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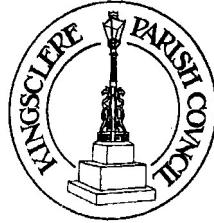
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Thank you – A team of 8 volunteers took down the Christmas Lights on Sunday 14th January. Thank you to Andy, Ian, Richard, Andy, Ray, Mike, Sharon and John who between you managed keep the time spent out in the cold to an hour. Another 8 hours of volunteer labour clocked!

Malthouse Open space – The next phase of improvements to join the Malthouse Open Space and Churchyard is complete. The bank has been landscaped and more topsoil added to smooth out the slope between the two areas. The laurel trees/hedge alongside the footpath have been thinned out so that there is no longer a dark corner by the bench.

PARISH PATHS – The working group met on Sunday 26th January. It was a bright but cold day. We had a good turnout and formed into two groups. One group cleared debris from the brook at Gailey Mill and the pond in the Malthouse area and the other put in new footpath marker posts.

The group meets again on Sunday 25th Feb and Sunday 25th March at 9.45 in the garden of the Village Club. Do come and join us if you can.

For more info email kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 26th March 2018, in the Village Club, (unless otherwise notified). We welcome the attendance of all parishioners at our meetings and anyone who wishes to raise any matters of concern will be given the opportunity to do so.



In the month of January there were 24 incidents (16 in Kingsclere, 1 in Ashford Hill and 7 in Headley) which have been classified as crimes by the home office.

Dwelling Burglary: Two reported. Attempts were made to access the front doors at properties on South Road and Coppice Road, entry was not gained.

Non-Dwelling Burglary: Two reported. Two garages were broken into at building site on Winchester Road. A large amount of diesel and an excavator were stolen. Unknown person(s) have gained entry into the Headley Village Hall and stolen some copper piping causing damage in the process.

Traffic Incidents: Four reported. Three have been damage-only road traffic collisions on Newbury Road, B3051 and A339 by Folly Farm, and the other a more serious road traffic collision on the A339 junction with Kingsclere.

Theft of Vehicle: none reported this month.

Theft from Vehicle: One reported. A vehicle parked on South Road was broken into and several items stolen. The offenders were disturbed by a witness who was then threatened before running away.

Theft: Six reported. One at the Shell garage on Newbury Road, one at McColls, Swan Street, one at Folly Farm (off the A339) and one at Nelsons Diner. The final two were making off without payment (for fuel) at the Shell garage.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) ; four reported. **Assault:** four reported.

Public Order: two reported.

Criminal Damage: One reported. Spray paint has been sprayed over a front door at property on South Road.

Suspicious Incidents: Six reported. Of note, a transit van with two males and dogs were seen in a field off Meadham Lane, Hannington likely to be involved in hare coursing.

Community Speedwatch – Could you?

Community Speedwatch is coordinated by Hampshire Police in partnership with the local council and other agencies. We are looking for volunteers aged over 17 to join the team to help deal with the local issues of speeding. If you are interested and can spare just a few hours a month, please contact me or take a look at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/join-us/volunteers/community-speedwatch/> where you can find more information.

Helpful Crime Prevention Advice and Hampshire Alerts

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

PCSO 16173 Emma PAGE Overton, Steventon, Freefolk, Laverstoke, Kingsclere and Hannington Neighbourhood Policing Team

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

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

Website: www.hampshire.police.uk

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

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

GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days for March: 14th and 28th

Bicycle Found

Bicycle reported as found in the village early February. If you have lost one please contact PCSO 16173 Emma Page. She can be reached at: emma.page@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or via Tadley Police Station.

Spring into Action!

“SPRING INTO ACTION!” with the READING MALE VOICE CHOIR! at St. Paul’s Church, Ashford Hill, RG19 8AZ on Saturday 28th April, 2018 at 7pm.

More details to follow in the April Tower.

Vanessa Martin 01635 299227

Kingsclere Allotment Management Group

Please note Saturday 24th March is allocated as a ‘Spring clean’ day for the allotment (10.00 to 15.00) We need as many plot holders as possible to come and help, even if you can only make just part of the day. The plan is to clear rubbish (not compostable waste) from the plots and allotment site, so a rubbish disposal facility will be available.



This is the month for preparing the ground for spring and even making a start on getting some crops sown. Hopefully the weather will improve a bit and also dry out so this can happen.

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St Mary’s 200 Club Winner February 2018, no 95 Janet Hyde

Well done Janet

Entries drawn first week of each month, various village venues

Nature Notes

Most people have seen murmurations of starlings on television where thousands of birds perform elaborate manoeuvres whilst avoiding one another. We saw a ‘mini’ one recently involving Fieldfares near Hollowshot Lane. This large flock, we estimated 500+, were feeding next to a flock of Jackdaws and every so often the entire flock would rise into the air as one, complete a wavy circuit of the valley and fall to the ground. As they twisted and turned in perfect unison the low winter sun caught their grey backs and pale undersides. They landed briefly before rising again to complete further performances.



Driving to Tadley on a quiet lane recently we saw a roe cross the road, we slowed as we knew there are often more to come, there were. Numbers two, three, four, we stopped the car. More deer emerged from right to left in a steady, disciplined stream the later ones more lightly built, probably younger beasts. The final ones had to wait nervously for those ahead to squeeze through the gap but eventually they all made it. We hadn’t counted them but upwards of twenty we believe. We pulled up to look at the gap in the hedge through which they had passed. The animals must use it regularly as it would have fitted the cross-section of a deer perfectly and not an inch to spare. What had made the sight of the deer more magical was that the early morning light was behind them which showed them in silhouette.

News from the feeder: A pied wagtail feeding, not seen before. Two pairs of bullfinches are regulars, hope that one pair will nest in garden hedge again. Sparrows are increasingly visiting fat balls to feed.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred



????? Quiz Night ?????

Friday 16th March
7:30pm at The Fieldgate Centre
Fun Fundraiser for the Library
£12 per person includes Nibbles,
Jacket Potato with Chilli (Veg option) & cake
Tickets at Library, Village Butcher & EventBrite online
at <https://goo.gl/nc31S2>

Tickets in advance, please – Teams of 8, but if you come with fewer people we will help you form a team on the night.

YOUR library is FREE with your Hampshire Library Card! Visit us to get a card and borrow

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

Rhymetime with Rita

On the second Tuesday of every month, 2:30

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

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS W.I

Kingsclere Village Club, George Street

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 March 2018

Speaker: Paul Vickers

Subject: 'The Great Wellington Statue at Round Hill'

Some interesting facts about the speaker:

Paul Vickers, a Military Historian, was elected Vice-Chairman of The Friends of the Aldershot Military Museum at its foundation in 1987 then Chairman from 1998 to 2013. He was also Head of Army Library & Information Services at The Prince Consort's Library in Aldershot until his recent retirement. This role had incorporated responsibilities not just national but in respect of Army Libraries worldwide.

Arrival time & place for members & visitors to sign in:

1.30pm on the day @ our front desk / entrance to the Village Club's main hall.

VISITORS: You are most welcome @ just £2 per person (which includes tea & biscuits and a monthly raffle with multiple prizes).

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: The Competition Guide-Letter for this month is 'R' (for 'Romeo')

Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570



PRACTICATHON CHALLENGE 2018!

For Music for All

Week beginning 12th March 2018

Calling all singers/players of instruments, all ages, in and around Kingsclere!

Music for All is a fantastic charity that enables people of all ages to have a musical experience and also to have an opportunity to play an instrument in the UK – they also enable grants for music in communities. For every £1 raised the Music Industry doubles this.

Would you like to take part in this sponsored Practicathon and be part of a very special event? The idea is to practise longer than you would normally do and get someone to time you to see if you can reach your challenged time! This can be done at home, or on practise night if you are a group of musicians./singers. You choose a day and time during the week beginning 12th March 2018 to do your Practicathon. If you cannot take part and want to donate, you can write a cheque to Music for All, or there is a Just giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/practicathonchallenge2018

My aim is to get “music out there” and to raise £1,000 for Music for All.

If you would like an invitation letter and information sheet and sponsor form, or want to book a slot at St. Paul's Church, Ashford Hill please email: Vanessa.martin24@btinternet.com or ring 01635 299227 Thank you so muchJ

Just to let you know, that Hogan Music in Newbury have a Music for All Learn to Play day coming up on 17th March 2018, enabling anyone to have a go on an instrument of their choice with free tuition. For more information, please telephone Patrick Hogan 01635 37868. Patrick has also kindly offered 3 practise rooms for anyone to do their Practicathon in there on Sunday 18th March 2018.





Has it been a while since you last visited the Centre, or do you already come to a class but don't have time to take a look around? Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-1pm the doors are open and you'll be given a warm welcome.

We have a function hall with wood dancefloor, sound system/disco lighting, raised stage and badminton court; meeting rooms; social area; licensed bar and fully equipped kitchen; patio, garden and petanque court; disabled access and free parking.

Our calendar of classes, events and bookings can be found on our website. A few daytime badminton slots are still available, so please call to book a regular or ad hoc session.

If you can spare half an hour a week to help keep our website and Facebook up to scratch, we need you! We'll provide the info and you can do it from home.

website: www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk tel: 01635 298497 email: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com

Events at the Ship Inn, Ashford Hill

Singing for me (singing for fun with Hazel O'Leary).

if you like singing join us at the Ship's meeting room 7.45 p. m. on 1st and 3rd Tuesday. Please come! The next meets are on March 6th and 20th.

Lunch and a Laugh

Come and enjoy a meal with friends on the 3rd Wednesdays in the month, from 12.30. at the Ship Inn, Ashford Hill

The Voice Meetings

The Voice meets at Sainsbury's Cafe Tadley on the 2nd Thursdays in the month. The next one is on 8th March at 7.30.

Come to the free, keep calm life skills workshop. Come and join us to learn easy ways of coping with stress.

Like to know more, please email ginaselby@hotmail.com

Georgi Selby



Motown night at Kingsclere Village Club

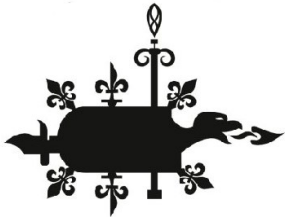
We are thrilled that the Southern Soul Club has offered to run a charity fundraiser at the Kingsclere Village Club on Saturday 3rd March 2018 - especially as the charity being supported is us!

Christine & James Rowley are back in Kingsclere playing their hand-picked vinyl at the Kingsclere Village Club. Spinning the discs for Motown, Soul, Club Classics, Funk & Disco all from the 60's 70's 80's. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be on sale for this fun evening listening and dancing to all your favourite artists from Tamla Motown & Soul. Doors open 7.30pm music 8 til 11pm (Hurry limited number of tickets available)

Tickets available from the Village Butcher or bookings@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk.

Yoga for people with limited mobility

We are pleased to announce that after Easter we will be offering yoga for people with limited mobility. If you have a knee or hip replacement or other conditions that would benefit from gentle mobilising this class could be for you. Classes, taught by a British Wheel of Yoga qualified teacher, will cost £6.50 and will be on a Wednesday morning. Time to be confirmed. Contact education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk for more information.



KINGSCLERE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting will be held at the Village Club at 7.30pm on THURSDAY 22nd MARCH when Alan House will give us a presentation " THE HISTORY OF THE FIRE SERVICE ".

Alan is retired Deputy Chief Fire Officer of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and archivist and custodian of it's heritage collection. He has published a number of books and articles and is closely involved as a Trustee with the new Police and Fire Service museum in Southampton. Alan will include some items of particular local interest and this should prove a very interesting evening.

This will be the last meeting of our winter session and, as always, visitors are very welcome.

Our special World War 1 Commemorative Edition of our Bedbug magazine has been selling well and copies will continue to be available at the outlets in the village.

Michael Leah, Hon Sec tel 297403

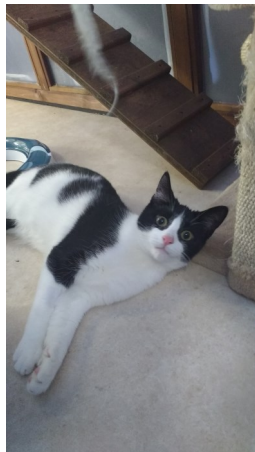


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Fund-raising/volunteers 07733 242196,
coord@andovercats.org.uk
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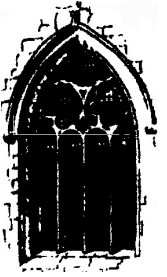
On the weekend 2-4 March we shall have a soft toy tombola at Pets at Home Andover and the store will be asking customers to round up to the nearest pound at the till. The money raised will go to our branch.

From the afternoon of Friday 30th March, for two weeks, we will be welcoming customers at Rotations, the Whitchurch Charity Shop. Donations of bric-a-brac, books, toys and good quality, clean clothing will be gratefully received.

Wilson is a lively young cat looking for a home with no other pets. Unfortunately he has not lived with children. He will need a safe garden to explore once settled.



The Church Pages



By the time you read this, we will be in the season of Lent. This period commemorates Jesus' forty day fast in the wilderness. That's why people sometimes 'give up' something for Lent, which is around forty days. Two things that are on my mind as I think about Lent:

Firstly, Lent is a time when we remember that unlike God, we are not holy, complete, perfect people. The Bible talks about sin as the ways in which we have ignored God and lived life without Him doing things the way we want rather than what He wants. This can include specific deeds and words but can also be our attitude and thoughts. On Good Friday, 30th March this year, we remember Jesus dying on the cross for the sins of the whole world. It was really costly for God to see his only Son dying in such a horrific way. I've been personally challenged recently about how lightly I think about the sin in my own life, whether it's cross words because I've had a bad day, or envy, jealousy... the list could go on. Much of the time I don't even notice it and when I do, I may say sorry, but I don't put much effort into changing. God the Father loves us the way we are but loves us too much to leave us that way. This Lent I hope to try and co-operate with him a bit more!

Secondly, if you've given something up, how are you going to keep doing it for forty days? What's interesting about Jesus' fast is that though He appeared to be in the desert fighting hunger on His own, He wasn't. Just before He went into the wilderness, he was baptised and then this happened: "the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove" (Luke 3:22). Jesus had the help of the Holy Spirit to give up food for forty days. That begs the question: when we gave up chocolate, or alcohol, or doughnuts, or television, did we ask for the God's help? The Holy Spirit is eager to fill us up and help us during Lent. In fact, even if you haven't given anything up for Lent, God wants to help with all the challenges in life, so why not get down on your knees (actually or metaphorically) and ask Him?

Blessings,

Ben.

Services in March 2018

Sunday 4 th March Lent 3	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 11 th March Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	All Age Messy Worship for Mothering Sunday – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	10.30am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
Friday 16 th March	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise with guest speaker John Wright
Sunday 18 th March Lent 5	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's Church, Headley
	9.15am	Morning Worship – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion with Baptism – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 25 th March Palm Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	10.30am	Holy Communion with Baptism – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Wednesday 28 th March	6pm	Seder Meal – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Thursday 29 th March Maundy Thursday	2pm	Maundy Thursday Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Friday 30 th March Good Friday	10am	Walk of Witness for Good Friday – Kingsclere
	2pm	Good Friday Meditation – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 1 st April Easter Day	8am	Easter Day Communion – St Paul's, Headley
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	10.30am	Easter Day Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill

St. Mary's Church

Vicar	Rev Ben Read, The Vicarage, Foxs Lane ☎ 298471
Churchwarden	Sarah Mussett Sarah.mussett@hotmail.com ☎ 291900
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk ☎ 42962
Administrator	Emma Rivers administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk ☎ 07790 934972

From the Registers of St Mary's

Baptisms *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

21 Jan James Richard George Lewis
Maci Anne Ambrose

28 Jan Bonnie Sue James

Funerals *I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord*

30 Jan Beatrice Pollard

1 Feb Assunta Holder

2 Feb Maureen Smith

7 Feb Dorothy Drew

Garden of Remembrance

St Mary's Church has reviewed the regulations for the Garden of Remembrance (the area of the churchyard in which ashes are buried). If you have loved ones whose ashes are in the Garden of Remembrance please do have a look at the updated regulations which are displayed on the noticeboard just inside the church porch. If you would like a copy please ask our Church administrator, Emma Rivers on administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk or 0779 0934972.

Messy church is back for 2018...

Please come along to our next Messy Church at Kingsclere Primary School on Tuesday, 13th March from 3:20-5:30pm. We will be learning about new life and healing through lots of fun crafts, worshipping songs and enjoying a hot meal together.

Do come and join us, you don't have to go to Kingsclere Primary school to attend, pre-schoolers and other Primary school children are really welcome too.

Any queries please contact Sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk

**Our ABC service for children and their carers will be held in
St Mary's, Kingsclere on 19th March at 9:30 am**

Roman Catholic		
Rev Patrick Tansey	tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	0118 981 4572
Methodist Chapel		
Chief Warden	Wendy Morgan	☎ 297538
Secretary/Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585

Methodist Dates

4th March	Revd. Elaine Rawlings	
11th March	Local Arrangement	Mothering Sunday
18th March	Revd. Carmel Ieraci	Holy Communion
25th March	Revd. Jenny Ellis	Palm Sunday

All Services begin at 10am

Lighting up St Mary's

30th January	In celebration of the life of Beatrice Pollard
20th February	Remembering John David Wesson on his Birthday

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk £12 per evening, block booking discounts. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for April Tower is March 10th.

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Our January Quiz Night went well, with a comfortably full house and a stimulating Quiz: the questions were quite tough, but as everyone was in the same boat, it made for a fun evening. We have pledged to contribute to the redecoration of the Kingsmill Room, and subsequently the Nave, and the profits from the event and from the generous raffle usefully contributed about £1,500 to FOSM funds towards this and other future projects.

The next event this year will be the annual Plant Sale in St Mary's Churchyard on the morning of 19th May. As mentioned in last month's Tower, this year's Sale will be a joint venture with Kingsclere Gardening Association, which we hope may broaden the range of plants on offer; further details will be given in future issues.

Peter Turner, Chairman



Kingsclere Royal British Legion

2017 was a great year for the Kingsclere branch of the Royal British Legion; we presented a display at the village fete, had our most successful and dynamic Poppy Appeal ever, coordinated by Wendy, all topped off by a fantastic turn out at the village Remembrance Parade.

2018 looks to be even more exciting for the branch in what will be a very busy year with the planned World

War 1 centenary commemorations. The AGM, which took place in January, voted in a new committee who are starting to plan a number of events through the year to raise the profile of our small but expanding branch.

We are busy organising our first event of 2018; a fun day planned for the 7th April, which will be held in the village centre with lots of exciting activities planned – look out for the details in the March edition of The Tower and on the village notice boards.

In addition, we are coordinating with the organisers of other village events, to look how we can support and provide people with information of what the Royal British Legion is about. If you are the organiser of a village event and would like us to put on a display or stand, please contact me.

Working up to the World War 1 commemorations, we have the branch Parade Marshal and Standard Bearer attending the “Great Pilgrimage”, where hundreds of Legion standards will march through the Menin Gate, Belgium; this huge event will be televised and Kingsclere will be represented at this once in a lifetime spectacle.

The Kingsclere RBL is your local branch of the Legion and is open to all; you do not have to have been in the military to support or join the Legion. Come along and support us in this very special year.

Finally, my unreserved thanks must go to Wendy, the outgoing Chairman, who has expertly led the branch for the last 7 years and continues to run the Poppy Appeal.

Mark Holden, Chairman, Kingsclere Royal British Legion

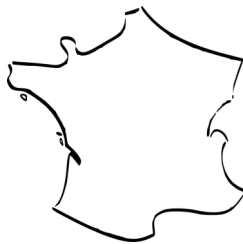
Knit a Poppy

A group of us are attempting to knit 200 poppies to display in November 2018. If you can help I would be very grateful I have a pattern to knit or crochet which I will happily send to you. Please contact me on 297610 or email bensmum@bensmum.plus.com. We have till October so please give this some thought and let me know.

Janet Bond

Kingsclere Twinning Association

Fun for all ages at a Beetle Drive at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14th 2018 at Kingsclere Primary School. Come and compete to see how quickly you can draw Kingsclere's very own Bedbug!



Children welcomed.

Two course supper provided.

Bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

All are welcome. No need to be a member.

Tickets £10 for members, £12 for non-members, £2.50 for children (under 4s free). Email for tickets at Kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk, or contact Lesley Farey on 01635 297159.

The Cormicy visitors will be arriving on Saturday 19 May 2018. We are looking for hosts for our French guests (including children). There is no necessity to speak French, since we will aim to match non-French speakers with English speaking guests. Hosts have found it a stimulating and rewarding experience, and you are only committed to providing accommodation for Saturday and Sunday night and Saturday lunch (if possible). If you are able to host one or more French guests for this weekend please email Kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk or contact Lesley Farey on 01635 297159 for more information.

EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM

Johannes Brahms
 SYMPHONY NO 7
 Ludwig van Beethoven
 Basingstoke Choral Society
 New London Sinfonia
 Conductor: David Gibson
 7.45pm Sunday, 24th March 2018
 The Anvil, Basingstoke
 Tickets available from
 The Anvil Box Office 01256 884244
 or www.anvilarts.org.uk



Kingsclere Film Club

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

Saturday, 10 March, 2018



(1986 - Adventure/Drama - PG - 125min - 3 Oscars)

Eighteenth century Spanish Jesuits try to protect a remote South American tribe in danger of falling under the rule of pro-slavery Portugal. Starring Robert De Niro & Jeremy Irons.

Saturday, 14 April - Forrest Gump

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

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

Kingsclere Gardening Association



Meeting on Thursday March 8th 7.30pm at the Village Club. Members free, visitors £2.00. Our speaker this evening is Mrs Carol Watson from Winchester, the title "Colours of the Caribbean", another of Carol's holiday talks which are always enjoyable.

Competition: a vase of flowers, a container of bulbs, a single stem from the garden, a single vegetable, a pot plant.

Subscriptions can be paid at the meeting.

Our next event is the Spring Show on April 8th (Sunday)

An outing on August 12th is being planned to Borde Hill garden in Sussex, seats can be booked now.

John Eckton 01256 850017

Sandham Memorial Chapel

Open Thursday March 1st

Normal opening: Wed – Sun 11am – 4pm

Upcoming events and workshops

Easter Wreath making workshop
Sat 24 & Sun 25 Mar 2pm – 4pm
£24 Booking 0344 249 1895
Usual chapel entry charge

Holy Box Monthly Chapel Talks
Mon 12 Mar
11am -1pm.
Adult £8 Booking 0344 249 1895
Usual chapel entry charge

Make & Take children's Easter workshop
Sat 31 Mar 11am – 11.40 &
12pm – 12.40pm.
£5 Booking 0344 249 1895
Usual chapel entry charge

First World War poetry
Sat 3 Mar
11am – 4pm.
Free. Normal chapel entry charge.

Papercraft Workshops
Fri 23 March
11am – 12.45
£12 Booking 0344 249 1895
Usual chapel entry charge

Chapel Services
Wed 7 Mar
10.20 am – 10.50
Free. Donations welcome.

Jewellery workshop
Fri 23 Mar 1.45pm – 4pm
£20 Booking 0344 249 1895
Usual chapel entry charge

Alison Paton, Operations Manager, 01635 278394



THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Everyone's welcome to our new event- Barn Dance- Saturday 3rd March. The Fieldgate Centre Doors open 6.30pm, Band starts 7pm. Tickets on sale from Kingsclere C of E Primary School Office & The Village Butcher. Ticket prices (includes food) £7.50 adult & £3 children (babies and young children not requiring food are free) There will also be a Raffle! (All proceeds from Ticket Sales & Raffle to FKS) The Fieldgate Centre bar will be open. Optional dress code - checked shirts, denim, cowboy boots! Thanks to The Village Butcher & The Fieldgate Centre for their support of this event. It's sure to be brilliant fun for all the family so make sure you don't miss it!!

On Thursday 29th March we will be holding our annual Easter Egg hunt from 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend. This year's event will be held from Kingsclere C of E Primary School so come along buy a ticket and you get a map to follow around the village with questions to answer leading you back to school where you can collect your egg! It's great fun! There will also be refreshments and cakes on sale so pop along for a nice end of term catch up. All proceeds to FKS.

Already have plans on the 29th ? Don't worry you can just buy the map and receive the egg so that you can do the hunt any day you like!

Tickets are £3 in advance or £3.50 on the day and are available from The School Office.

Dates for your diary

Barn Dance	Sat 3rd March
Easter Egg Hunt	Thurs 29th March (last day of term) from 3.30pm at School
School Summer Fair	Sat 16th June
Camp Out	Sat 7th July

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NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL 2018

The Newbury Spring Festival returns for its 40th year from 12 -26 May with two weeks of world-class concerts featuring artists from classical music, musical theatre, folk, jazz and cabaret. The festival opens in St Nicolas Church with a performance of the Elgar Cello Concerto by BBC Young Musician of the Year Sheku Kanneh-Mason and the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Edward Gardner. The Festival also looks forward to welcoming choral group Ex Cathedra, saxophonist YolanDa Brown, Piccadilly Dance Orchestra, Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers, Joe Stilgoe and Clare Teal. There are shows for all the family with Sound Beginnings for young children, a rowdy and fun performance by Travelling by Tuba and Graffiti Classics. With over 40 concerts and performances in a dozen venues, the Newbury Spring Festival brings something for everyone.

Tickets available from 6th March 2018

For more information go to www.newburyspringfestival.org.uk
0845 5218 218

ArtEX18



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Saturday 17th March
10am-6pm

Sunday 18th March
11am-3p

Kingsclere Singers

Join the Kingsclere Singers for their 'Simply Singing' events. An eclectic mix of songs that will get you singing into spring!

Friday 23 March, 7pm

Ashford Hill St Paul's

With special guests Ashford Hill School Choir

Sunday 25 March, 3pm

Kingsclere Fieldgate Centre

Followed by tea and cakes

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Kingsclere Bowling Club

Even though we cannot bowl at this time of year, it doesn't mean nothing is happening. During the Christmas and New Year period we have had a couple of very enjoyable fund raising evenings and regular club evenings. Our next fund raising

evening, to be held in the club house, will be Easter Bingo on the 24th March at 6:30pm, eyes down at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join us, so come and win some chocolate.

Maintenance on the green has been proceeding when the weather has permitted and it is already looking very good. We are now planning this year's fixtures and teams, so if you would like to join us then this would be a good time to do so.

We plan to open the green on the 21st April 2018. We hope the weather will be kind and we will be able to play some friendly games followed by an evening celebration.

See our website: <http://kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk> for more details.



Saturday Flow Yoga

Start your weekend with energising vinyasa flow yoga. Get ready to glow a little and leave the class raring to go. For those with some knowledge of the basics.

First class free of charge, £8 per class thereafter.

Saturdays 08:00 – 09:00 at the Kingsclere

Village Club starting 24th February 2018.

For more information, please contact Kate:

shedyoga@gmail.com



I trust that by the time you read this you are aware that Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council have published the Neighbourhood Plan for a six-week consultation which finishes at 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday 13 March 2018.

The Plan and associated documents are available to view on the Borough Council's website: www.basingstoke.gov.uk/KNP

Hard copies are available for inspection (during normal opening hours) at the Civic Offices, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council; Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Festival Place; Kingsclere Parish Council Office; Kingsclere Community Library; The Fieldgate Centre; Honesty Kingsclere and St. Mary's Church.

In addition, Kingsclere Parish Council will be holding a drop-in evening at the Village Club, 35 George Street, on Monday 5th March, 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. where members of the NP group will be available to answer questions.

Comments received on the Plan will be forwarded to the independent examiner and if all is well B&DBC will then arrange for the Parish referendum. For further information, contact Cllr. Sue Adams, 01635 299242, sueadams@madasafish.com, or our Parish Clerk, Louise Porton, 01635 298634, clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk

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