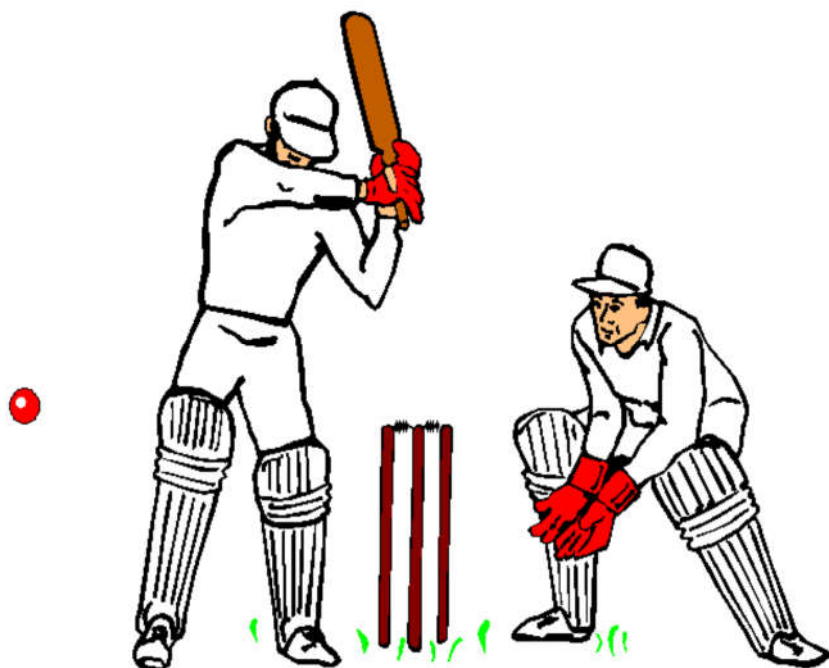


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## Crime

Every month PCSO Emma Page produces a breakdown of local crime (see page 6) which is always of interest. I normally think crime is something that happens elsewhere, however, McColls and Swan Street Stores have had major incidents in the recent past.

Reading through Emma's contribution for this month, I was struck by the fact that 30 crimes were recorded for Kingsclere (including Ashford Hill, Hannington and Headley) during May. Looking at the figures for the first 5 months of the last 3 years, crime is up this year in Kingsclere compared to the previous 2 years. Is it a worry? Possibly not though it is a concern when you see 17 incidents of anti-social behaviour in one month. However with a low crime rate a few individuals can skew the statistics. The crime statistic for Basingstoke and Deane actually show a drop in anti-social behaviour.

If you're concerned about this or anything else to do with crime, advice is available at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/> and <https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/>.

Have you heard of "Nottingham Knockers"? Not me! Read Emma's timely warning and advice on what to do if they come knocking on your door!

**The Editor**

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### **To all "Tower" Contributors**

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**NOT LATER THAN 12th July.**

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## KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL

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### PARISH PATHS

The Parish Paths group met for an evening working party in May. A small group cleared the undergrowth on the path between the Dell and the Recreation Ground and were rewarded by a well-deserved drink afterwards at the Crown!

The current conditions are creating good growing conditions so we would welcome any additional helpers.

We next meet on Sunday 29th July at the shed in the garden of the Village Club at 9.45am. For more information email:- [kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com](mailto:kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com).

### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

At the time of going to press the public conveniences in The Square are undergoing a refurbishment. The Parish Council are grateful to BDBC for continuing to maintain this service in the village and were very pleased to see the refurbishment taking place.

### DEFIBRILLATOR

It has been highlighted that not everyone is aware that there is a defibrillator located at the Fire Station in Kingsclere. The unit is located outside the front door and is available 24hrs a day. The defibrillator is within a locked cabinet and the code to open will be given by the emergency operator (999).

### NEXT ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

will be at 7.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018 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.

**GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING** – the collections dates are 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## First World War Centenary in Kingsclere November 2018

Kingsclere will be marking the centenary of the end of World War 1 in November 2018. More details will appear later in The Tower, but here is advance information of the things which will be happening:



### Remembrance Sunday Parade - 11 November.

This will, as always, be the centrepiece of the commemorations. Over the weekend, Kingsclere Bellringers will be ringing in a coordinated UK wide event.

A **Beacon** will be lit by Kingsclere Scouts.

Kingsclere Players, Kingsclere Singers, the Kingsclere Performing Arts College and the Nathan Lubbock-Smith Singers are presenting a **WW1 themed performance at The Fieldgate Centre** on 10 November.

Details of tickets to follow.

A **Victory Tea** hosted by the Kingsclere Village Club on the afternoon of 18 November.

The Brownies will put on a **Veterans' Tea**.

Kingsclere Film Club will screen a **WW1 film** on 3 November.

Kingsclere Library will host a talk on **WW1** on 8 November.

Over the period expect:

To find **war poetry** located round the Parish (courtesy of the Methodist Church).

To see a **wall of hand knitted poppies** in the window of Kingsclere Pharmacy (courtesy of Mr Butt and some enthusiastic knitters coordinated by Janet Bond).

A **projection of poppies** onto the Church (KPC).

**Poppies** throughout the summer around the village (KPC)

To find more information on those commemorated on our War Memorial.

*If you would like to become involved, please get in touch with:*

*Kingsclere WW1 Centenary Liaison Group  
 (via The Clerk, Kingsclere Parish Council  
 Tel: 01635 298634 or Email: [clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk))*



@kingsclerepc



The Parish website [www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk](http://www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk)

[facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil)

## KINGSLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



By the time you read this, the finalised Neighbourhood Plan should be available to view on both our own and Basingstoke & Deane's web sites. This will be the Plan that you will be asked to vote on in the Parish referendum so if you have previous editions of the Plan, please destroy them.

The Borough Council do not organise elections and referendums during the months of July and August. Although at the time of writing we are waiting for the Borough Council to confirm the date, the referendum looks likely to be held during the first or second week of September.

Following the independent examiner's report, four policies have been removed from the Plan as they didn't add any local policy detail above that contained in policies in Basingstoke & Deane's Local Plan. These were policies on infrastructure readiness; change of use of local shops, pubs and businesses; conserving and enhancing biodiversity; and ensuring the use of native plants (although part of this policy has been added to our policy on protecting mature trees and hedgerows). This brings the total number of policies in the plan to 22 along with 4 projects for the Parish Council to take forward. The Parish Council urges all residents to read the Plan prior to the referendum.

Keep checking the web site for the latest information. <http://www.kingsclere-np.org.uk/community/kingsclere-neighbourhood-plan-6471/about-us/> or <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/KNP>

For further information, contact Cllr. Sue Adams, 01635 299242, [sueadams@madasafish.com](mailto:sueadams@madasafish.com), or our Parish Clerk

Louise Porton, 01635 298634, [clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk)

Sue Adams



### Kingsclere Youth Football

**Kingsclere Youth Football  
Awards Day 7th July**



From 12-4pm Kingsclere Youth Football Club will be hosting a day of football and fun at the Fieldgate Centre. All ages and abilities are welcome from years 1 to 7. Competitive league and training memberships are available for next season.

Bouncy castle, raffle and BBQ on the day! All volunteers welcome too!

Please contact Steve on 07876898773 or Emma on 07894687353 for more info about the day or to enquire about joining the club.



## News from FKS - The Parent Teacher Association of Kingsclere Primary School

Thank you to everyone who supported our School Summer Fair on 16th June.

### Kingsfest/Campout - Sat 7th July

Everyone is welcome! Past, present and future parents of children at Kingsclere Primary School. For any new parents that haven't been before, this is an opportunity to have a fun evening - enjoying a hog roast and the bar, listening to great live music and then camping on the school field for the night with breakfast in the morning. The children love the opportunity to run around in a familiar environment. If camping is not for you, then just come along for the evening. 'The Only Band in the Village' have been practising so we are looking forward to dancing to their fantastic tunes. For those who like singing themselves there is an opportunity to sing along with the band in 'band-e-oke'!

**Tickets are on sale from the school office.** Last year we sold out so do book early as we are limited with the number of pitches we can have on the field. All money raised will go to FKS and therefore directly to the school. We look forward to a great evening. Any queries please contact

[sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk)

**The K2K (Kingsclere 2 Kyankowe) Challenge** is going well and we aim to "crowdercise" the total distance (7,250 miles) from our Ugandan link school Kyankowe to Kingsclere C of E Primary School. Money raised from K2K will be split between the two primary schools and used for sports and activity equipment.

Recent spending has included two event shelters, ACE dictionaries, headsets and microphones, library books and interactive screens for two classrooms.

### Other dates for your 2018 diary

Camp Out	Sat 7th July
Leavers disco for pupils	Mon 16th July
Fireworks	Sat 3rd Nov

**Rachael Knight**  
FKS Chairperson  
07747 773325

[knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk)

## Police Report May 2018

In the month of May there was 30 incidents (21 in Kingsclere, 3 in Headley, 3 in Ashford Hill and 3 in Hannington) which have been classified as crimes by The Home Office.

Current Neighbourhood Priorities are:

1. Burglary Residential / Burglary Business/Community
2. Traffic Related Incidents
3. Theft
4. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
5. Criminal Damage

### **Burglary Residential**

There have been four reported this month. A shed was broken into and a number of tools were stolen in North Oakley. A property was broken into on Popes Hill and a number of items stolen and two vehicles parked in a barn at Plastow Green were damaged by keying.

### **Burglary Business/Community**

There has been one reported this month. A group of males entered McColls in Swan Street and stole the cash machine using power tools.

### **Traffic Incidents**

There have been two reported this month. One was a damage only road traffic collision near Wolverton and the other a minor injury road traffic collision on the B3051.

### **Theft from Vehicle**

There has been one reported this month. Entry was gained into a vehicle on Fieldgate Drive and a number of items were stolen.

### **Theft**

There have been six reported this month. A phone was stolen from a business in George Street. Lead was stolen from a property on Foxs Lane. Batteries were stolen from two sets of temporary traffic lights on Little Knowle Hill and Ashford Hill Road. A Sundial was stolen from a garden on Popes Hill. An old basin was stolen from a driveway in King John Road (an attempt was made to steal some items from a nearby skip prior to this) and there was one make off without payment at the Kingsclere Filling Station.



### **Criminal Damage**

There have been seven incidents reported this month.

A window was smashed on a vehicle parked in Winchester Road. A number plate was destroyed on a vehicle parked in Garrett Close. Stones were thrown at a property in North Street as well as threats to damage windows. An attempt was made to access a van via the rear doors in Strokens Road. A window was smashed on a vehicle parked in Longcroft Road and a brick was thrown at a vehicle on the A339.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

There have been seventeen reported incidents this month. Of note, youths have been on the roof at Kingsclere Primary School and a number of reports were received regarding a group of youths causing a nuisance in North Street. One was formally dealt with by Police.

### **Suspicious Incidents**

There have been seven reported this month. In particular a vehicle with a trailer was seen acting suspiciously outside Ashford Hill Primary School. A male visited a property in Longcroft Road saying he was fundraising for Naomi House. He asked for bank details which were not provided. A male knocked on a door on Ashford Hill Road wanting to sell some items after being released from prison. They are what are known as "Nottingham Knockers". **REMEMBER** if cold callers don't get any sales in your area, they are less likely to return.

### **Assault with injury**

There has been one reported this month.

### **Assault without injury**

There have been four reported this month.

### **Public Order**

There have been two incidents reported this month.

### **Helpful Crime Prevention Advice and Hampshire Alerts**

Information can be found at: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/> and <https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/>

**Emma**

**PCSO 16173 Emma PAGE**


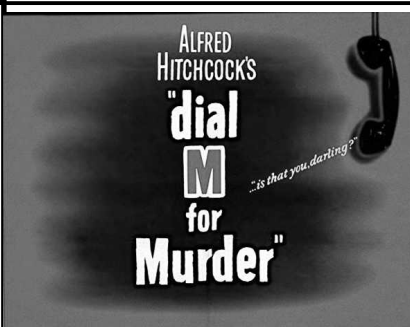
**Overton, Steventon, Freefolk and Laverstoke Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Tadley Police Station, Mulfords Hill, Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 3HZ

**Email:** emma.page@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

**Website:** www.hampshire.police.uk



 <b>Kingsclere Film Club</b>	<i>Second Saturday of the month at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm) at the Village Club, George Street.</i>
	<p><b>Saturday, 14 July, 2018</b>  <b>Dial M for Murder (1954)</b>  <i>(1954- Thriller - 105min – PG)</i>          Our annual classic Hitchcock.          Stars Grace Kelly.</p> <p>An ex-tennis pro carries out a plot to murder his wife. When it goes wrong, he improvises a brilliant plan B.</p> <p><b>Saturday, 11 August – Lion (2016)</b></p> <p>For further information call John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221 or Diana Tait (Membership Sec) 298494  <i>Kingsclere Film Club welcomes guests at £7.50, subject to space.</i></p>



## Kingsclere Community Library

### CAN YOU HELP?

Our branch of the Hampshire County Libraries is run by volunteers who keep this vital service open in our area.

We need more volunteers during opening hours.

If you could do at least one 2½ hour shift per month, it would be a great help.

Training is given, you will work with another volunteer, and mostly you will reshelve books, help borrowers when needed, and help to keep the library tidy.

If you can help or have any questions, please contact us at [kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com) or step into the library and leave your phone number. Thank you!

### YOUR library is FREE with your Hampshire Library Card!

Visit us to get a card and borrow

Books – Audio, Large Print & E-books, magazines & more!

### Rhymetime with Rita

On the second Tuesday of every month, 2.30pm

Opening hours: Tues & Thurs 1 – 5.30pm;  
 Saturdays 9.30 – 2pm

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

## Kingsclere Twinning Association CORMICY VISIT and AGM



We welcomed our visitors from Cormicy on the weekend of 19 May; 18 adults and 8 children (with an age range of 9 months - 15 years old). The weekend included a tour of the village, a well attended barn dance at Kingsclere Primary School, a guided tour of Portsmouth and a farewell “bring and share” supper at the Fieldgate Centre.

We have since received an email from the Cormicy Twinning Committee:

*“ It was a great pleasure to come to Kingsclere again! Everyone was very happy with the programme and really pleased with their hosts! Thanks to everyone for making this trip so great.. We will have a committee meeting soon to work on your next visit [to Cormicy in 2019] ”*

The visit from Cormicy included both old friends and visitors new to the village, so thank you to all those who helped welcome our guests and make the weekend such a success.

We always welcome new members. Why not consider joining in 2018-2019? Family membership is £5 per year and includes reduced admission prices to most of our events, free monthly French conversation/class (depending on confidence level), and the opportunity to visit Cormicy in the beautiful Champagne region of France.

Please contact [kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone Sue Watson on 01635 298940 for details regarding membership or if you would like to receive newsletters with details of future events.

**Save the Date:** the AGM will be held at the Fieldgate Centre on **Monday 10 September** at 7.30 pm.

## KINGSCLERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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**St Mary's 200 Club Winner June 2018**

**no. 97 Lyn Pounds**

**Well done, Lyn**

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

## Nature Notes

We had a break in late April in Andalucia, the Atlantic part of Spain. It was an unknown area to us and really impressed. Locally was 17km of beach with a protected dune system. Footpaths at intervals allowed access to the sands and everywhere were stone pines (umbrella pines), a source of pine nuts. However, our main interest was to do some birdwatching and in this we were not disappointed. Nearby, were extensive disused salt pans which attracted a host of waders but also harriers, pratincoles, Caspian terns and on a track, bee eaters and golden orioles. A little further afield lay a national park which had vast marsh areas inhabited by a dream collection of waders and other birds. Our guide was excellent and we were in the company of birders with encyclopaedic knowledge. Semi-wild herds of horses roam the marshes and we were privileged to see them at full gallop with their foals, throwing up spray as they sped by. An odorous pony carcass was visible above the water on the top of which stood a griffon vulture vainly trying to make an opening while a bunch of its compatriots stood nearby ready to move in.

This spring, two tit nestboxes were visited by prospective tenants but unusually, remained unoccupied. Happily, the garden is resounding to the chirps of visiting tit fledglings as they call to be fed. A prime attraction this year appears to be fat balls usually only offered in winter. At first chicks were fed with beakfuls of fat by the adults but now juveniles are feeding from the same source independently. The question arises as to whether this is a suitable diet and will there be huge, obese adults struggling to get into birdboxes next year. Hopefully not!

**Diana Tait and Rod Eldred**



## Reflections

I've kindly been helped with my article this month by a speaker friend who wrote this poem, entitled *The Wind Blown Leaf*, early one morning when God led him to a verse in the Old Testament (Job 25:13): *Will you torment a wind-blown Leaf?*



Seemingly asleep upon the lawn  
A leaf lay motionless, its face forlorn.  
But then, adventurously, it prayed to fly,  
Intoxicated by the breeze to try  
Ascending through the thermals to the sky!  
There, floating fearlessly, nor wondering why  
The wind would bring such joy as it was born  
Whirling, wafting, from earth's prison torn.

Likewise, as leaves, we seek those heavenly things  
To humble hearts the Holy Spirit brings.  
When cares astound, the strangely peaceful feeling;  
When aches abound, the hand that brings His healing.  
But we are grounded till we know we've sinned,  
It's then we can ascend, blown by His wind!

I like this poem because it really helpfully reminds me that I am like that leaf which can do nothing on its own. And yet it gives great hope, because when we realise this, that we're not up to scratch and lifeless without God, and invite Jesus Christ into our lives, God fills us with His Spirit so that, as the Bible puts it, we can "soar on wings like eagles ... run and not grow weary ... walk and not be faint".

Thanks to John Wright for his kind permission to use the poem.

**Blessings,  
Ben.**

### **Accessories Stall Kingsclere Village Fete Bank Holiday Monday August 27th**

Please can you donate "as good as new" accessories for our stall.  
Handbags, Belts, Scarves, Pashminas, Gloves, Shoes, Hats,  
Fascinators, Jewellery, Cufflinks, Umbrellas.  
Also quality glass, china and unused gifts  
preferably in their gift boxes.

**Please contact me if you have accessories you would like to donate.**  
**Thank you.**  
**suzystokoe@btinternet.com**  
**01635 297234**

## Methodist Notes

### July Services

1st July	Morning Worship	Malcolm Stone
8th July	Morning Worship	Christine Thomas
15th July	Alternative Worship	Rev Rachel Borgars
22nd July	Morning Worship	Malcolm Stone
29th July	Morning Worship	Terry Ayres

All Services start at 10am.

### Camaraderie

invite you for entertainment followed by tea, sandwiches and cakes

on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

in the **Methodist Schoolroom** at **2.30pm**

£1.00 to include a free raffle.

**Sarah Davis**

## CHURCH CONTACTS

### St. MARY'S CHURCH:

**Vicar** Rev Ben Read, The Vicarage, Foxs Lane 01635 298471

### Church Wardens:

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### Administrator:

Emma Rivers  
administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk 07790 934972

### 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



## Services in the parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley July 2018

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July Trinity 5	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Communion with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	<b>9.15am</b>	Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Worship – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion St Peter's Church, Headley
	<b>9.15am</b>	All Age Messy Worship celebrating our link with Kyankowe, Uganda St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	<b>11am</b>	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July Trinity 8	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	<b>9.15am</b>	Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion with Baptism St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 9	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	<b>9.15am</b>	Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Communion with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)

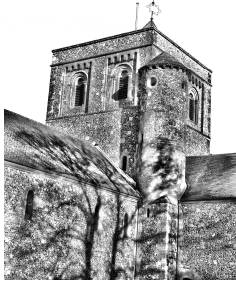
**Our ABC service for children and their carers will  
be on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am in St Mary's, Kingsclere**



## St Mary's Church The Building Inside and Outside

**Now is a good time to bring everyone up to date with what is happening to St Mary's.**

**Inside** 'The Good News' After a tender process, the PCC has recently appointed PHD to redecorate the inside of the main church building. This work is scheduled to start in late October and should be finished early in the New Year. This is following a major rewiring and lighting project last year.



In addition, we are about to upgrade the audio system and are looking into ways in which we can improve the use of audio-visual in our services.

**Outside** 'The Bad News' As those of you who pass the church will know, we have had a major slippage of the roof tiles on the North face of the chancel roof.

Sorry about the scaffolding but one of its main functions is to stop any falling tiles from 'bopping' a passer-by on the head. It looks as if we may have to retile the whole of that face, but we are awaiting our expert's advice. We are not sure on timings but work will commence as soon as possible.

**How Much?** The estimated cost of redecoration is around £30,000. We don't have the exact cost of the re-roofing yet but we would be happy to have change from £15,000. It might all depend on what we uncover as we start work on replacing the roof tiles. St Mary's is, as ever, profoundly grateful to **The Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)** for their ongoing support on maintaining the fabric of the church.

### From the Registers of St Mary's

#### **Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child & Baptisms**

20<sup>th</sup> May Elliott Isaac Gale  
Aled John Heveron  
Florence Shirley Wade

#### **Funerals**

11<sup>th</sup> May Roy Castelli  
30<sup>th</sup> May Patricia Rope

**Kingsmill Room** After planning to re-plaster and decorate the Kingsmill Room to make it a useful space for the whole community, we have been thwarted by the damp conditions. Currently we are hoping it will be a hot summer (drying out the stone walls) making it possible to apply the 'lime plaster' and finish decorating. We can then lay the new floor and 'finish the job'!

St Mary's stands where a church has been since Norman times (nearly 1000 years)

It's an old building, Grade Two\* listed, and is in need of constant attention. We will keep the village (via The Tower) updated as events unfold and much needed refurbishment takes place.

**Nick Selsey**  
on behalf of St Mary's Church, Kingsclere

*It's getting closer!*

**THE FETE approaches!**

**Bank Holiday Monday 27th August**  
**St Mary's Churchyard**  
**12noon- 4pm**

Are you getting your dogs ready for the Dog Show?  
All donations for stalls very welcome -  
cakes, bottles, accessories, toys, bric a brac etc.etc.  
Please bring things to the Kingmill Room at St Mary's  
on Saturday or Sundays mornings or by arrangement:

Please ring/text/mail  
Maggy/Les Wallace on 01635 298794  
or 07939 129266,  
mjwwatershipdown@msn.com  
if you need more information/help.



## The Bus of Hope

The Bus of Hope has already visited Kingsclere three times over the past few months and we look forward to its next visit on 19<sup>th</sup> July. It is “somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to” for the young people in Kingsclere and surrounding areas. It is already established in several areas around Newbury and Thatcham but when it visits Kingsclere it will be staffed by volunteers from St Mary’s Church. It’s a place for young people to hang out, enjoy refreshments and just “be”. It has separate areas for younger children to enjoy crafts and activities (upstairs) and teenagers to meet (downstairs). It will be parked in the Bowls Club Car-Park (near the Holding Field) from 6.45pm to 8.30pm on July 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to welcoming young people on board! For more information please contact Emma on 0779 0934972 or [administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk)



## Lighting up St. Mary’s

### May

30th To celebrate the life of Pat Rope. With love from all the family.

### July

15th Remembering Roy on his birthday. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. Wendy, Nicholas, Matthew, Victoria, Gosia, Anna and Lara.  
15th Treasured memories of our Dear Roy. Norma, Julie and Neil.  
25th Rev David John Carter. Five years since you died, still missed so much. A special Husband, Dad, Grandad. Held always in our thoughts and love. Pauline, Nick, Helen, Kev, Jo, Mark, Sam, Tom, Abbie, Elliot.

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online [www.clerewoodlands.org.uk](http://www.clerewoodlands.org.uk) £12 per evening, block booking discounts. Cheques payable to St Mary’s Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for August Tower is July 10th.



## Royal British Legion

Branch strength continues to grow with several new members joining us since our last article and plans for the rest of this very special year are starting to come together.

You may have noticed a number of wreaths on the village memorial over recent weeks. In addition to those to remember VE Day and D Day, the branch will lay a wreath every month until December to mark the names of those men from the village who were killed in the same month during WW1. Wreaths will be laid at 6.40pm on the first Tuesday of the month and all are most welcome to attend.

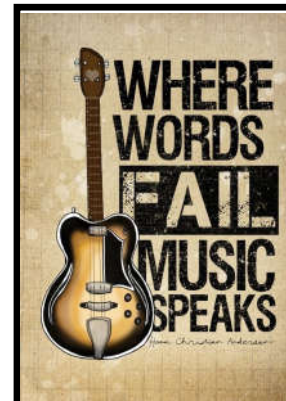
In May we held an event in The Crown to raise money for the Branch by auctioning 6 limited edition tankards which were supplied by the landlord, commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dambuster Raids. An amazing £450 was raised and our thanks go out to all those who supported the event especially to Nigel and Suzanne of The Crown.

Plans are also developing to place a memorial in remembrance of Lt Cdr Darren Chapman born in the village who was sadly killed in action in Iraq in 2006. Details of the ceremony will be posted once agreed with various village organisations.

We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm in The Crown function room. Come along and help make 2018 a special year for your village branch of the Royal British Legion.

All our events and other information can be found on our Facebook site. Just type in “**Kingsclere Royal British Legion**” and you will find us!

**Mark Holden**  
**Chairman**  
**Kingsclere Royal British Legion**  
**01635 628004**



## Singing 4 me

Tuesday 7th Aug (not in July)

The Voice workshop is Emotional Freedom Technique better known as tapping  
7.30 Sainsbury Cafe Tadley  
Thursday 12th July.

Lunch and Laugh July 18th at 12.30 at the Ship.

## Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands WI

Village Club, 35 George Street, Kingsclere

TWO events listed this month - both at our usual venue! First is a Group WI 'social' scheduled for the week *prior* to our monthly Members' Meeting, So:

### WI Group Afternoon Tea

**THURSDAY 5 July**

**Sign-in/Arrival time: 2.00pm**

**Members and Visitors alike: £5 per person**

Members of our sister WIs in *The North Downs Group* will attend making this Group Fundraiser a convivial get-together *and* the perfect opportunity for visitors to meet not just our local members but some of our 'extended family' from Burghclere WI and East Woodhay WI.

### Monthly Meeting

**WEDNESDAY 11 July**

**Sign-in/Arrival time: 1.30pm**

**Visitors: £2.00 person**

**Speaker: Kevin Little**, *Fishmonger from Smelly Alley, Reading*  
**Subject: 'Fishy Tales'** - About seafood (almost certainly) but Kevin has a duck farm so, whether it's 'tales' or 'tails', 'fish or fowl' we can expect the unexpected. Prepare to be informed and entertained!

Please know we will be delighted to welcome visitors to any of our meetings.

**Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570**

## Kingsclere Tennis Club

Adult, Junior and Family memberships available at very reasonable rates.

**ALL WELCOME!**

To play socially on Thursday mornings in organised 4s, contact Daphne Snook on 07768 664347

For **Membership** or other information, check the website:

**[www.kingscleretenniscub.co.uk](http://www.kingscleretenniscub.co.uk)**

or contact Chris Pearce on 07774 835848



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## Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

### Summer outing news!



Instead of a summer party this year Bunnies have arranged an outing to Four Kingdoms. We've organised a special discount rate for all bunnies and their parents/carers on that day, so you can come and join us for the morning and stay as long as you like. No need to sign up in advance, just come along and join us on the day. Please note the change to our usual venue and time that day!

### 4 Kingdoms Outing details:

Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 10am - 12

Discount price: £7.50 for each child and adult (Mention Bunnies on the door)

Keep an eye on our Bunnies Facebook site for regular updates

Bunnies' normal hours and details remain otherwise unchanged:

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](mailto:villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com)**

Date for your diary!  
**"AUTUMN SPRINKLES!"**

A VERY SPECIAL VARIETY CONCERT

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**7pm - 9.30pm**

**Raising money for  
 Riding for the Disabled Association  
 and St Paul's Church kitchen cupboards**

**We already have people booked to come and perform  
 for this lovely evening.**

**Delicious refreshments  
 3 special raffle prizes**

**We would love to see you  
 Tickets £10 to include refreshments  
 (more information in September magazine)**



**...is coming to the Fieldgate Centre!** Instead of one big event in Basingstoke, this year Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council is taking Playday out

into the communities and it has asked us to support the campaign.

On **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 10am-2pm** there will be lots of free activities to encourage play for children aged 4-12yrs. Some messy, some not so messy, some indoors and some outdoors – plus refreshments and music. So, put the date in your diary! **All welcome** – children must be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout the event.

Playday is a campaign that highlights the importance of play in children's lives. On Playday, thousands of children and young people get out to play at hundreds of locally organised celebrations - from small-scale neighbourhood get-togethers to large-scale public events. Playday is coordinated by Play England, Play Wales, Play Scotland and PlayBoard Northern Ireland. [www.playday.org.uk](http://www.playday.org.uk).

More details about how you can join in the fun will soon be on The Fieldgate Centre's website and facebook.  
**Phone: 01635 298497 Website: [www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk](http://www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk)**  
**Email: [fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com](mailto:fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com)**

### **Kingsclere Gardening Association Summer Show**

**The Village Cub on July 7th.  
Staging of Exhibits 9.30am until 11.30am.**

Schedules can be obtained from The Village Butcher and the Library.

There will be classes for flowers, vegetables, cooking, photography and childrens' classes. Entries please to Laura Butler on 01256 781892. Doors open to public 2.30pm. Prize giving will be at 4.00pm.

Outing on August 12th to Borde Hill near Horsham Sussex. seats still available, to book ring **Sylvia Pennington on 01635 298880.**

**John Eckton 01256 850017**



### **Village Club**

#### **Plan your Autumn at the Kingsclere Village Club**

We may not have seen the best of the summer yet but at the Village Club we're already planning lots of exciting classes for the Autumn term.

**We have two art classes a week, on a Monday afternoon and a Thursday evening, with talented artist and teacher Bethany Milam. We offer yoga on a Tuesday and a Wednesday as well as Pilates on a Friday morning.**

**Our new class, "Move it or Lose it", is very popular and runs every Monday. This is aimed at people who have ailments or conditions that often come hand in hand with ageing.**

Look out for our flyer in this edition of The Tower with start dates and prices or go to our website [www.kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk](http://www.kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk) or contact [education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk](mailto:education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk).

**Clare Gilbert [claregilbert99@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claregilbert99@hotmail.co.uk)**



### **The Kingsclere Singers**

**Sunday 8th July  
6pm**

# **ENCORE!**

**St Mary's Church  
Kingsclere**

The Kingsclere Singers will be holding their annual ENCORE! event with special guests

**A Capella group, 3p Suite.**

Plus hear a range of fantastic choral arrangements including

**ABBA and The Greatest Showman.**

**Tickets £8 Kids go Free! Available at The Village Butchers**

We're social! Follow us on Facebook



## Tadley Treacle Fair

Loddon Valley Lions Club held their 37th annual Treacle Fair in Saunders Field, Tadley on Sunday 3rd June. A large crowd enjoyed the many, varied attractions and with brilliant weather all day helped to raise approx. £10,000 all of which will be used for charitable purposes.



The main beneficiaries this year will be Living Paintings, Step by Step and the Pelican Cancer Foundation.

Our thanks go to our many Sponsors, our friends and helpers and all those who attended on the day.

Our next fund-raising event will be our Charity Golf Day to be held at Bishopswood Golf Course, Tadley on Monday 3rd September.

Contact us on 0845833 7494 or visit our website at [www.loddonvalleylions.org](http://www.loddonvalleylions.org)

Ken Williamson

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY!

### Home-Start North West Hampshire

has worked in Basingstoke & Deane for 13 years.

Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them achieve their full potential.



To Home-Start, every family is special and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home-visiting support and group work.

The one-to-one relationship which develops between a volunteer and a parent means our support can be exactly tailored to the needs of each family we visit. We need volunteers to support families in the Community.

### YOU can make a difference to someone's life

This voluntary work is unpaid but is highly rewarding and out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed. Volunteers are required to attend a 40 hour preparation course spread over 7 weeks which starts on

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 @9:30am-2:30pm**

**INTERESTED – WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

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**Email: [info@homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk](mailto:info@homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk)**

**Website: [www.homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk](http://www.homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk)**



## Local Dental Practice Wins its second National Award

**'Best Team in the South East of England – The Dentistry Awards 2017'**  
**'Dental Practice Team of the Year in the South of England Dental Awards 2018'**

The team at Imogen Dental are ecstatic to announce that they have been awarded their second National Award.

The Dental Awards are the original and most respected awards programme in UK dentistry.

Imogen Dental attended the prestigious Dental Awards event which took place on Friday 18th May at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole, celebrating the hard work, commitment and passion of hundreds of dental professionals from across the UK.

Having impressed the panel of judges, Imogen Dental located in Benson and Kingsclere, won the title of "Dental Practice Team of the Year 2018 in the South of England".

Dr. Neel Tank, owner and principal dentist commented "What a euphoric evening. I am thrilled that we have formally been recognised as Dental Practice Team of the Year 2018 in the South of England making this our second National Award. The hard work, commitment and dedication from the whole team has been exceptional. I am delighted and very proud to announce that Imogen Dental is your local double award winning team!"

The  
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basingstoke and district



### Basingstoke Disability Connexions

Monthly get-togethers for anyone affected by any type of disability

Come for a chat  
and to enjoy  
FREE tea/coffee  
and biscuits



Meet new people  
and talk about  
issues that are  
important to you

### Sessions:

**First Tuesday monthly from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**

**Discovery Centre (public library in Festival Place)**

### Guest speaker topics:

**3 July: Mindfulness for wellbeing workshop**

**7 Aug: Seated Tai Chi for all, followed by Universal Credits Info.**

All welcome, - no booking needed.

For more information, please contact us: Telephone: 01256 423869

Email: [info@bddf.org.uk](mailto:info@bddf.org.uk) Web: [www.bddf.org.uk](http://www.bddf.org.uk)



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