

The Kingsclere Tower



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Welcome to the July edition of the Tower.

Last month I attended the Making a Difference Awards (see page 2). Listening to the nominations, it brought home that there are a lot of people in the village trying to help their neighbours, as evidenced by the £1700 raised by the Kingsclere Cancer Research quiz held at The Crown.

We should all try and do our part and if you can spare the time, consider volunteering to help some of the village charities or the village fete (see page 14).

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, come along to the next meeting on the 24th July at 7.30pm and get a feel for what's involved.

This month there's a lot going on the village to keep you busy and I hope the weather behaves. All the best till next month.

The Editor

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS 2023. Congratulations to all the 2023 Nominees this year who accepted their awards on the 15th June and were happy to be published -

Jill Ainsworth in recognition of all she has done for the Village Bunnies, 8 years of volunteer work, determined to open again after Covid with only 3 parents, the group is now in a better place and new parents are made to feel very welcome making such a difference to local families.

Kath Hodgson for service and dedication as post lady. Kath kept the post coming throughout strikes, looked out for our community and helped where she could, and she formed some great relationships with those on her round. Diligently served above and beyond her paid position. Kath, you are missed already.

McColls Convenience Store – for their customer service and with pay point help, lock down assistance, support to local organisations, along with considerable donations to Great Ormond Street. The staff go above what is asked of them and with the imminent closure of the store as its currently known, it's time for recognition of their service to the Community.

Dilwyn Patterson - Over 28 years at the helm of Kingsclere RUFC, Captain back in 1984, fixtures secretary in 1988 and 40 years of service to the Club. He put in so much time on the grounds, filling in holes, and watering of the fields whilst the drainage was sorted and reseeded took place. Dilwyn liaised continuously with B&D throughout the process; he was adamant Rugby would return after Covid. It was quoted that Dilwyn is beyond commitment and his boots will never be filled.

Maisie Phenix Maisie has lived in the village since 1945. Now a wonderful age of over 100 and is still knitting for premature babies and homeless. She helped deliver babies in the village and was an integral part of Kingsclere Red Cross for years.

John Sawyer - John played an enormous role in the successful running of the parish during the last ten years, importantly as Chairman since 2015. "It seems ironic that he made it his job to see so many villagers acknowledged for their efforts during the Covid epidemic whilst his own, critical job in seeing that services continued and those in need helped, was not really acknowledged." During it all his unassuming but determined personality meant things ran smoothly. Now that he has fully retired as a member of the Council it is time for recognition.

Debbie Upton for her dedication to Clients in Kingsclere and the Care Industry. Joining Blue Angel in 2019, Debbie has clearly demonstrated her compassionate nature and willingness to go above and beyond for her clients in the village. Debbie is willing to take on any task no matter how large or small and her clients look forward to seeing her.



From left to right: Kath Hodgson, Dilwyn Patterson, Maisie Phenix, for Debbie Upton, for Jill Ainsworth, McColls, John Sawyer (photo: Gareth Martin)

GRASS CUTTING - KPC apologises for the upset caused following the lack of maintenance in some of its areas around the village. We instructed the same contractors as last year but unfortunately, we are not receiving the same level of service as we did. We are in constant contact and hope that by the time this goes to print all will have been resolved. Please do be assured it isn't what the specification details or to the standard we expected. We too feel let down and disappointed. We are looking at options and keeping an eye on the situation.

We are, however, very aware that there are many others in the same situation.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are **12th and 26th July and 9th August 2023.**

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – The next full Council Meeting is scheduled for **24th July 2023.** 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 during Public Questions.

For further information on anything in this article please contact Clerk to the Council on the email/telephone number given.

The Parish website: www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk



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Summer of Fun 2023 at The Fieldgate Centre

10am-2pm on Wednesdays
27th July - 30th August

FREE play activities for children age 2-10yrs*.
*Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

**Inflatables | Crazy Golf | Role Play
Bubble Fun | Shed of Stories**

Songtree Music | Outdoor Games | Crafts...and more!

If you would like to contribute towards the running costs, please
go to: <https://rb.gy/gddkb>

Offers of help with setting up and clearing away each week
would also be welcomed

Tel: 01635 298497 Email: fieldgatecentre@outlook.com
Website: www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk

Repair Cafe

Saturday 8th July 9am-noon
At the Fieldgate Centre



Our second Repair Cafe is Saturday, 8th July, 9am-noon, at the Fieldgate Centre. We have a variety of volunteer repair people on hand. To have the best chance of a successful repair please register in advance on our website. This will also put you at the head of the queue!

At the same time, we are hosting a **Community Cafe**, so drop in for tea or coffee, have a chat with us or some of your neighbours and treat yourself to some cake from Lucy of Bakerlou Basingstoke!

Can you mend or repair anything? Help us keep still useful items out of the bins!

Our next **sustainable market** is Sunday, 3rd September, at the Fieldgate.

We are grateful for the support from our partners at the Kingsclere Community Association.

Nicki, Sarah, Lucinda & Sue greenerkingsclere@gmail.com
www.Greener-kingsclere.co.uk

A 'Day Out' in the village?

Kingsclere Film Club is responding to requests from some of its senior members to consider meeting during an afternoon, which would enable members to take a bus to and from the Village Club, making attendance easier. As from September 30th the Film Club will be showing the film of the month in the Village Club at 2.00pm following the Community cafe. This will be the pattern for the next few months. We hope that this will make membership of the club accessible to more people, giving the opportunity of a 'Day Out' without leaving the village!

Kingsclere Film Club shows a very wide range of movies from all periods; 1929 for "All Quiet on the Western Front" being the earliest right up to 2022 for "Living", as well as most genres. We usually include a foreign language film (with sub titles) for those who like to practise their French or Italian and recent showings have included 'Charade'; 'The Duke'; the 2021 version of 'West Side Story' and 'The Big Sleep'. Members suggestions are included wherever possible and you can buy a glass of wine or a soft drink.

Kingsclere Film Club also welcomes new members, so if you would like **further information please contact the Chairman or Secretary on 01635297221 / 07833752330**



We are delighted to announce that after an evening of good food, fun, and displays of useless information retention, the total profit from the KCRF Quiz Night at The Crown, Kingsclere on 3rd June was £1,708.36. Every last penny of is going to Cancer Research UK.

Thank you to everyone who supported, in whatever capacity, for your incredible efforts. A special thank you to Suzanne and Nigel for being such generous and attentive hosts.

Our next events are **Wine Tasting on 21st Oct** and **Wreath Making on 1st Dec**, both at the Fieldgate Centre. Details to follow.

Beccy, Claire, Mandy and Sean



The Fieldgate Centre

Kingsclere Community Association
Your community, your place

The centre continues to be busy with a host of community activities and private functions.

Our Summer sports timetable is in full swing with the cricket home games on most Saturdays. The Rugby Club continues to offer adult, minis and walking rugby as well as the 6 weeks of summer touch sessions.

There is something for everyone indoors too... Clubbercise | Zumba Gold Pilates | Slimming World | Ceroc | Monthly Meet-Up | Racing Welfare Coffee Mornings | Badminton | Songtree Music

A new **Yoga class** began in June on Tuesday mornings; **July** dates are **4th, 11th and 18th 10am-11am.**

Summer of Fun starts on **Wednesday 26th July** and takes place weekly **10am-2pm**. Loads of fun activities for the kids including inflatables, role play, crazy golf, crafts, and games!

Other events taking place include:

Singers Summer Event on Sunday 16th July 12noon-2pm. Tickets £10 available online from www.ticketsource.co.uk and on the door.

Monthly Meet-Up on Tuesday 18th July 2.30-4.30pm. Refreshments, socialising and optional activities. All welcome.

Have you tried FINK Street Food? The van is doing a roaring take away trade every other Tuesday. Next dates 4th and 18th July from 5.30-8.30pm (see p21)

email: fieldgatecentre@outlook.com

telephone 01635 298497

www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk

Wolverton Market

The next Market will be held on **1st July** in the **Village Hall 9.30am to 11am**

Available to buy will be home grown vegetables and plants, household products, cards and candles, antiques and collectables, jigsaw puzzles and books, handmade garden ornaments, Bric a Brac.

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will also be available. Free Parking outside the Hall.

For more information or if you might be interested in having a Stall, please **contact Wendy Morgan 01635 297538**

Kingsclere Youth Football Club

Fieldgate Centre - Defibrillator

A defibrillator has been installed at the Fieldgate Centre in Kingsclere thanks to donations given by Four Lanes Trust, The Tower Magazine, Kingsclere Parish Council, Kingsclere Youth Football Club, Kingsclere Run Together and AED Donate. Kingsclere Community Centre. Croombs Electrical Services kindly arranged for installation.

Around 30,000 people die each year from out of hospital sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), 620 of these are people under the age of 35 and 270 of these deaths happen to children at schools. If defibrillation takes place within the first three minutes of a SCA, the patient's chances of survival increase by upwards of 80%.



From left to right – Ian Bowes, Mike Stokoe, Sarah Hewitt, Brian Elborn, Anne Blackmore, David Conquest.

The defibrillator will be available 24/7 at Kingsclere's largest sports and social venue and to anyone in the locality.

The defibrillator is registered with the emergency services and was officially unveiled by Brian Elborn and Mike Stokoe (Tower Magazine) Anne Blackmore (Four Lanes Trust) David Conquest (Kingsclere Parish Council) Sarah Hewitt (Kingsclere Run Together) Ian Bowes (Kingsclere Youth FC and Kingsclere Community Centre).

Kingsclere Gardening Association

CALLING ALL GARDEN, ALLOTMENT, BALCONY AND WINDOWSILL GARDENERS IN AND AROUND KINGSCLERE



We are holding our 59th Annual Show, Sunday 20 August 2023 at The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere

This is our biggest show of the year. We have classes for:

Vegetables	Pot Plants	Handicrafts
Fruit	Floral Art	Photography
Flowers inc Dahlias	Domestic (cooking)	Junior classes

“Entry on the day” for Kingsclere residents only (5 classes covering vegetables, fruit, flowers and pot

To take part you will need to let us know what classes you want to enter by **Thursday 17th Aug**, see the contact details below. Your exhibits **MUST** be on the show benches in the morning in time for judging at lunchtime.

The Show Schedule (list of classes) and the Show Rules leaflet can be emailed to you or can be accessed from the “Files” section on our Facebook page under KGA Full Schedule 2023. If you would like any tips or help with regard to the Show Rules or how to best to stage your exhibit to maximise its potential, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The KGA have experts in all classes to guide and help you.

To come and visit the Show and look round from 2.30pm, costs 20p and children are free.

If you would like to enter, please contact **Laura Butler on 07770 614971** or email **laura@ro-jen.co.uk**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Beth Theobald (Secretary) 07916 032250

Facebook: Kingsclere Gardening Association



FOSM 200 Club

The winner of the June Draw was Catherine Zaman – No.16

Congratulations, Catherine

Next month's Draw will take place at The Crown at approximately 7 pm on **Tuesday 4th July**
200clubkingsclere@gmail.com

Kingsclere Community Library

HOURS Tuesday & Thursday 1.00pm - 5.30pm
 Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm



Summer Reading FUN!

All children are welcome to join our Summer Reading FUN! Programme. We ‘launch’ on **Saturday 15th July** so come in then or anytime after to sign up! Read 6 books over the summer and you win!

Visiting Books Programme!

A new selection of ‘visiting books’ from HCC is now available, so come in and browse.

We are always in need of volunteers to keep our doors open, so if you have 2 hours per month (or more!) to help us out, do please get in touch.

Nicki Lee, Kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com www.kingsclerelibrary.co.uk
Library phone number: 01635 297464



Kingsclere Film Club

Saturday 8th July 2023 at 7.30pm
Kingsclere Village Club, George Street
Doors open at 7.00pm

Mrs Miniver

(1942 - U - 134 min - 6 Oscars)

Kay Miniver doesn't fly a Spitfire over London..... but she's doing her all for wartime England.... Winston Churchill would say Mrs Miniver was more vital to the nation than a fleet of destroyers!

1942's No.1 box-office hit. Stars Greer Garson and Walter Pigeon.

Next month: Saturday, 12th August 2023

Belfast

(2021 - 12A - 98 minutes)

Kingsclere Film Club welcomes guests at £7.50.
 New members are welcome at any time.

See separate article (page 5) for exciting new plans for the club starting in September

For further information call: **John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221** or
Diana Tait (Membership Secretary) 298494

Watership Down Health



July – Things to look out for:

Alcohol Awareness Week - 3rd - 9th July 2023

It's a chance for the UK to get thinking about drinking; a week of awareness-raising, campaigning for change, and more. Find out more at: <https://alcoholchange.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/alcohol-awareness-week-1>
Hay Fever

Hay fever is usually worse between late March and September, especially when it's warm, humid and windy. This is when the pollen count is at its highest. Community Pharmacies will be able to supply a range of Over the Counter medicines to help manage symptoms.

NHS has helpful information at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/>
Sunburn

Whilst it is always lovely to see a bit of sunshine, this can result in sunburn, if preparations are not made. Wearing a good sunscreen and a hat can save hours of pain. Please take extra care with children and young people.

Further details can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/sunburn>
Insect Bites

As the weather warms up and especially if one goes on holiday abroad, we may see a number of different insects which can bite and sting. We recommend that all home medicine cabinets have an appropriate preparation e.g. repellents and cream to assist. Further information at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/insect-bites-and-stings/symptoms/>

Accessing Your Practice

We recently put a detailed information sheet on our web site about how best to access Watership Down Health. We wish to thank all of those who contacted us to say Thank you.

Cancelling an Appointment

Thank you to those patients who cancel any appointments no longer needed from their Appointment Reminder that we send out. If anyone does not need an appointment that is booked, please let us know ideally the day before, so that the appointment can be offered to another patient. If you do not have a smart phone, please message us through the web site to cancel.

Medication Requests

Please make sure that you leave up to 5 working days to request medications. Medication is best ordered via one of the Online Apps and/or the NHS App or via our web site at: <https://www.watershipdownhealth.com/navigator/request-a-repeat-prescription/>

Telephone system upgrade

WHD is making a number of enhancements to the Cloud based telephone system which will make accessing the surgery better going forward. We are looking to implement the changes around the 20th/21st July.

The Church Pages



Dear Friends

“For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.” (Hosea 6:6 (NIV))

Any preacher is always well-advised to be careful of making direct parallels between the biblical text and the context into which they are preaching...

However, in the book of Hosea, the people of Israel are in a bad place - politically, economically and socially, and have fallen into the trap that these problems have nothing to do with their spiritual life. The same could currently be levelled at our nation...

I would agree that there is continuing need for repentance about the way we use the world's resources in an equitable and sustainable manner; for the toxic nature of too many relationships – both personal and professional and a host of other things where we fall short of the standards to which we are committed as the people of God.

But as Hosea challenges the people of Israel in the verse above, so too we need to ensure that our repentance is reflected in our actions and not simply expressed in words. It is so easy for us to be critical of others; it's easy to tell others what they should or should not be doing. We all have power, some have a lot, others a little, but we all have the ability to choose how we use what we have in responding to events and people. Are we critical of people for not showing up, not doing as much as we do, but not so good at asking why? Wondering if people are okay?

We are called to be merciful as (thankfully) God is merciful to us. This does not mean that we are not to challenge injustice or speak out for those whose voices are rarely heard. Being merciful is a lifestyle choice, of continuing to learn how to see the world through God's eyes and to feel the nuances of God's love for all humanity and the whole of creation.

As we come to a period of the year when some of us will be finding time to be refreshed and relax, may we reflect on what living a merciful lifestyle could mean for us as individuals, churches and members of this wider community.

Peace,

Rachel

Rachel Borgars
Methodist Minister

St Mary's Church

Worship in our Churches

July 2023



Services in our churches will be as follows:

Sun 2 nd	Morning Worship 9.30am St Peter's, Headley	Holy Communion 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thu 6 th		Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 9 th	Holy Communion 9.30am St Peter's, Headley	Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thu 13 th		Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 16 th	Morning Worship 9.30am St Paul's, Ashford Hill	Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thu 20 th		Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 23 rd	Holy Communion 9.30am St Paul's, Ashford Hill	Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thu 27 th		Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 30 th		Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere

www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

Kingsclere Methodist Church

Services for July

Sun 2 nd	Rev Rachel Borgars
Sun 9 th	Worship Leaders
Sun 16 th	Christine Thomas
Sun 23 rd	Rev Rachel Borgars
Sun 30 th	Malcolm Stone

All services begin at 10am and all are welcome

Coffee Morning every Thursday 10.30 - 12am

Hall available for hire (see details at the back of this magazine)

Christine Westcombe email c_westcombe@hotmail.com

Lighting up St Mary's

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

To book, contact Emma, our Church Administrator on **07422 687125** or email: administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk



July

- 6th In memory of Peggy on her 96th Birthday. Dearly missed and in our thoughts, Love Richard, Elaine, grandchildren and great grandchildren x
- 7th In memory of Mary Langthorne
- 15th Remembering Roy Hazell on his birthday. Your smile and your memory will never fade away. Forever in our hearts. With love from Wendy, Nicholas, Matthew, Victoria, Gosia, Anna, Lara, Austin and Lily.
- 15th Treasured memories of Roy who was dearly loved by us all. Norma, Julie and Neil.

St Mary's Church - Saturday Coffee

Freshly brewed coffee, tea and delicious homemade cakes.
All welcome – please do pop in!

July 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd 10.00-12.00am in the Kingsmill Room
Volunteers welcome – if you're able to pour coffee, welcome people or make cakes occasionally please do contact the church office on **01635 299528**.

KINGSCLERE CHARITIES

Incorporating:

Kingsclere Welfare Charity and Kingsclere Apprenticing Charity

2023 Meeting Dates:

Thursday 21st September

Thursday 16th November

The Trustees will meet on the above dates. Applications must be received by the clerk two weeks before each meeting. Apply in the first instance to www.kingsclerecharities.org where information and application forms can be found by selecting the appropriate charity for your needs, and submitting to the clerk. Alternatively please email kingsclerecharities@iname.com

St. Mary's Village Fete **Bank Holiday Monday 28th August**

HELP REQUIRED

The Fete is almost upon us. Only one more 'Tower' to go. All our plans and hard work are coming together and we can look forward to another great community event. We still need offers of help from the village, so we would be delighted to hear from you if you can help with setting up etc., or run a stall, supply tea and coffee to stallholders or put us in touch with potential sponsors.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are available to purchase now. We will be in the Churchyard selling tickets every Saturday morning in August. Draw to take place at the fete. Lots of interesting and valuable prizes have been donated.

TIME TO LOOK OUT THOSE UNWANTED ITEMS:

Books, Toys, Bric-a-Brac, Accessories, Gifts can all be brought along to St. Mary's Church from **Monday 21st August**.

TOMBOLA

Bottles and New Items/Unwanted gifts needed as Tombola prizes. Please contact Pam Kitch to arrange collection.

HOMEMADE CAKES

Our Cake Stall is always popular and we need lots of homemade cakes to sell. We know there are many fantastic bakers in the village. Again, contact Pam if you would like us to collect, or bring along on the morning of the fete.

DOG SHOW

Once again, the Dog Show team have come up trumps. They have planned a Fun Show, so bring your pooch along to show off his/her paces. Classes to cover all ages of dogs and humans!.....is your dog a rescue dog, grateful for its new home? is it a 'pandemic puppy' now growing up fast? Entertaining to watch, fun for the dogs Obedience required from all owners! (Remember – must be kept on leads!)

Registration open from 12 noon ... NO pre-show entries; entries closed when class is full. See you there! Woof, woof!

Tel: Sara Hannan – 299550 or Email: pamkitch16@gmail.com

Ted Dunn

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Ted Dunn last month. He was a very welcoming presence at St Mary's Church where he was Treasurer for the PCC for many years. Although he also worshipped at other churches, he was a regular member of St Mary's towards the end of his life and enjoyed meeting friends over a coffee in the Kingsmill Room. As an accountant, he voluntarily used his financial skills to help many Kingsclere clubs and organisations. He was also a keen sportsman and an active member of the Tennis Club. For over 25 years he was one of the team who assemble the Kingsclere Tower each month. We thank him for his hard work, his dedication to Kingsclere Village life and his kindness to everyone.

Mike Stokoe

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Thank you for your tremendous support at our Plant sale with Kingsclere Gardening Association in May, which was a most enjoyable and successful occasion. At the time of writing, we're hoping that the Open Gardens event will be similarly blessed with sunny days.

FOSM will again have a stall at the August Bank Holiday Fete, so do please come to visit us, and find out more about what we do, and how you can be involved. As ever, the list of remedial works needed to the Church fabric grows apace, and FOSM continues to make an invaluable contribution to the costs of repairs and restoration. You can be part of this. As well as selling the village Cookbook and various items with the FOSM Bedbug logo – all useful as gifts -- we will be serving celebratory **champagne at £4 a glass, with the first glass free if you sign up as a Friend!**

Peter Turner, Chairman

Website: friendsofstmaryskingsclere.org

For membership and other enquiries contact: fosmkingsclere@gmail.com

Community Larder

Open Thursdays 2.30pm to 4.30pm in

the Kingsmill Room (on the side of St Mary's Church, Kingsclere)

Our Community Larder, which began in March 2020, continues to operate. If you are in need of food, please come along to St Mary's Church and for £3 you can choose one bag of dried/tinned items and one bag of fresh/ frozen food. Enjoy free refreshments and a chat too. There are no questions asked and no proof required, we want to help all those in our local area that need support. Thanks to kind donors we are able to stock our shelves with tins and dried food each week. Fresh and frozen food is delivered by the Community Food Link, an organisation in Basingstoke that collects food nearing best before dates and distributes it to local food banks and larders.

Donations are always welcome – please bring along any tinned or dried goods or household items to the Kingsmill Room **11.30-12.30 Thursday mornings**. Thank you – without the generosity of so many local people we simply wouldn't be able to run the larder.

We often hear of people that are in need but who did not know that they could come along to the Larder. Please do spread the word amongst your neighbours as we are sure that there are others in need throughout Kingsclere, Ashford Hill and Headley who do not yet know about us!

If you have any questions about the food bank please ring the church office on **01635 299528 or 07422 687125**.

Shipinnarts

The Ship Inn Country Hotel, Ashford Hill, RG19 8BD
Tel: 01189 814504

See Events 2023 on our website for more details of each event:

<https://shipinnarts.org/> **Tickets on Eventbrite or direct from The Ship**

What's on in JULY & AUGUST

Come and join us! You will be warmly welcomed.

Fri 7th July 7pm – 10pm Open Mic. FREE If you would like to come along, just turn up. Donation pot for food. Please do pop in for a drink.

Tue 11th July 11am – 2pm Crafts at Shipinnarts Indulge in making your own fairy house, enhance your garden with mobiles, leaping unicorns, dancing fairies and imps! Design and make jazzy containers for pens/paintbrushes, or for storing odds and ends. Alternatively bring a craft you are continuing, or just come and have a chat. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch. **Tickets £5**

Sat 15th July 3pm - 5pm Mad Hatters Tea Party! A delicious Afternoon Tea with a shanty band!. You are welcome to dress up if you want to!! Kindly organised by Jon Whitfield, featuring ditties from Alice in Wonderland. **Tickets £15 adults (to include tea)**
Children 5 yrs and over £3 per ticket (pay for children on the day but please ring to let us know how many)

Sat 19th August 3pm - 5pm A Musical Cream Tea! with Angela Moore (Harp) and Peter Jenkins (violin). **Tickets £12 to include Tea. (Tickets on door on the day £15). Children free**

Looking forward to welcoming you,
Vanessa, Georgi, Jane, Alison and Jon - Shipinnarts Team

Bellringing

On the 25th May a quarter peal of 1260 Plain Bob Minor was rung to welcome Peter Williams, the new Priest-in-Charge, and his wife Beverley.

On the 6th June a quarter peal of 1264 Plain Bob Major was rung to say goodbye to the Channel Island Church Towers who were in the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild for the last 50 years but have now transferred to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 2022.

Helen Piper



KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB

Est. 1921 CHARITY 1189234

<http://www.kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/kingsclerevillageclub>

Community Café

The next Café is on **July 29th, 10am to 1pm**, with a fun quiz and children's craft table. Table-top games for children and adults will also be available. Enjoy a cuppa, a tasty snack and pleasant company. Do you know someone who would like to join us but has mobility problems? Contact Helen (below) and we will do our best to arrange transport. *Please note there will be no Café in August.*

Harp Recital

Join us at **3.30pm** on the afternoon of **Sunday 6th August** for a cream tea followed by a harp recital by Jenny Broome. *'Beautifully poised....radiant playing...a fine sense of line'*

Tickets £15 from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/585234> or Helen.

Family Creativity Day

Fun for all the family, **Saturday 12th August**. Entrance is free, a small donation towards the cost of materials appreciated. Refreshments available. At the time of writing, we are still planning the details of this event. Look out for more information on the village noticeboards and social media.

Helen 297390 or events@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands W.I.

Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street



The June meeting of Kingsclere WI was greatly enjoyed and very informative. It was so interesting hearing about the work of the Blue Lamp Trust, it was also very useful for our members.

July sees a complete change of topics when we welcome:

Heather Wylde with her talk called 'Keep it in the Family'

This is a story taken from her mother's 1941 diary telling of the months after her uncle's Wellington bomber went missing on a bombing raid in Düsseldorf. This is a talk with a PowerPoint presentation.

The meeting is on **Wednesday, the 14th June at the Village Club** on George Street, the meeting **starts at 1.45pm** and we would very much like to welcome any visitors who care to come to listen to this very interesting talk, they will be made very welcome. All our members love meeting guests.

Margaret Geary, President tel 01635 297197

Kingsclere CE Primary School



It has been wonderful returning to school after my recent maternity leave! The children have grown so much and blossomed this past year; staff continue to work incredibly hard and I am thrilled to know our links with the community have continued to grow. A huge thank you to Mrs Messenger, who returns to her role as Deputy Headteacher, for all her efforts, as well as the staff, governors, parents/carers and of course, the children. Kingsclere is such a special place, we are so lucky!

The summer term is always filled with fun and this year is no different, kicking off this half term with our fantastic sports day – you may have heard us with all the cheering!



The winning House (Eagles, Owls, Hawks & Falcons) changed several times throughout the day with Eagles swaying it in the end with lots of help from the parent/carers who also joined in the fun. We look forward to adding the points to the Swimming Gala later this term to see who wins the House Sports Cup overall.

We love to promote healthy lifestyles and were thrilled to hold our Walk to School Week once more, which even included children walking all the way from Ecchinswell! Those unable to walk to school completed the challenge by doing laps of the playground each lunchtime.



Our Y5/6 Girls Football team have also demonstrated sleek skills and teamwork (as well as EPIC Goalkeeping skills shown by Lucy!) as they reached the **quarter finals** in the Thatcham & Newbury Town Girls Junior Schools Tournament! Our Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 played with fantastic effort, bravery and resilience. We are proud of you all!

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Later this term we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils who leave us for Secondary School. It is important to us to encourage the children to aim high throughout their time at Kingsclere and support them to build character, resilience and a love of learning. We look forward to celebrating with them as they perform their end of year play as well as receiving awards at our special Oscar Night!

We recently received a visit from a District Advisory Inspector for Early Years this term who was highly impressed with the EYFS provision and the high expectations we have across the school for all pupils. We are delighted that the EYFS was seen as a “real strength” of the school, well done everyone! If your child is starting school in September 2024, please look out for future dates for tours of the school in the new academic year.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Mrs Hannah Melrose, Headteacher

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby & Toddler Group

Where: The Village Club, George St

When: Tuesdays, 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost: £2.50 for 1st child (including snack for child and hot drink and biscuit for adult), 50p per extra child, £1 per extra adult



The Bunnies are looking forward to our summer party! Come and join us on **Tuesday, July 18th**, for a bouncy castle, soft play, face painting, and ice lollies - we love welcoming new visitors to our play sessions.

We'll be holding our swap table on **Tuesday, July 4th** – please do bring along baby items, clothes, and toys to this session.

We'd also like to say a huge congratulations to Jill Ainsworth, who is among the winners of the Kingsclere Making a Difference Awards! Jill has been instrumental in keeping Bunnies running over the years, and we'd like to say a big thank you to her from all the Bunnies, for her hard work and dedication to the group.

Thank you as always to Swan Street Stores for their continued support of a weekly donation of fresh fruit snacks for the bunnies. For information visit our Facebook page, or regular visitors can join our WhatsApp group for weekly updates.

Bunnies will be closed on **Tuesday, July 25th**, due to prior commitments in the hall.

Tess Watkins 07905 624679

July In The Garden

July is usually one of the hottest months of the year. I find gardening is more comfortable, early morning or later in the evening. This is also a good time to water plants if we do not have the rain to do the job.

Unfortunately storms occur this month, which can cause a lot of damage in the garden, if taller plants are not well supported. Sweet peas are at their best in July. Pick often, probably every day if you are fortunate to be able to grow a row, as picking frequently will prevent them from producing seed pods, which will stop plants from flowering. If weather allows sweet peas will flower for months. Delphiniums are good now, as are the astrantia, Both can be cut back to ground level after flowering, this should encourage them to flower again in the autumn.

Keep deadheading flowering plants to lengthen the season, this works well with roses and bedding plants. If you grow lupins, take seeds to replace the plants as I'm informed that in this area the plants will last about three years, also basal cuttings can be taken in the spring. Lift and divide iris plants. Take hydrangea cuttings, very easy to take, and these lovely shrubs have become very popular in recent years.

Prune plum trees, also cherry and damson. This is best done immediately after harvesting, cuts will heal quickly in warm weather reducing the risk of infection.

Most plants will benefit from a liquid feed this month. The vegetable garden will need watering in particular runner beans need the water to set the flowers. Pinch out the tops of the beans when they reach the top of the support, this applies also to climbing french beans. Runner and french bean seeds can be planted now for a late harvest.

Lots of vegetables will be ready to harvest this month: courgettes, shallots, onions, cabbage and early potatoes.

Trim conifer hedges and remove unwanted growth from trees, the shoots on the trunks can be very untidy. With warm weather pests and diseases multiply rapidly, spraying with soapy water may help the black and green fly rather than chemicals.

Whatever the weather the weeds continue to flourish, just read today, soaking weeds with boiling water makes them easier to remove, not tried it, but would have to be done with great care, with cost of energy, maybe not a good idea. Back to just digging them out by hand !!

Denise Allen



FINK Street Food
Middle Eastern Fusion Food
Pop-Up Outlet

Outside the Fieldgate Centre
Tuesday 4th & 18th July, 5.30pm - 8pm

We are a social enterprise street food business committed to transforming our customers' lunch money into positive social change by reinvesting our profits into mental health counselling services for young people in our community. We're proud to partner with No5 Young People, a local charity, to provide these vital services. By choosing Fink Street Food, not only will you be treating yourself to delicious food, but you'll also be supporting our mission to make a tangible impact on the lives of young people.

Come and join us!

The Kingsclere Community Association present

Kingsclere Singers
BYO Picnic

Music from stage & screen

Featuring Kingsclere Primary School Choir

Sunday 16 July, 12 noon

The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere, RG20 5SQ

Tickets £10 available on the door or at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/hampshire/the-fieldgate-centre

Children free. Bar open.

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Nature Notes

Accompanying a toddler who loves the outdoors means that you spend a lot of time walking very slowly, looking closely at the ground. Like many toddlers, my daughter loves routine and likes to do the same walks each day, so you become well acquainted with the local flora and fauna – noticing daily changes, let alone seasonal. This restriction, I remind myself, is a blessing.

Particularly this month, I've noticed yellow Welsh poppies popping out of garden walls bordering the pavements. Their delicate stems quivering upright in the breeze like a snake charmer's rope – defying the solidity of the brickwork from which they emerge.

My daughter has discovered ants and likes to point out 'ants' wherever she goes – bending down in the dry dust of this recent rain-less spell to pick them out with her tiny index finger. Their nests are growing in our lawn – turning large patches of grass into mounds of bleached, grainy soil deposits. Hopefully this growing population of grass colonizers is balanced by the increase in pigeons, sparrows and wrens feasting on them; and we were all shocked to watch a sparrowhawk descend like lightning onto the lawn, the little yellow wing of a goldfinch flapping hopelessly in its talons.

She is also fascinated by bees – we are trying to teach her not to pull off the heads of wildflowers by telling her that the bees need to 'eat' the flowers. We were excited when a swarm of honeybees on the move clustered on a neighbour's tree; we held our daughter up to show her but she seemed confused – her little brain struggling to associate the huge clump of hundreds of bees with the micro world of insects that she explores down at knee height.

On one plod along a path by a wooded stream, the ground was covered in cotton-like catkins like fairy feather boas. In fact, these were fertilized seeds from a female black poplar tree – the magnificent water-loving tree that features in John Constable's famous painting, *The Hay Wain*. I later discovered how rare this tree is.

One of my favourite sights this month has been the stunning displays of colour from horse chestnut trees. I had not been aware of the Red Horse Chestnut variety and when driving down Sydmonton Road was delighted by an alternating explosions of pink and white flowers from row after row of these majestic trees.

Lydia Harley-Tomlinson



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Silk Weaving is in Danger, but We're Doing Our Bit

The recently published Heritage Crafts Red List of Endangered Crafts included new entries for 'silk ribbon making' and 'silk weaving', listing them as critically endangered. The Whitchurch Silk Mill plays a huge part in helping to safeguard the future of silk weaving skills by showing visitors the production process and by teaching a new generation of weavers who will go on to use their skills in their future careers. Our ribbons are widely used by film and stage costumiers, most recently in Netflix's *Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story*, and the films *The Wonder* (2022) and *Emma* (2020).

Please Help Us with Vital Fundraising

We're in need of energetic people to join our Fundraising Working Group; a small team which helps the Mill with its fundraising and events programmes by coming up with ideas and helping to facilitate their success. If you'd like to join, please contact us.

Whitchurch Open Gardens Event

This new event, in aid of the Mill, will see a number of Whitchurch gardens opening to visitors **between 1.00 and 5.30pm on 2 July**. Details and a route map are available from the Mill. Cream teas will be available on the Mill's lawn, kindly supported by Rodda's and Tiptree as part of their National Cream Tea Day celebration, and Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants will have a plant stall to tempt you. **Cost £10 per person; accompanied under 16s free.**

Open Air Theatre – The Tempest

On **8 July** theatre company SISATA is presenting Shakespeare's *The Tempest* in the grounds of the Mill. The play's themes of human lust for power and control, and lives endangered by devastating storms, are modern-day themes too, and SISATA's production is set on the Isle of Portland in Dorset, drawing from experiences of climate change and the power of nature and its potentially devastating effects on coastal communities. Can the potential for a tempest crisis unite the locals to live and love and work together with nature to battle the inevitable tide of climate change? Will love win the day? Find out, by joining us for an entertaining evening of words and music starting at **6.45pm**. **Doors open at 5.30** to allow you to choose your spot and get your picnic organised. Tickets are available : **www.ticketsource.co.uk/sisata/t-moeydpv**

The Parish Fete

The Mill and the Gill Nethercott Centre are jointly hosting the Parish Fete on **Saturday 15 July**. You can expect a great family afternoon with all the usual fete stalls and activities. In the evening there will be 'An Evening of Music at the Mill' – **tickets £5**. See posters on social media and around the town.

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