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As I write this the nation is in mourning for the loss of our Queen. However, when you read these words a new reign will have begun so it is with sadness in our hearts but with hope for the future that we welcome the accession of our new King Charles III.

Kingsclere had a special relationship with our late monarch. Customers in the shops would comment if they had seen an official-looking car, sometimes with a motor-bike escort, rush past on its way up Swan Street. Surely that must have been the Queen? They were right of course. The Queen has had horses trained at Park House Stables since the early sixties and she was a regular visitor. In particular, she would make time each year whilst staying in the grounds of Highclere Castle, home of her once racing manager the Earl of Carnarvon, to visit her various horses trained in the area.

According to Lady Emma Balding, Park House has trained on average 6 horses a year although presently they have 12 of her horses there. Amongst the most successful were Magna Carta, Example and Escorial and more recently, Andrew Balding trained Tactical who won at Royal Ascot in 2020.

Lady Emma has, very kindly, offered us some memories of Her Majesty which you can read on page 3.
The Editor

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Will ALL contributors please include full name
& home phone number/e-mail address.

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“Today we send our sincere condolences to the Royal Family following the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Her Majesty was admired by a great many people around the world for a lifetime of public service to this country and the Commonwealth. The people of Kingsclere will remember her with respect and pride, in particular for her love of horse racing which is shared by many in our village. We join the Royal Family in mourning her passing.”

Cllr Clive Mussett, Chair of Kingsclere Parish Council - 8th September 2022

During the last month Kingsclere has shown its appreciation and love for the late Queen Elizabeth II who passed away on 8th September 2022. The council lit up the Jubilee Lamp on 12 September as an Act of Remembrance and helped co-ordinate arrangements in the village to allow residents the opportunity to pay their respects.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY — There is currently a councillor vacancy on Kingsclere Parish Council. Being a councillor is a great way to give back to the community and help develop our wonderful village. Seeing Kingsclere change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING — the collections dates are Wednesday 5th and 19th October and then the 2nd November 2022.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — The next full Council Meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday 31st October 2022 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 during Public Questions.

The  Parish website
@kingsclerepc



www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk
facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

The Queen and Park House Stables

The Royal connection with Park House Stables dates back to Queen Victoria's son King Edward VII and John Porter the trainer. Clare Balding in her excellent autobiography tells of meeting the Queen over breakfast sausages! Andrew, her brother who has succeeded his father Ian, also talks of the Queen's horses that they are presently training in the upcoming Amazon Prime Video series Horsepower.



Lady Emma Balding who is the daughter of the previous Park House owner Peter Hastings-Bass, and wife of Ian, has known the stables as long as anyone. She has kindly recalled some memories of the Queen for us.

“Her Majesty regularly visited her horses in the Spring when she stayed at Milford Lake House and spent two days looking at her various horses in the area. She always arrived quietly with one very unobtrusive protection officer and just thoroughly enjoyed the privacy of time off. She loved talking to the various people in the yard and to the horses themselves. Her instinctive horsemanship was such that she knew which ones to keep a respectful distance from and which she could happily feed carrots to. One particular year, she asked if there was a problem with dusty straw and mentioned she had given an award to a young person who had designed a vent to capture the dust. Within weeks the tip was followed up and the next visit she made she noted the various new vents installed. Her observation of the most minor detail was very sharp and being a true country woman she was never deterred by the weather. It was an honour and privilege for all at Park House to have been able to see Her Majesty get such enormous pleasure from her horses. She took any bad news as well as any person could and was always the first to enquire after the person looking after or riding the horse if there had been an accident.”

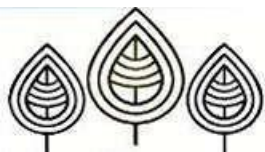
Malthouse Open Space and Gailey Brook

Temporary but useful changes have been made following the piece in the August edition of the Tower. Thanks to the work of a team lead by a local resident, the Gailey Brook now runs through the pond and out again a few yards downstream. The pond is several inches deeper than before and with running water, is much improved. This is within the scope of outline plans already agreed by the River Authority and will provide useful evidence for future planning. The nettles have been cut down as a first step towards achieving the aim of making the area better for wildlife ecology in general and people.

Thanks are due to those who have carried out the work, others who have offered help, Mark Side who has offered a generous donation in memory of his father, and the Parish Council. Councillors, as part of previous work, have planted some 2,000 bulbs. Autumn crocuses are flowering on the slope.

The Parish Council has now advised that it needs to take stock and consult before any permanent changes are made. In due course it will be probably be useful to form a small team of people prepared to work to implement plans and nurture the area in the longer term. Any new volunteers are asked to contact:

Alan Denness or Tom Sneyd (tom.sneyd.kingsclere@gmail.com 07340 613 419) giving their email and phone details.



Watership Down Health October Newsletter

The Health Hub — Basingstoke

On 5 September The NHS Health Hub opened in Basingstoke. The Health Hub deliver Covid vaccinations and offer blood pressure checks, weight management and smoking cessation support. The Hub will implement other services as time goes on. It is located on the upper level of Festival Place near to the former Debenhams store. Full details of the offerings can be found here: thehealthhubbasingstoke.co.uk

Flu and Covid Vaccination programmes

The Autumn Covid Booster Vaccination programme will commence on Monday 12* September. Eligible patients will be invited to make an appointment at The Health Hub in the Festival Place shopping centre in Basingstoke. This new venue is very easy to access by public transport

Groups will be contacted by age cohort and appointments must be made through the National Booking System. This can be done online or for those who don't have Internet access, the telephone booking service can be accessed by dialling 119. GP surgeries will not send out invitations and will not be able to make vaccination appointments. Flu vaccinations will be offered at the same time for those over 65. Should patients not wish to take up the offer of flu vaccinations they will need a booking elsewhere.

Roving teams will deliver vaccinations for the housebound and for care homes.

Contact with the practice

Please note that all main Covid updates will be advertised through the Health Hub web site. **Please do not call the practice to make a booking.**

Please be aware that if everyone rings 119 first thing in the morning their lines will be inundated as well. Please think about calling at a different time.

Please keep us informed of any telephone /mobile telephone and email changes.

This helps us contact you most efficiently. Thank you.

Staffing Updates

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to Dr Bartlett who retired at the end of July and finished with us as a locum at the end of August 2022. Dr Bartlett was a core member of the team for many years and well liked in the community.

Ordering Repeat Prescriptions

There are several ways patients can request their repeat prescription.

- ^ Online: [Register for Online Services | Watership Down Health](#)
- Via your preferred pharmacy
- Via the WDH website - top middle of home page 'Online requests'
- [Repeat Prescription Request Watership Down Health](#) No account is needed.



The Fieldgate Centre is run by the Kingsclere Community Association as a charity (No. 1168366). The association is made up of volunteers who rely on the support and participation of the community.

On behalf of the team at Kingsclere Community Centre, I would like to mark the passing of Her Majesty The Queen and convey our gratitude for her seven decades of selfless service to the Nation and the Commonwealth. She was an inspiration to all of us and a reminder that community, however large or small, is what holds us all together. Our condolences go to her family and to our King.

Andy Bates, Chairman

Our Autumn timetable is in full swing, with something for everyone ...
Clubbercise Pilates Slimming World Ceroc Short Mat Bowls
Monthly Meet-Up Racing Welfare Coffee Mornings

The NEW Zumba **GOLD** class has got off to a great start. Low impact, dance fitness that's slightly slower than a regular Zumba class.

Wednesdays at 10am. £6 per class, pay as you go.

Contact Emma on 07595 270506.

The Fieldgate Centre hosts blood donor sessions and NHS clinics and KCA is pleased to announce that Hampshire Healthy Families is planning to run courses and workshops free for families beginning in November.

Race **Night** on Saturday 1st October. Doors open 7.30pm. Over 18s only. Tickets £5, include a hot supper, are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk or from the office.

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

website: www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk

tel: 01635 298497

email: fieldgatecentre@outlook.com

facebook

Did you know?

The Queen gave a Shetland pony called Valkyrie to Clare and Andrew Balding as their first pony. Previously it had been ridden by the Queen's sons, Andrew and Edward. Valkyrie took part in the Kingsclere Celebration of her Silver Jubilee.





At 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)
at the Village Club, George Street.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by

The Duke

(2020 - 12 - 95 minutes -to be confirmed)

In 1961, Kempton Brunton, a 60 year old taxi driver, steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery. "Funny and moving". Based on a true story. Stars Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.

Kingsclere Film Club welcomes guests at £7.50, subject to space.
New members welcome at any time.

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

Help needed

Are you able to give occasional support to help us set up and show films? Covid has shown us that we need to have someone or a small team to operate the video/projection equipment in the Village Club when key members are unavailable. Training given.

Kingsclere Film Club meets on the second Saturday of the month.

Please contact John Sawyer on 297221 for further details.

EHR

The story of how EHR was written in trees on Cottington Hill

If you look carefully at Cottington Hill from Hollowshot Lane and study the left hand side of the woodland below the mast, you can just make out EHR planted in trees for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

The story behind this wonderful act of loyalty, as told by Robert May, is that his father Gilbert May bought the hill side for Kingsclere Estates around 1952. It was then cleared of the scrub. Gilbert decided to plant beech trees to form EHR with a background of evergreen trees. Sadly, the background trees have not proved a success. Although Gilbert tried to tidy up the view for the Queen's Silver Jubilee, the EHR is not obvious unless you are looking for it.

The Editor

KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB

Est. 1921

100 years and counting ...

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

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



Two Queens and Five Kings

When the Holding family acquired the building and opened a coffee house in the late 1800s, Queen Victoria was on the throne. The building was given in trust during the reign of her grandson, George V. And now we are at the beginning of the seventh reign in our history. It is a privilege to help care for this venerable building and work to secure its future.

Autumn Market

An enticing variety of local artisans and crafters selling high quality items are coming to our next market on Saturday 8th October, 10am. to 12.30pm.

Look out for details of the stalls on Facebook and our website.

Save the date: Christmas Market on 4th December.

Community Café

Our next Café is on Saturday 29th Oct, 10am-1pm. Table-top games and a Halloween themed craft table available, plus the usual homemade cakes, cuppa and chat. A local history display will be on show during the café.

Spitfire Evening & Midsummer Night's Dream

Thanks to everyone who came to these sell-out events. The monies raised will go towards our **GREEN Appeal** which is raising funds for our energy project. We are hoping that work will start in the last week of October. Looking forward to a warm and draught-free Club! If you would like to contribute, here is the link to our JustGiving page. <https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3308045>

Another way to support us is to become a **Friend**.

Contact me for details.

Helen 01635 297390 or events@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk

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

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





Police Report

There has recently been an increase of burglaries in out-buildings. Please do not challenge any individuals and call 999 straight away. If you have seen any suspicious behaviour or vehicles in question, please report to us via Hampshire Constabulary website or 101 immediately, as it will allow us to do a CCTV scope in the area to see if anyone has got recording of those vehicles or people. Here is some advice regarding how to keep your outbuildings safe:

General home and outbuilding security:

Ensure all doors and windows are shut and locked when not in use.

Ensure windows and door frames are in good repair.

Fit good quality deadlocks conforming to the latest British Standards to all external doors.

Fit good quality window locks.

Advice is available from the Master Locksmith Association.

Security lighting:

Install security lights that come on automatically at dusk and go off at dawn.

Help make your property look occupied by fitting timer switches to lamps in different rooms and set them to come on at staggered times.

Due to the potential fire risk in using any electrical device, it is important, that all manufacturers' instructions are strictly adhered to at all times.

CCTV and intruder alarms:

Consider installing CCTV to provide formal surveillance to the most vulnerable areas of the property.

Consider installing an audible and monitored intruder alarm system.

Get comprehensive advice from a reputable security company that conforms to national standards: NSI or SSAIB-

Entrances and exits:

Look closely at the perimeter of your land to ensure it is as secure as possible.

If possible, remove all private access points that are no longer used and establish a single gated entrance and exit.

Consider installing an entry control system, infra-red, intercom or keypad entry.

Gates and hinges:

Invert and cap gate hinges so that gates cannot be lifted off. Ensure fixing bolts cannot be removed.

Use good quality padlocks with covers so they cannot be easily cut off.

Use locking posts or temporary obstructions to control large openings to yards.

Natural boundary protection:

Plant thorn hedges to use as natural boundaries.

Restrict vehicle access by digging deep ditches.

If you have any enquiries please email me

at joshua.revett@hampshire.police.uk.

I cover a vast rural area west of Basingstoke but I will respond as soon as I can.

PCSO Joshua Revett joshua.revett@hampshire.police.uk

KINGSCLERE AND HEADLEY WOODLANDS W.I.

September has certainly made up for a lack of summer rain. My wellies are getting a lot of use at the moment!



Our now very fit ladies (after their armchair exercises last month), are looking forward to welcoming Jane Burrell telling us about Ufton Court, a house of secrets. Ufton Court was the country retreat of Lord and Lady Bearsted and I'm sure Jane has many secrets to share with us.

As usual, we meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 12th October at 1.45pm at the Village Club, 35 George Street, Kingsclere. Again, we extend a very warm welcome to all visitors. We are always happy to see newcomers, so do try us out.

At the end of October our WI will take part in our first group meeting since 2019, along with fellow Group WI members from Burghclere, East Woodhay and Vernham Dean. We will be meeting Tom Way an international photographer who, I'm sure, will be showing us some of his award winning photographs and telling us how he captured them. We are really looking forward to that.

Margaret Geary
President
01635297197

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group



Where: The Village Club

When: Tuesdays 9.00am-11.00am

Cost: £2.50 for 1" Child (including snack for child and hot drink and biscuit for adult),

50p per extra child, £1 per extra adult

The weather has brought us back indoors again recently but we've still had fun enjoying the last few weeks with older siblings in-tow. We've sadly said goodbye to our school and nursery starters but it's been wonderful to say "hello" to some lovely new friends too - bouncing babies and new locals alike!

We have a very friendly selection of mums, dads, grandparents and child minders with children from tiny babies to energetic toddlers and we love welcoming new visitors to our play sessions. We enjoy both indoor and outdoor play with craft table, plenty of toys and singing time too. 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 like to join our WhatsApp group for weekly updates.

Annette Glauser 01635 291312

Nature Notes

It has been a trying time for birds this Summer with the disappearance of surface water and the necessity of making trips to find a stream that hadn't run dry: not only quenching of thirst but the lack of available insect food as the earth turned to concrete. This year therefore it was doubly important to ensure our birdbaths remained topped up, the one infringement of water restrictions but necessary and appreciated by birds both to drink and bathe. At any time of year bird baths are centres of attraction and bathing refreshes birds in addition to maintaining their feather condition. Amusing to watch wood pigeons bathe—they barely fit so spend much time pondering before heaving their mass into the water and there to soak in contented reflection and relief. Smaller birds have the advantage of room so can wallow and have a good soak, robins are thorough bathers, lifting each wing to trickle water into their wing pits and having a good stretch. Then come the neighbours from Hell, starlings a dozen at a time fighting, bathing, disputing, water thrown everywhere, after twenty seconds-gone and so has the water.



A ghostly grey image on the patio door is a sad reminder of a young pigeon ignorant of the properties of glass. The collision resulted in an outline of the wings and chest printed in powder down or feather dust and a body lying on the paving stones of a fully-fledged pigeon, as yet lacking the white neck markings of an adult. The impact had not only killed it but had burst open its crop revealing a mass of wheat seed. Bird silhouettes are now in place on the glass to discourage further casualties.

Walking on Newtown Common in August revealed late flowering ling heather and western gorse providing pink and yellow colour in contrast to expanses of parched grass and heathland. Shallow rooted birch trees that were in leaf, those leaves fall for lack of water, but conifers are the winners while oaks had an abundance of acorns. A challenging year for nature.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

Saturday Coffee

Fresh brewed coffee, tea and delicious home made cakes.
All welcome — please do pop in!

10.00-12.00
in the Kingsmill Room, St Mary's Church
October 1st to the 15th and 22nd

Volunteers welcome — if you're able to pour coffee, welcome people or make cakes occasionally, please do contact the church office on
01635 299528

The Church Pages

Dear Friends

Well, what a month September was. A new Prime Minister and a new King in the space of just a few days, leading to a time of National Mourning and the State Funeral for her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

There have been countless reflections on the late Queen's life and reign, as well as her legacy to the country and the world at large. There has been much speculation about what will be the hallmarks of King Charles III reign. There has been much less shared about the subject of death and its reality for all humanity. The Christian Church has played a prominent role in the nation's life at this time, in keeping with Her Majesty's expressed personal faith and that is as it should be. It is in that vein that I would like to share with you a reflection on Hope and Resurrection written by this year's President of the Methodist Conference, the Rev Graham Thompson:

"Death is part of life. It seems strange to state this so starkly, but it is true. From the moment we are born, we are on a journey through life that is redolent with our mortality. We are taught what dangers to avoid; to be careful with that which can do us harm including tobacco, drugs and alcohol, and to consider the risks when driving or hill walking for instance. The NHS and the Health & Safety Executive do all they can to keep us alive but one day, we will experience death just as Queen Elizabeth II experienced it on 8th September. And so, 2022 will be remembered as the year when Queen Elizabeth died.

In the Old Testament there is a reference to the death of a king. Uzziah was a king of Judah who, like our queen, ascended the throne at a young age and reigned successfully and well for over fifty years. His death was a significant moment because so many only knew one king. For Christians, death is not the end but the beginning of a life when time is no more. We declare a 'sure and certain hope' of being raised to eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:51 f). Our hope rests in Jesus who died that we might live. Jesus invites us to die with Him that we might also rise with Him (Romans 6:5-8) and, when we make a Christian commitment, we die to self and seek to live the life of Jesus, eternally.

Our nations are mourning because our Sovereign, whom we honour and have come to admire and to love as a child of God, has died. We grieve with tears and smiles. Our tears are for our loss whilst our smiles are for happy memories and the joy of eternal hope. Our Queen believed in eternal life and we also believe and trust in Jesus who said, 'I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, even though they die, will live' (John 11:25)."

So, my prayer is that we will find glimpses of hope in our everyday lives which will lift our souls towards the extraordinary, generous, unending love of God revealed in Jesus and all who bear his name.

Rachel

Rachel Borgars
Methodist Minister





Worship in our Churches October

Sunday 2 nd October	9.30am Holy Communion St Peters, Headley	10.30am Holy Communion for HARVEST St Mary's, Kingsclere	
Thursday 6 th October		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere	
Sunday 9 th October	9.30am Morning Worship for HARVEST St Peter's, Headley	10.30am Morning Worship (Gifl Day) St Mary's, Kingsclere	
Thursday 13 th October		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere	
Sunday 16 th October	9.30am Morning Worship St Paul's, Ashford Hill	10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere	
Thursday 20 th October		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere	
Sunday 23 rd October	9.30am Holy Communion St Paul's, Ashford Hill	10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere	
Thursday 27 th October		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere	
Sunday 30 th October		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere	12 noon HARVEST Worship and Lunch St Paul's, Ashford Hill (please book tickets at www.clerewoodlands.org.uk)

www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

Kingsclere Methodist Church

Services in October

2nd October	Rev Bennett
9th October	Rev Larkinson
16th October	Rev Borgars
23rd October	Rosie Greenhalgh
30th October	Rev Fitchett

Services commence at 10am and all are welcome.
Coffee morning every Thursday 10.30am until 12 midday.
For hall hire please see back cover of this magazine.

Christine Westcombe
c westcombe@hotmail.com



Queen Elizabeth II



Christians in Kingsclere marked the occasion of the death of Queen Elizabeth by flying the church flag at half mast as well as ringing the church bells muffled (which is only done on the death of a monarch).

We worked together with the parish council to put plans into place that meant villagers and visitors were able to pay their respects and mourn the loss of our Queen.

A special service of prayer and reflection was held during the week following her death and a vigil held the evening before the state funeral. Lay ministers were pleased to be able to visit the primary school to talk to the children about the Queen's faith and how Jesus guided her through her life and duties.

We continue to pray for the Royal Family in their time of grief and for the Lord's guidance for our newly-proclaimed King Charles.

Thanks to all who played their part in marking this sad and momentous occasion here in Kingsclere.

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.dstmaryskingsclere.co.uk



September
5th In memory of Kevin Alexander

October
3rd In loving memory of Maisie Lawrence, wife, mother and grandmother on the anniversary of her birthday. Sadly missed.
21st Remembering Neil Westcombe on his birthday. Love always Elaine, Christopher, Suzanna, Helen, Chris, Tom and Oliver x

Kingsclere Cancer Research

Kingsclere Cancer Research Fundraiser UPDATE:
£40,000 raised!



A huge thank you to all our sponsors, donors, prize-givers and supporters as well as the 200 people who came along to the Kingsclere Cancer Research Fundraising Charity Ball and Gala Dinner held at Sandford Springs on Friday 2nd September. With your wonderful help the event raised an amazing £40,000 for Cancer Research UK (CRUK)!

Along with its online auction, which also closed on the evening of the ball, the event raised funds from ticket sales, sponsorship, donations and a sale of exclusive CRUK merchandise. Auction prizes on offer included a signed guitar from Sting, business class flights to Thailand, holiday breaks plus many more international, national and local bidding opportunities.

We are humbled at the generosity of support we have received from all over the world and especially from our local Kingsclere community. The monies raised for CRUK will make a real difference and will give greater hope to more cancer patients and their families.

We are already planning future events as we want to continue to support more people with cancer to give them a better life. So please watch out for these. You can still donate if you wish through our website <http://kingsclerecrf.org.uk/>, where you can see the list of sponsors and prize-givers as well as read our individual stories.

Amanda, Beccy, Claire and Sean
<http://kingsclerecrf.org.uk/>

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd



On **Thursday 27th October** we have our Swedish **Staycation** in the Village Club, with Check-in from 11.45am and take-off at 12 noon. A two-course meal and drinks will be served, and entertainment provided by an ABBA tribute duo. Those attending are welcome to come in full ABBA rig!

Tickets, at £15, are limited, and selling fast! Please contact Andrew or Pam Kitch on 01635 299743 or at pamkitch16@gmail.com.

Later that day we welcome all Friends and those wishing to become Friends to the **Preview of the Art Exhibition** with wine and nibbles at the former Jenna Burlingham Gallery, 2, George Street, from 6.30pm.

The Exhibition will be open to all from **10am to 6pm on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th October**
12 noon to 5pm on Sunday 30th October.

A wide variety of work by local artists (framed and unframed paintings, and some ceramics) will be on sale. Admission £2, children under 16 free.

Our popular Quiz Night with Ploughman's Supper will be on **Friday 20th January 2023.**

Peter Turner, Chairman, fosmkingsclere@gmail.com

Kingsclere Local History Association



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 20th October** when Deborah Wheeler will give us a presentation on **"THE WHITCHURCH STLK MTLL".**

Deborah is a volunteer at the Mill and will tell us of the history of this iconic local business. Whitchurch is the oldest silk mill still weaving silk in its original building dating from the 19th Century. Deborah will explain the fascinating journey from thread to woven cloth and the preservation of traditional weaving skills on looms dating back to the 1890s.

We meet at Kingsclere Village Club and the presentation will commence at 7.30pm. Visitors are most welcome at £3 pp.

Michael Leah
Secretary tel 297403

Kingsclere CE Primary School



It has been wonderful to see the children return to school looking smart and eager to learn! A special welcome to our new Year R children and their families.

We have held our 'Meet the Teacher' events this month to welcome all parents/carers into the school. The events provided an opportunity for parents/carers to learn more about their child's curriculum, the many extra-curricular opportunities available and gain an awareness of the pastoral support in place for their child.

Following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the whole school gathered in Collective Worship, the day after her passing, to reflect on the Queen's life and her legacy in an age-appropriate and sensitive way. Thank you to St. Mary's church staff for supporting the children in further Collective Worship sessions linked to this too.

We would love for parents/carers of children, who will be starting school in September 2023, to visit Kingsclere CE Primary School and meet the wonderful staff as well as enjoy a tour of our lovely school. Please see our advert in the Tower or contact the school via email:

adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk

or on the school telephone no. 01635 298583 to arrange a visit.

Mrs Joanna Messenger Acting **Headteacher**

Do you have a child starting school in September 2023?

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they will be eligible to start school in the school year beginning September 2023.

Online applications are open until 15 January 2023 at www.hants.gov.uk

Kingsclere CE Primary School

Open Mornings and Afternoons

Friday 14 October 09.30 – 11.30

Friday 4 November 09.30-11.30

Tuesday 13 December 13.15-15.00

Please contact our school to book a tour, meet our staff team and experience the school in action.

adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk

01635 298583



Visit our school website, or scan the QR code below for more information about our wonderful school and watch our virtual tour!

Love, Courage and Respect

Kingsclere Community Library

GIANT Book Sale Returns!

Saturday 8 Oct. 9am-4pm

Sunday 9 Oct. 10am-3pm

At the Fieldgate Centre. FREE Cake and coffee/tea!

Donated books gratefully received at the library during opening hours, or contact us if you need books collected. (No CDs/DVDs please).

PLUS --- PICTURE SALE !

Too many pictures, not enough walls? Register to sell your pictures during our Book Sale — forms online at our website, or collect from library and return by 5th October. We will share the proceeds with you 50/50, so check your attic and cupboards!

NEW library programme: **Share a favourite passage** *

Read-aloud: Would you like to share your favourite poem, paragraph, recipe with other keen readers by reading it aloud in the library? Do pop over on one of the following **Tuesdays in October: 4th, 11th, 18th between 3.30 and 4.30pm** with your chosen text, or pick one in the library. No booking necessary.

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

Nicki Lee, Library phone **01635 297464**

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Do come to our next talk:

Winston (Churchill)

Speaker — Tony Harris

A professional comedian, raconteur and actor, specialising in historical talks with a hysterical twist.

Tony has visited our u3a before and his talk promises to be informative but also entertaining.

Wednesday — 19th October - 10.00am

St Mary's Hall, Overton.

Free to members — non-members
£3 on the door.

Kingsclere Gardening Association

Our next meeting is on
13 October 2022 at The Village Club.



The talk this month is History of Garden Design presented by Katherine Lee. The doors open at 7pm and the talk will commence at 7.30pm for approximately an hour. Refreshments are included and we hold a raffle. Any donations for the raffle are always welcome. £3 entry for non-members and children free.

The KGA hold a Members' Competition which continues this month. You can enter any or all of the following categories (all to be home/allotment grown): A vase of flowers — one kind, a pot plant, a pair of vegetables, fruit (one kind maximum of four), a vase of flowers, foliage and/or berries.

Our November meeting will be on the Thursday 10th. The talk is 'Scent in the Garden' presented by Anthony Powell.

Last month we held our Annual Show at the Fieldgate and had 180 entries on the show benches. There was an amazing display of dahlias and wonderful exhibits in all of the categories. We had a fantastic number of visitors who came to see the exhibits and stopped for refreshments and a chat. We also had new exhibitors this year, not only from Kingsclere, but from further afield. Our thanks goes to all those who helped out on the day to make this show such a success.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Betty Eckton, beloved wife of our President John Eckton. We also say goodbye to John Butler, a former President and active member of the KGA committee for almost two decades. We extend our sympathies to their families.

Beth Theobald (Secretary) 07916 032250.

Facebook: Kingsclere Gardening Association. Please come and join our FB group. News, events and schedules for show entries will be advertised there first.

THE NEXT STEP

Have you suffered a bereavement?

Are you struggling to find your way through grief?

Do you find it more difficult to socialise since your loss?

Well THE NEXT STEP might be just the thing to help you get back on track.

Do you just fancy a chat and coffee with someone who is in a similar situation.

Someone who has an idea how you feel?

We are a social group for bereaved people and offer an informal opportunity for those who have been bereaved to socialise with each other in an atmosphere of understanding and support.

If you would like further information and/or would like to join us give THE NEXT STEP a call on 07901040247

October in the Garden



Now that at last, we have had some rain, we can get on and work in the garden. I did not write an article for September as there was so little that could be done in the garden when everywhere was so dry. There were many shrubs that needed to be trimmed but I was reluctant to do so as this would have caused the plants to be stressed.

The weather starts to get cool now and days become shorter so there is no time to be wasted to get the autumn jobs done. Unfortunately many of the late flowering perennials became dried up in the summer heat. The only thing that can be done is to cut them back and hope that they will recover for next year.

I'm very tempted to plant more autumn flowering sedums as they seem to have survived the heat and are giving a late display in the flower borders. If any perennials have survived, now is the time to divide them.

Time now to pick main crop apples. These can be stored for the winter as long as they are undamaged and the fruits are not touching. The last of the potatoes should be lifted now. Remove any yellow leaves from the brussels sprouts and any other brassicas because if left on they will encourage diseases. Pick the last of the runner beans though, unfortunately, it has been a poor year for them.

There are a few things that can be planted in the vegetable garden and broad beans can be sown. I found it very successful last year to sow in the autumn. Spring cabbage, autumn onion sets and also garlic can be planted in October. Collect and store pumpkins and remove figs from their trees.

New hedges, shrubs and trees can be planted now making sure adequate preparation has been done to give them a good start. A compost bin that has well rotted material in it can be emptied. This would be excellent to improve the soil for the new hedges and other plantings.

Saving seeds can be a lot of fun though some seeds do not come true to the parent. Harvest on a dry day and keep in a paper bag to ready to use

Many flowers will not have lasted for the autumn this year but I'm hopeful that there could be fuchsia, chrysanthemums and a few asters plus the rowan and pyracantha berries that survive. Anything else will be a bonus after the dry hot summer

Denise Allen

Ship Inn Arts

We had our first Open **Mic Night** at Shipinnarts on Friday 2nd September **2022**



We had a wonderful Open Mic at The Ship. Beautiful music with descriptive stories and scenes, cappella harmonies, poetry, old folk songs, the lyre harp, guitars and beautiful voices. Delicious bread and cheese and drinks from the bar. Thank you Jon Whitfield for organising this and thank you Georgi and John for hosting this!! Looking forward to the next one on:

7th October at 7pm

Thereafter the first Friday of every month and into 2023 but not in December.

If you want to come along just ring **The Ship 01189 814504**

October 22nd **2022** 7pm - A Tudor Evening with **Courtlye** Musick At **The Ship Inn Country Hotel RG19 8BD**

With **Anita** and Martin Felton, Anne and **Gareth** Jones

An evening to transport you back to the time of Henry VIII!

Music on original instruments, krenmhorns, cellos and viols, as well as period things to eat and drink.

You are most welcome to dress up if you would like to!!

Tickets: Eventbrite, or ring The Ship 01189 814504

Website: <https://shipinnarts.org/>

Friday 4th November 7pm — 10pm — Open Mic evening, organised by Jon Whitfield - refreshments available, bread and cheese. Donations most gratefully received for the refreshments.

Talent Night at The Ship Friday 2nd December 2022

In December we have a Talent Night at The Ship on Friday 2nd December

Anyone who would like to perform can apply! There will be 3 different age categories. Judges will present the winner of each category with a trophy and will be invited to play at our January 14th 2023 event.

Just ring The Ship if you are interested 01189 814504

Entries have to be in by 4th November 2022, £3 to enter

Dear Editor

The Platinum Jubilee, Her Majesty's Funeral.

It made me very proud to be British Did you feel that?

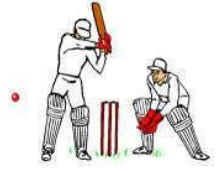
We thought it would be good to collect memories of our wonderful Queen's Platinum Jubilee, pictures, memories, souvenirs, anything to keep for future generations to look at and of course, the funeral which was breath-taking. Superb columns of soldiers marching to take the Queen to her final rest and the thousands of people who came out to be with her must be remembered.

If you have anything you can pass on to be preserved, please contact me on behalf of Kingsclere Local History Association and I will collect your donation so that it can be catalogued, stored and made available for future generations to see.

Janet Bond, 3 **Cottington** Close

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Kingsclere Cricket



The summer 2022 cricket season was very different from any other in recent memory - but no less enjoyable. We ended up playing all of our matches "away" from our usual home venue due to the impact of the drainage works at the Fieldgate and the very dry spring and summer.

We played all of our home matches in the Basingstoke Evening league at the Park House Stables ground. A blend of under 17s and adult members, the team got off to a slow start but grew in confidence as the season progressed. This was our first season in the evening league and, as we've come to expect, we found our feet and thoroughly enjoyed it. There were some brilliant performances from all the under 17s and singling any particular one out would be extremely difficult.

We played all our main Saturday league season home fixtures (in Hampshire Division 4 North) at either Hurstbourne Priors and Aldermaston Village's grounds. We finished mid table with a played 16, won 8, lost 8 record. It was great to have some of the U17s stepping up to play 45 over cricket and turning in some fantastic performances for the club.

We had an "end of evening league season" fixture against the Park House Stables XI which ended in a nail biting tie! Great fun and to be repeated again next season.

The club owes a huge thank you to everyone at Park House Stables for "putting us up" this season in our time of need - and for putting up with us!

As the Club Skipper, Steve Hanney, said in his closing message to the group "As always we'll go again next year and tackle anything that comes our way". And we look forward to our Annual Dinner and Awards evening, hopefully at The Bel and Dragon on a date to be announced in October or November.

Mark Hirst Chairman
Kingsclere Cricket Club

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The September Draw winner was Rupert Godsall — No. 71
Congratulations, Rupert.

Next month's Dray will take place at The Crown at approximately 7 pm on Wednesday 5th October

Jane Royle jane.b.royle@ginail.co.uk 01635 297430



Royal British Legion

As I sit down to write this, sad news is coming through of the death of our Sovereign and Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen has served as Patron of the Royal British Legion since 6 February 1952. We join the entire Armed Forces community in mourning the loss of its Commander-in-Chief. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this time.

With the last days of summer, the attentions of the branch turn to Remembrance. We are at the beginning of our plans and hope that the village and its organisations will engage with their usual enthusiasm. We'll be contacting organisations to discuss potential involvement on the day. As this is the first time that I have been involved in the planning, if I fail to contact your organisation and you'd like to be involved, please contact me.

To arrange for your wreath, please contact the village's Poppy Appeal organiser, Mike Carrington, on 01635 299699.

Before that is the branch's AGM. Village organisations and charities depend on volunteers and without those volunteers, they're unable to deliver their purpose. It's very easy to take these organisations and the services they provide for granted. New people bring a new perspective and fresh ideas which complement those of existing volunteers. The Kingsclere Branch of the Royal British Legion is no different. We need you!

The branch will be holding its AGM at The Crown Public House at 7.00pm on Tuesday 4 October and nominations are now being accepted for all committee positions including chairman, secretary and treasurer. To hold one of those positions, the individual needs to be a member of the Royal British Legion. Nominations can be sent to the branch secretary, Jim Sanger, via jimsanger@gmail.com. Alternatively, nomination slips are available at The Crown. All nominations should be received by 27 September. Or if you'd simply like to know more, please contact me.

Kate Oldershaw
Chairman

kateokingsclere@gmail.com



KINGSCLERE PHOTO CLUB

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

We also have a darkroom for traditional black & white printing.

Meetings the first Wednesday of the month at the Village Club, George Street, Kingsclere.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5th October — Talk on **astronomical photography** by **Gavin James**.

Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start.

Gavin will talk to us about how to get started doing astrophotography with a DSLR and tripod.

Our thanks to everyone who came along to our last market in September. The market is growing each time with more stalls and visitors. We have new activities coming up to make Kingsclere as green as possible including a Repair Cafe and becoming a 'Plastic Free Community' with Surfers Against Sewage. Watch this space or check out our website or follow on Facebook!



Christmas Market Sunday, 6 November 10-12.30 at the Fieldgate Centre

Even more stalls than before — most of our regulars including beauty and skin care, refillable cleaning and food products (bring your own containers if you wish), household items and dog and horse shampoo. Wonderful gifts including jewellery, pictures, upcycled furniture, cards and wrapping, plus chocolate, honey, and more! Sweet and savoury baking products and fantastic coffee add up to a fun morning out meeting up with local friends.

There will also be a company with information about solar panels.

At this market we will be accepting for recycling:

Batteries (not car), **Medicine blister** packs, Plastic **Milk** Tops, **Inkjet** Cartridges (originals only, not compatible or laser), **Bras**, **Eyeglasses**.

*Market in partnership with the Kingsclere Community Centre.
Nicki, Sarah & Lucinda greenerkingsclere@gmail.com
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KINGSCLERE PHOTO CLUB

15th Annual Photo Exhibition

Sat 15th & Sun 16th October 2022

Free entry, come and see our photos and vote for your favourite!

In the main hall, Kingsclere Village Club,
George Street. Sat 10am — 5pm

Sun 11am — 4pm



Launch of our 2023 Calendar at just £6 each

Prints, cards and postcards for sale at reasonable prices.

Portrait Raffle kindly donated by MOL Photography. Just £1 a go!

For more information see our website www.kingsclerephoto.org or contact Gareth or Tony at kingsclerephotoclub@gmail.com

Anvil Arts at **The Anvil** UK Productions and Anvil Arts present

Cinderella

starring **Debbie McGee and Chris Pizzey**
 9 Dec 2022 – 2 Jan 2023
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COMPETITION!

You shall go to the ball this Christmas – courtesy of the **Kingsclere Tower and Anvil Arts!**
 Don't miss your chance of winning a family ticket to this year's magical family pantomime at The Anvil.

To enter this special competition, please answer the following question:
What does the Fairy Godmother use to make a carriage to take Cinderella to the Ball?

Email your answer, along with your name and telephone number to competitions@anvilarts.org.uk
 Remember, the clock is ticking, so make sure you get your entry in by **Fri 27 Oct!** (T&Cs apply)

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