadley, contact Fr Patrick Tansey

KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

During the summer we have had meetings with two developers who have land within the village. Brief reports of our meetings can be found on the NP pages of the Parish Council web site along with a brief report of the school fete.

Several of our group had a training session on policy writing as we are now moving towards pulling all our work together into a draft plan. URS will complete their in depth site assessment by mid September so a village meeting will be held later in the year where they will present their report and we will put forward ideas for your plan. Watch this space for the date!

Our Facebook page has had a makeover and more villagers are ‘becoming friends’ but we would really like a debate to get going so please let us know your views on village development and give us an idea or two. Work on re-vamping our web pages is still ongoing.

Business meeting A meeting for the business community of Kingsclere will be held in the **Village Club, George Street, on Wednesday September 24th**, commencing at 7.30pm. If you run a business within the parish, whether a large concern or a self employed man/woman – all are welcome. This is your opportunity to discuss with the NP group and the Parish Council issues affecting your businesses, for e.g. provision of suitable premises, car parking, broadband, adequate signage etc. Individual invitations will be sent to all businesses we have identified but if you don’t get one please do come along.

Chinese whispers We have been made aware that some residents are concerned about development off the Winchester Road, near Gailey Mill. **No planning permission has been submitted for any new build in the village including this site.** Members of the NP group met with Middleton Portway Estates as part of our work on the plan. This in no way implies that we will propose this site for development. Our choice of sites will be based strictly on the evidence which suggests that sites are the most suitable for development. So please establish the facts and stop these Chinese whispers – look at the information on the web site, call into the drop in centre and engage with us on Facebook if you have any concerns.

For further information contact

Sue Adams, 01635 299242, sueadams@madasafish.com or our

Parish Clerk, Sheila Thompson, 01635 298634, clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk



With the summer holidays over, September sees us back to school and ready for an exciting school year ahead. FKS are planning lots of fundraising events so please support us and let's see what we can achieve for our school in 2014/15!

Dates for your diary

FKS AGM-Thurs 2nd Oct 2014 7pm at School
 Fireworks & Bonfire event - Sat 8th Nov at The Fieldgate Centre
 School Christmas Fair- Friday 5th Dec 3.30pm - 5.30pm at School

Rachael Knight

Tel 268160

e knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk

Age Concern Activity Centre



We are looking for local people living in or near Kingsclere to become volunteers for our weekly activity centre which runs every Thursday 10am-2.00pm.

Our volunteers organise games & activities all suitable for older people and help with serving lunch (no cooking required!)

We require references and an enhanced DBS check, which we will organise.

The activity centre is already running but we require new volunteers.

Please Contact **Pam Gibson on 01256 423871** for an informal chat.

Bell Ringing



On Monday 4th August a quarter peal of 1914 changes, 24 Plain Bob Minimus, 1050 Grandsire Doubles, 840 Plain Bob Doubles were rung half-muffled to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the first World War, 4th August 1914.

Helen Piper



Saturday, 6 September 2014 at
7.30pm in the Village Club,
George Street

The Third Man

(1949 – PG – 104 minutes – 1 Oscar)

Orson Welles is Harry Lime in Graham Greene's unforgettable tale of guilt, disillusionment, corruption and betrayal. Pulp novelist Holly Martins travels to shadowy, postwar Vienna, only to find himself investigating the mysterious death of an old friend, black-market opportunist Harry Lime.

Next month: Saturday, 4 October – *Love Actually*

Kingsclere Film Club shows a range of films on the first Saturday of the month. Membership gives access to all films at £4.16 per film shown on the big screen with improved acoustics. Guests are always welcome at £7.50, subject to space.

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

Basingstoke & Deane "Young at Heart" Over 55s Forum.

Annual celebration of the International Day for Older People.

"Lyrics and Laughter Show"

2pm to 5pm Saturday 4th October 2014.

At the Aldworth School, Western Way, Basingstoke.

Tickets: £6 each (includes afternoon tea).

Tickets can be purchased from Gerald Merritt on 01256 412119 /07792535116
or E-Mail gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com

Kingsclere Library



Summer Reading Challenge - the Mythical Maze. Have you completed reading your 6 books and received your medal and certificate? There is still plenty of time to complete the challenge even if you have not yet started!

The closing date is **Saturday, 13th September.** The craft table will still be there for you all to make things.

Author the Month is Santa Montefiore (nee Palmer-Tomkinson).

Born in England in 1970 Santa Montefiore grew up on a farm in Hampshire and was educated at Sherborne School for Girls. She read Spanish and Italian at Exeter University and spent much of the 90s in Buenos Aires, where her mother grew up. She converted to Judaism in 1998 and married historian Simon Sebag Montefiore in the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in London. They live with their two children, Lily and Sasha in London. She is a socialite often featured in the gossip columns of upmarket magazines. She has written over 15 novels, she says about them, "With my novels, I hope to carry you away to sunnier shores, while at the same time remind you of all that is wonderful about England. Above all, they are love stories, because love is more important to me than anything else. I hope you laugh and cry in equal measure, but most vitally, escape for a while."

We are more than just books!

As well as books there are DVDs which can be rented for a week at the cost of £1 - £2. There is a selection of magazines that can be borrowed FREE for a week. Are you interested in tracing your family tree? There is access to both Ancestry & Find my Past software free for one hour.

Kingsclere Library Opening Hours: the library is situated within the Village Club on George Street Kingsclere and is open:

Tuesday	1 – 5.30pm
Thursday	1 – 5.30pm
Saturday	10.30 – 3pm

Rowena Hensman

Kingsclere Library Assistant

0845 603 5631

September at The Fieldgate



12th September – Kingsclere Rock Night

A concert in Kingsclere given by the group **From Dusk 'Til Dawn**, lead singer Carole-Anne Dykes.

This group will be well known to many local people. The group plays a range of music for all age groups. They particularly enjoy playing classic rock. This should be a great party style event.

Come dressed as your favourite rock star and be prepared to take part in competitions such as air guitar!

Entrance by ticket £4.50 to include the first “shot”. Any profits made will go to The Rodney Lawrence Trust.

Tickets available from The Village Butcher, The Fieldgate Centre and on the door. Doors open 8.00pm

17th September 7.30pm AGM of Kingsclere Community Association

Everyone who lives in Kingsclere is a member of this association. There is no membership fee. The main role of the committee of the association is to act as trustees for and to manage The Fieldgate Centre. The AGM is an opportunity for Kingsclere residents to hear reports from the committee on the past year, to consider plans for the next year and to influence the future of our community centre.

We would welcome nominations for members of the main committee. Nomination forms are available from the office. If you have only a little time to spare, you may be able to help on a sub-committee or assist with one event. Please note: A small change in the constitution of the association will be proposed at this meeting.

Room availability

We have some space for hirers during the week for both the hall and our two smaller rooms. Please contact Eileen if you have an idea for a class or club. Enquiries: 01635 298497 e-mail: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com Follow us on Facebook.

The office is open 10am – 2.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please leave a message on the answer phone when the office is closed and we will get back to you.

The Friends of St Mary's



Our next event will be a **Barn Dance** at Kingsclere Primary School on **Saturday 11th October**. Come and enjoy the live traditional music of the popular **Wyvern Dance Band**, and **Bring-Your-Own-Picnic!** There will be a cash bar for wine, beer and cider, and a Raffle. Tickets, available from the Village Butcher, or by 'phoning 297430 after 6th September, will be £12 each, and the evening promises to be great fun (and good exercise!).

Our **AGM** will be held in the **Kingsmill Room** at 7p.m on **Tuesday 4th November**, to which all Friends – and anyone who wishes to join us – are most welcome. After the brief business of the meeting, the **Rev. David Barlow** will speak about his experiences with the British Forces during the Falklands conflict in 1982.

On Sunday **23rd November** there will be a **Friends' Lunch at Sasso's**. Details in future editions of The Tower, and again anyone wishing to join the Friends will be welcome to attend.

Peter Turner, Chairman

Samaritans Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoe box or boxes last year. I know there are even more children worldwide that will have a dismal Christmas this year. Displaced by war, no home except a tent or cave – nothing to relieve the hurt or boredom. Don't let them feel forgotten. Fill a shoe box.

I will put the leaflets in local shops etc. telling you what you can include in your box. It is great fun and there are three age groups from toddlers to teenage boys and girls. They will be collected in November and you can follow your box online. If everyone in Kingsclere filled just one box we could make so many unhappy children smile. Shoe Zone will always give you a free box to cover and fill.

Thank you

Jane Freeman

01635 298727

Kingsclere Players



Our next production **“Two’s Company”** has been cast and informal rehearsals have already started. Performances will take place at **The Village Club on Friday 24th October and Saturday 25th October**. Please note these dates in your diary.

“Two’s Company!” is a series of Duologues within a pub setting. **“Calling Time”** by Derek Webb is based on conversations between two people, who do not always know one another, which have an unexpected and sometimes sinister twist and these will be followed after the interval by **“Speed Dating”** written by Brian Langtry and an altogether more risqué affair.

During the interval light bar snacks, which are included in the price of your ticket, will be served and our experienced bar staff will be ready for brisk trade at the cash bar before the show starts and during the interval.

There is a large cast and many scenes as well as the pub to run so we are looking for lots of help with front of house and back stage. If you are interested in Amateur Dramatics and would like to join a friendly group then send us an email. We have regular play readings and social events.

SueHuxtable

Membership Secretary

kingsclereplayers@msn.com

CHARITY CAR WASH



Kingsclere Fire Station would like to welcome the public to our annual charity car wash.

Starts at 11:00am on Sunday 21st September.

Kingsclere Twinning Association



World War 1 Commemorations

We have been invited to send representatives to Cormicy on November 11th to commemorate all those who died in the First World War. The Cormicy region was razed by fighting during the war and it forms a significant part of the history of the area. A small group of members of the Twinning Association are planning to go to Cormicy for this date and we would welcome anyone from Kingsclere who would like to join us particularly, but not necessarily, those with a World War 1 and/or military connection. On September 12th, we have been invited to a commemoration at Hermonville, which is close to Cormicy and where British soldiers are buried in the Military Cemetery. If you would like to take part in this commemoration, please contact us as below.

Duck Race

By the time that you read this, the Duck Race will probably have taken place. We're hoping for a sunny day and lots of competitors. We'll let you know who the winners were in next month's *Tower*. Profit from the race will be used to replenish our funds so that we are ready to welcome a larger group from Cormicy later this year.

AGM

This is another reminder that our AGM this year will take place on **Wednesday 24th September at 7.00pm** at The Fieldgate Centre. This will be followed, at approximately 7.30pm, by a meeting to discuss a French conversation group for those whose French is rusty or who would like to improve. The existing conversation group, which is well established, will continue to meet as usual. We are open to suggestions as to the best way to manage these two groups in order to provide the support which members have requested. French conversation groups are **FREE** to members and new members are always welcome.

The Association is open to all individuals, families and groups/clubs in Kingsclere and the surrounding villages. If you are interested in joining us or would like your group/club to liaise with a similar group/club in Cormicy, please do come along to the AGM or contact us as below to find out more.

Visit from Cormicy

We are still expecting a large group of families from Cormicy to visit us on the week-end of the 25th – 27th October. Please contact us if you are able to offer accommodation.

Email address: kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk Telephone Sue Watson: 01635 298940

Website: www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning. Follow us on Facebook

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Please feel free to talk to us about any of your concerns. There is no obligation to join us. You do not need a referral from a GP or medical professional – we are a small independent charity- run organisation open to all.

Please feel free to telephone us on 07501 406573 or 0118 981 3868 and talk to us about how we can help you.

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