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By now the holidays are a memory and we are well into 2018. Another year editing the Tower gives me a view into our Village, and my overriding thought is how many people contribute to making it a safe and interesting place to live. So many people work quietly behind the scenes to make sure we have so many opportunities here - clubs and activities that have something to offer everyone from babies to our oldest seniors.

Whether you like gardening, walking, running, reading, history, community service, exercise or sport, scouting, singing or plays (to name only a few) there are like minded people to join in with. Unsung heroes give up a lot of their valuable time to make sure we have venues to meet in - the Village Club, the Fieldgate and the churches all have committees working to keep the doors open to the village. We're all very lucky.

Here's to another Happy New Year here.

Nicki, February editor

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Although the lights are now long gone this is the first opportunity to thank the team of volunteers for the lovely display of Christmas lights from 2nd December 2017 through to 6th January 2018. Thank you Andy, Ian, Phil, Maggie, Barry and Louise for between you providing over 25 hours of voluntary hours on a cold Saturday to enable Kingsclere to be lit up for the Christmas season (plus all the preparation work behind the scenes!). There will be a few more hours taking them down again but at the time of going to press this has not happened.

VILLAGE AGENT FOR AGE CONCERN – Age Concern Hampshire are looking to recruit a volunteer to sign post older people to local services and information. For further information or if you are interested in applying please contact the Village Agent Co-ordinator – Tel: 01962 892443; Freephone: 0800 328 7154 or Email: villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

DEAD BLUE ATLAS CEDAR TREE AT CEDAR DRIVE – The dead Cedar Tree at the entrance to Cedar Drive was recently inspected by a Tree Officer from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. Whilst examining the tree trunk, it was noted that a number of what can only be described as “drill holes” were evident in the north side of the tree trunk. These holes, around 10mm in diameter, had been drilled at a slight shallow downward angle. Sap had built up in most of them, being the trees natural defence against such injuries. However, one of the holes, drilled close to ground level, smelled strongly of “chemicals”, the smell was described as a mixture between diesel and weed-killer.

It would therefore appear that the tree has been deliberately vandalised. As the tree stands in the Kingsclere Conservation Area, and has a stem diameter of more than 75mm, it would have been protected under the Town & Country Planning Act. Whoever deliberately drilled and then poisoned the tree is likely to have carried out an illegal act under this legislation. The vandalism has been reported to the police and the crime reference number is 441704 75545.

The landowners will now begin the process of making the tree safe before it begins to break up and will have to have a professional tree care company have the tree removed. The cost of the tree removal, and of any replacement tree planting will have to be met by the landowners.

Owing to the prominent location of the Blue Atlas Cedar, the tree will most likely be replaced with two or more suitable trees.

BDBC WARM HOMES SCHEME – BDBC have recently been successful in securing funding for a first time central heating project in rural areas, called the Warm Homes scheme.

This fund will provide 50 households in rural areas with a full central heating system. To qualify, properties must be located in an area with no gas connection and have never had central heating. This means current heating is likely to be by electric storage, room heaters, wood burners or open fires. The scheme is specifically for households on a low income or on benefits and to qualify you must be:

A homeowner or private renting tenant* living in a home off the mains gas network with no central heating, and

- have a household income below £8,900 - single occupier, or £14,600 - multi occupiers. (Income thresholds vary if you have children living in the property, please get in touch for further details)

or

- are claiming one or more of the following state benefits:

Pension guarantee credit

Income based job seekers allowance

Income based employment & support allowance

Child tax or working tax credit**

Universal credit**

*If you rent a property, please get consent to register interest from your landlord. Your landlord may be required to make a small contribution towards the cost of the install for the funding to be released, this will be discussed with them

**Income thresholds apply

The installation will be at little or no cost to the householder. Funding comes from National Grid's Warm Homes Fund, the Energy Company Obligation and an existing council budget to assist low income residents to improve their home energy efficiency. This will enable residents to heat their homes effectively at a lower cost. Different forms of central heating are available, depending on the property type, including air source heat pumps, a renewable technology which channels heat from the air outside, a bit like a reverse air conditioning unit.

BDBC is partnering with YES Energy Solutions and with VIVID homes to deliver this project, with YES acting as project manager and VIVID putting forward some of their own housing stock.

Residents wishing to register interest in the scheme can contact YES Energy Solutions directly on: 01422 417585 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday) or email: projects@yesenergysolutions.co.uk

If you would like further information from the council about this scheme, or have any queries, please contact the Climate Change Team on 01256 845315 or by emailing climatechange@basingstoke.gov.uk.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES – The best way to report problems with the highways, for example pot holes or overgrown hedges, is to log a call on HCC's website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport>. If photographs are provided it will save time because if they are not submitted the HCC Officer needs to visit the site to obtain pictures before the work can be instructed.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are 31st January, 14th and 28th February 2018.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 26th February 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.

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



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Busy Bees Pre-school

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After a very long Autumn term leading up to Christmas, everyone was ready for the holidays. During the Christmas break many of the more observant among you will have noticed the change in the landscape at The Scout Hut. Basingstoke & Deane tree surgeons felled the huge cedar tree. It provided our patio with some wonderful shade in the summer months and we are sorry to see it go.

Over the next few months Busy Bees will be commencing our renovations using the LIF Grant – exciting times ahead! In keeping with the January trend, our topic this term is Healthy Living which will include why we should all eat healthily, exercise more and practice good hygiene. No cakes for us then! The children have been learning about The Very Hungry Caterpillar who ate a variety of good and not so good things. We have seen lots of new faces join us this term and extend a warm welcome to them and their families.

We are looking forward to a visit from Zoolab who will be bringing their bugs & beasties for the children to meet. Songtree Music will also be visiting us this term for some music & movement sessions, which we are very much looking forward to. Phew! We are going to be busy!

Kingsclere Heritage Association



Our next meeting will be on **THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY** at the Village Club commencing at 7.30pm.

We welcome a return visit by Alan Turton, well known historian, writer and broadcaster, whose presentation will be entitled "John the Painter: The first modern Terrorist".

This man went under many aliases and was a renowned criminal with personal grudges specialising in setting fire to docklands of which Portsmouth was but one. One of the first home-grown terrorists, he ended up apprehended by the Bow Street Runners in Odiham.

Do come along and hear all about this fascinatingly notorious character.

Visitors always welcome to all our meetings £3 p.p.

Michael Leah - Hon Secretary, tel 297403



Congratulations to Imogen Dental, Kingsclere, celebrating after reaching the finals of the UK Dentistry Awards 2017 and then scooping the 'Best Team' award during the grand ceremony.

The Children's Society



Another year has whizzed by and it's time to request that all box holders return their box, either by leaving it with a Church Warden at St. Mary's or by contacting me, before the end of February please. New box holders are always welcome.

Thanks to an incredible effort made by the Messy Church team the Christingle celebration was enjoyed by everyone who came. So far, the amount donated by the children and their families is an amazing £205.96. Thank you! (If you still have a candle tube, please leave it at the school's reception desk.)

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Sue Grove-White 01635 297683

First Responder



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Jason and I am a **community first responder** for Kingsclere. My role is to attend 999 calls in the local area and assist with life threatening emergencies ranging from people not breathing, strokes, chest pain, breathing difficulties and much more, as well as being there for the families offering support during this hard time.

I am currently looking for more people to join me in this very rewarding voluntary role. If you would like to find out more information, or you are interested in joining, please contact me on 07747457415 and leave your name and contact details. ALWAYS REMEMBER CALL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY, NOT ME.

Kind regards - Jason Winter, 34 Coppice Road

Dear Editor,

Graham Holloway retires 12th March 2018. He was born in Coppice Road in 1953. When he left school he started in Union Lane in Kingsclere with the council at the Pulverise. When they shut it up he was transferred to Basingstoke Council, where they taught him to drive the Dustbin Lorries. Viola firm took them over, and his round was always Kingsclere on a Wednesday. He always played football for Kingsclere.



Graham lives in Basingstoke and wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Evelyn Holloway (Graham's sister)

Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan

At the time of writing in early January the Local Planning Authority are undertaking a compliance check of the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that all legal and statutory requirements have been met. Following completion of the compliance check, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (B&DBC) are obliged to publish the Plan for a six-week consultation. At the time of writing the consultation dates haven't been confirmed, but all being well it is likely to start in the last week of January. The consultation documents and details on how to respond to the consultation will be made available on B&DBC's web site but the Parish Council will let you know the dates of the consultation when known and provide copies of the documents for residents to view in the library, the PC office and the Fieldgate centre.



Following the initial consultation early last year, the Plan has been redrafted to take account of many of the comments received. Major changes to the Plan include the assessment of a new site put forward at Yew Tree Farm; a policy on the provision of fast broadband; projects the Parish Council wish to take forward on improving the Holding Field, the Malthouse Open Space/churchyard area, and the provision of a Community Orchard.

Following the consultation, B&DBC will arrange for an independent examination of the Plan. 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

Dear Editors,

For some time now, the Hospice has stopped collecting items that could be sold in the St. Michael's Hospice shops, at the same time I was stopped from collecting bags of rags. I hope the person who left a bag of rags under my carport after Christmas reads this.



Josie Norton 298059

FOUND

Found a pair of binoculars in a case in the village, not a cheap pair; looks like somebody who has keen interest in wildlife.

Contact

Mr or Mrs Wiltsher, 01635 298939

The Fieldgate Centre



The beginning of the year is usually a time when we all plan improvements of one kind or another. Likewise, the Fieldgate Centre this year will be forging ahead with refurbishments and increasing opportunities for everyone to enjoy events, exercise and socialising.

Already planned for 2018 are Christening and birthday parties, wedding receptions, quizzes, annual club events, business networking, in addition to Ceroc and bi-monthly discos plus, our own events team are busy working on plans for Twist Run, Race Night and Cleverest Street Quiz.

Inside, our weekly timetable includes:

Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri	Pilates
Mon	Julie Upshall Fitness, Clubbercise
Tue	Acrobatic Dance & Tumbling (children)
Wed	Slimming World
Thu	Short Mat Bowls, Ceroc
Fri	Bar/social area (evening)
Sat/Sun	TV Sports and social events.

Outside, training and fixtures: rugby (minis & adults), football (men's & ladies), netball, cricket (colts & adult), running group.

We look forward to seeing you in 2018 and hope you'll make the most of the Fieldgate Centre which is a community owned asset run as a charity.

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

Kingsclere Allotment Management Group



As we longingly look forward to a spring that still seems a long way off our thoughts turn to preparation and planning for the new growing season. Planning crops, seeds to purchase and potatoes to chit brings expectations of what will be later in the year and gives us a head start in growing. So don't leave it until the last minute.

If any plot holder has any issues regarding their plot please contact a member of the AMG or the Parish Clerk so we can help.

Date for your diary (TBC), 24th March is planned as an Allotment Spring Clean for all.

Bellringing at St Mary's



On Monday 20th November 2017 a quarter peal of 1260 Plain Bob Minor was rung to celebrate the platinum wedding anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh.

A quarter peal of 1260 changes of Plain Bob Minor was rung on Saturday 2nd December 2017 to commemorate the centenary of the death of Reginald George Court, London Post Office Rifles. He was killed at the battle of Cambrai on 2nd December 1917. His granddaughter, Gill Gardner and great granddaughter, Catherine Ovington (née Gardner) were in the band of ringers.

On Monday 11th December 2017 a quarter peal of 1260 Kingsclere Bob Triples was rung in memory of Nicola Oxley who passed away on this day one year ago.

Prior to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve a quarter peal of 1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor was rung.

The diamond wedding anniversary of Alan and Heath Denness was celebrated on Thursday 4th January 2018 with a quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples.

Helen Piper

Nature Notes



The pyracantha which hugs the wall of the house was particularly fruitful this year, so dense were the orange berries that it was difficult to see the underlying foliage. The sparrows had not cracked the berries when they were green and which had allowed them to reach maturity. Enjoy the colour before the blackbirds get going, except they didn't. Over ripe fruit which fell uneaten had to be swept from the path. The blaze of colour continued until mid November when suddenly, mild Autumn was swept aside by sharp frosts and the birds came. Blackbirds ceased their belligerence to one another and stuffed themselves. In the space of three weeks the whole length had been stripped of berries.

Storm Eleanor filled the local ditches and streams and brought down chalk in their waters turning our lake the colour of milky tea and on heavier soils they carried ribbons of yellow clay in their flow.

An extremely durable niger feeder arrived on trial from friends who had not seen a single goldfinch use it. A cheap and tatty one was replaced with this larger and superior model. Weeks passed but no goldfinch was seen to use it albeit they were seen and heard in the garden. New holes were drilled in the same position as on the old feeder: Still no visitors. Finally, the new was replaced with the old, original feeder and shortly it was in full use, with further 'goldies' waiting nearby. No reason can be seen why one feeder failed but the other succeeded.

A tiny goldcrest was seen foraging for insects in a pot-grown shrub only a metre from the window, a lovely sight.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred



Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Revision of Electoral Roll for St Mary's Kingsclere

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on the 16th April 2018. This is the occasion when elections to the posts of churchwardens and the Church Council take place.

In preparation for this the revision of St. Mary's Church, Parish Electoral Roll is due to be completed. The deadline for this year is 28th March 2017.

If you would like to be added to the roll, please visit the Benefice website: www.clerewoodlands.org.uk and click on Electoral Roll.

Forms can also be found at the back of St Mary's Church. Please complete and return to the Church Electoral Roll Officer or Churchwarden before the deadline.

The requirements for joining the roll are:

**Being baptized and over the age of 16, willing to declare yourself a member of the Church of England AND*

**Either resident in the parish or have habitually attended worship in the parish for six months prior to enrolment.*

Being on your parish church's electoral roll is a way of demonstrating your willingness to be counted as a member of the church community and committed to its survival and flourishing.

Chryssie Green – Church electoral Roll Officer

Reflections



So much has happened this last year particularly in how we worship together on a Sunday morning. So what has changed?

One of the main things is that we now have a service every Sunday at 9:15 in Kingsclere church. This means that if somebody gets up on a Sunday morning and thinks 'I'd like to come to church', they will never be greeted by an empty building.

Breakfast before the service from 8:45 has had a big impact. It's great to be able to eat breakfast with some of you and I think it helps create a more welcoming atmosphere. I'm really grateful to those who have served the breakfast as it is a considerable step up from just doing tea & coffee! It also follows the pattern of the early church who were described as "day by day attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes". Eating together even from the very early days has always been part of what the church does.

The format of the service has also changed. We still have two mid-morning Holy Communion services at Kingsclere each month but other services do not include Communion. The reason this was changed was to help make our services more accessible to those who are less used to lots of churchy language and help make our services less formal.

Another major change has been the music which is more contemporary or modern if you like, aided by projected words on a screen. This helps us as we try to connect with younger generations (not because those who are older are less important but because in the main, the younger generation are lacking). This change is trying to connect with a younger generation where our more traditional music has not done so. But there is still opportunity to worship at more traditional services each week in one of the three churches in our parishes.

I'm really grateful to all who have supported these changes and those who have stuck with it even if it's been hard and things have not been as smooth as I would have liked. I'm still learning how to do this as many of you are. The key reason that these changes have come about for me is that I long that Jesus' message be communicated as widely as possible in our community so that all get the opportunity to say 'Yes' or 'No'.

**Blessings for 2018,
Ben.**

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

Sunday 4 th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	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 February Sunday before Lent	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 – St Peter's, Headley
Wednesday 14 th February Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ash – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 18 th February Lent 1	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's Church, Headley
	9.15am	All Age Messy Worship – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion with Baptism – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 25 th February Lent 2	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
Sunday 4 th March Lent 3	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Baptism & Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)

**Our ABC service for children and their carers will be held
in St Mary's, Kingsclere on 19th February at 9.30am**

St. MARY'S CHURCH:

Vicar	Rev Ben Read, The Vicarage, Foxs Lane	01635 298471
Church Wardens:	Eileen Selsey eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk	01635 42962
	Sarah Mussett sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk	01635 291900
Administrator:	Emma Rivers administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk	07790 934972

From the Registers of St Mary's

Baptism *We welcome you into the Lord's family*
 19 Nov Zoe Lily Madeline Williams
 Alfred Wyn Christopher Robinson

Funeral *I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord*
 13 Nov Keith Whiteman
 5 Dec Beryl Thomas (Burial of Ashes)
 7 Dec John Bridgman (Burial of Ashes)
 12 Dec Derek Puffett

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated during the Christmas Services in St Mary's to **"Real Change not Loose Change"** a project to help the homeless in Basingstoke. We have been able to send a donation of £685, and have received a heart-felt thanks from those leading the project.



Kingsclere Methodist Church

Services for February

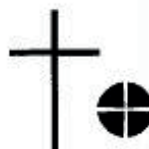
4th February Jeff Britt Morning Worship

11th February Rev. Rachel Borgars Morning Worship

18th February Rev. Elaine Rawlings
 Holy Communion / Alternative Worship

25th February Peter Castle Morning Worship

All Services start at 10am



METHODIST CHURCH:

Chief Steward Wendy Morgan 297538
Secretary & Hire of Hall Jeanette Billington 297585

ROMAN CATHOLIC: Rev Patrick Tansey 0118 981 4572
 tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Lighting up St. Mary's



December

2nd In remembrance of Reginald George Court. Killed at the Battle of Cambrai, 2nd December 1917.
Gill, Tim, Claire, Catherine and families.

11th For Nicola. Loved and missed so much everyday

January.

3rd and 8th For Ron and Gladys Verney. Remembering with love our wonderful Mum and Dad. Pat, Anita and families.

4th Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Married in the Congregational church, Thatcham on Jan. 4th 1958. Alan and Heath Dennis.

February

18th Remembering John David Wesson on his Birthday x

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, discounts available for block bookings and business sponsorship. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome.

Deadline for March Tower is February 10th.

CAMARADERIE

Wednesday 14th February . In the Kingsclere Methodist Church Hall at 2.30pm.

Cost £1 which includes Tea and a free Raffle Ticket.

We look forward to seeing you.

Loddon Valley Lions Club have just completed a busy and rewarding December. Beginning on the 1st day of the month our Father Christmas Float visited local villages on a total of 20 nights and thanks to the efforts of our members and friends and the generosity of local residents a grand total £11500 was raised for charitable purposes>

In addition our Float Activities, Saturday 16th December saw a total 110 Christmas hampers to worthy recipients throughout our area - we are always happy to have potential recipients identified to our Club at <http://loddonvalleylions.org> or 0845 833 7494 .

Ken Williamson, Publicity Officer, Loddon Valley Lions

Christmas Day Lunch in the Kingsmill Room

Following our fourth successful Christmas Day Lunch in the Kingsmill Room, we would like to pass on our thanks to everyone who *set-up, picked-up, cooked-up, dished-up, ate-up, sung-up, washed-up and cleared-up!!*

Thanks also to everyone who kindly made donations – you know who you are!

Finally, a special mention to Howe & Son for their very generous donation which enabled us to make the day even more memorable for everyone – thank you.

Happy New Year to you all and best wishes

Gavin, Pippa and Harry Ashton
07775 903214

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Despite the overnight snowfall and a bitterly cold wind, 47 hardy souls (plus miscellaneous dogs) turned up on the 27th December for our third **Village Walk**, returning to the Kingsmill Room for very welcome mulled wine, and a range of delicious sausages, mince pies and brownies, much of the food - and the odd raffle prize - kindly donated by Kingsclere retailers, to whom our warm thanks. This, as we hoped, is becoming an annual fixture, and we shall be running a similar walk after Christmas this year.



This year FOSM and the Kingsclere Gardening Association will be running our ever-popular **Plant Sale in St Mary's Churchyard** as a joint venture, which we hope may provide an interesting new slant. Notwithstanding rival events on the same day, this will be on the morning of **Saturday 19th May**, with timings brought forward a little to enable people also to take in the delights of TV coverage of the Royal Wedding and the FA Cup Final!

Peter Turner, Chairman

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St Mary's 200 Club New Year Winner January 2018, no 80 Diana Skillbeck
Well done Diana

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



*Second Saturday of the month
at 7.30pm at the
Village Club, George Street*

Saturday, 10 February, 2018

A Private Function (1984 - Comedy - 3 BAFTAs)

Couple try to break food rationing with black market bacon in post-war Britain. Starring Maggie Smith, Michael Palin and Denholm Elliott. Story and script by Alan Bennett.

**Saturday, 10 March
The Mission**

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

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

New members welcome

Kingsclere Community Library

?????

Quiz Night – 16th March

Fundraiser & Fun – ticket details from the Library!

Something for everyone at YOUR library– FREE!

Books, Audio Books, E-books, magazines, maps & 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 Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group



Welcome! You do not need to have had your baby to join us – come along to as many sessions as you want to before his or her arrival. Once your baby is here, we have a protected baby area with bouncy chairs, rugs and baby toys for them to use, as well as toys and activities, both indoor and outdoor, for older babies and toddlers.

Where: The Village Club, George St

When: every Tuesday, 9am-11am

Cost: first visit free. After that, £1 for bumps and unweaned babies. £2 for first child (including snack donated by Swan St Stores) and 50p for additional children.

Helping Hands in Tadley recently donated a lovely wooden castle and knights for our bunnies to enjoy. This charity shop sells on unwanted items and resells them to those who need, all profits go to local causes. So if you're in Tadley, pop in!

villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com

Gardening Club



Meeting on **Thursday February 8th** at the Village Club, starting at 7.30pm.

Our speaker this evening is Mr. Wilf Simcox who was a lecturer at Sparsholt College. He will be talking about Care of Conservatories and plants for them.

Members free, non members £2.00.

Competitions for the evening are: A bowl/vase of flowers; a container of bulbs; a single stem from the garden; a single vegetable; a pot plant.

Subscriptions for the year can be paid at the meetings; unfortunately we will no longer have people calling at houses to collect subs.

We will not be having a meeting in December this year, however we will have one in September instead.

This year we are joining F.O.S.M. with the plant sale and hope our members can help supply plants and help on the day.

Our speaker in March is Mrs Carol Watson from Winchester always a popular speaker.



Friends of Kingsclere School News

FKS has a number of exciting fundraisers planned for 2018. We hope you will support us to raise important funds and also to strengthen our school and it's links with our community.

In January we launched the K2K challenge which aims to “crowdercise” the total distance (7,250 miles) from our Ugandan link school Kyankowe to Kingsclere C of E Primary School by the end of the school year. Money raised will be split between the two primary schools and used for sports and activity equipment.

NEW EVENT!! Barn Dance- Saturday 3rd March , The Fieldgate Centre- Doors open 6.30pm, Band starts 7pm, Everyone welcome!

Tickets from School Office & The Village Butchers

Tickets £7.50 adult, £3 children of school age (under 4's free)

Food is included (pulled pork, jacket potatoes, beans, cheese, coleslaw & bread rolls)

The Fieldgate Centre bar will be open,

Raffle! (All proceeds from Ticket Sales & Raffle to FKS)

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 get your tickets soon!!!

Other dates for your diary

School Disco - Friday 9th Feb - Year R/KS1 5-6pm & KS2 6.15-7.15pm

Easter Egg Hunt - all welcome - Thurs 29th March (last day of term) from 3.30pm at School

Rachael Knight, FKS Chairperson, 268160, knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk

Kingsclere Village Club



After half term we welcome tutor Rachel Eaton who is running our Wednesday morning yoga class from 11-12.15. She likes to look at postures that can ease back problems, stiffness, headaches, as well as improving flexibility and strength. Students work at their own level. Please wear loose clothing and bring a mat and blanket if you have one.

Bookings now being taken for the 6 weeks 21st Feb to 21st March via education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk. We are also offering a try before you commit session on Weds Feb 7th for £6.50. Book this one off session via education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk or online at Eventbrite.co.uk

Kingsclere Twinning Association



Save a Date in your diaries for our next event: a **Beetle Drive** on **Saturday 14 April 2018**. All welcome, including families, and further details to follow.

The 2018 visit from Cormicy will take place on the weekend of **19 May 2018**. Please let us know if you are interested in hosting any of our visitors. There is no obligation to speak French, and it is a great way to get involved in the Association, meet new people and for children to learn a little language and experience a different culture. During this weekend there will be a **Barn Dance** held in the village on the evening of **Saturday 19 May**. Even if you are unable to host, all are welcome to join us for this family event.

We always welcome new members. Why not consider joining in 2018? Family membership is £5 per year and includes reduced admission prices to most of our events, free monthly French conversation/class (depending on confidence level), and the opportunity to visit Cormicy in the beautiful Champagne region of France. Please contact kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk or telephone Sue Watson on 01635 298940 for information regarding membership or the Cormicy Visit .

Kingsclere Twinning Association

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We should like to say a very big 'Thank you' to all who came to sing with us at our charity events at Christmas. We hope that you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

As a result of your generosity we are pleased to be able to send £1350 to our chosen charity 'Swings & Smiles'.

We hope to see you again at our Spring events which will be advertised locally and on Facebook nearer the time.

Happy New Year to you all!

Hazel O'Leary

The Poppy Appeal 2017



**People of Kingsclere and the surrounding Villages -
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There are few, if any, words that can convey the enormity of my thanks to each and every one of you who so generously contributed, in so many different ways, to the 2017 Poppy Appeal. The total raised / collected so far is £5,675 and is the best ever result in Kingsclere. There are still some monies to come in and I will let you all know the final amount as soon as possible.

I am truly grateful and humbled by your continued support for such an important and worthy cause. Thank you on behalf of all those who will benefit now and in the future from your generosity.

“At the going down of the Sun and in the Morning, We Will Remember Them”

Wendy (Morgan), Poppy Appeal Organiser

Basingstoke Disability ConneXions

6th February from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Mindfulness for mental wellbeing workshop

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Come for a chat and free coffee/tea.

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Guest speaker topics:

6th March: Disability awareness day with local disability organisations

3rd April: Air Ambulance and Will Writing

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Citizens Advice Tadley are looking for volunteers. Can you help us?

We are looking for volunteers to train as Gateway Assessors to help us provide our service both in the day and on a Thursday evening. If this interests you please call our admin line on 0118 9817567 or email us at admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk to arrange an informal chat or to request further information.

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands

Kingsclere Village Club, George Street

Our second monthly meeting of this new year is scheduled for Wednesday 14 February 2018 and features Deborah Wheeler as speaker - her chosen talk: 'Amusing Museums'. And, yes, she jolly well should know more about museums than the rest of us but for more light on the subject you'll have to come along on the day and find out for yourself!

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We welcome visitors to our monthly sessions at a nominal fee of £2 per person which includes tea & biscuits (sometimes more). There's also the chance of taking favourable odds on our monthly raffle for a shot at one of the number of prizes on offer. So, just 'clock in' at 1.30 on the day at our front desk, inner entrance to the Village Club's main hall, where one of our committee members will ask you to sign in as a visitor. We hope that after this, or maybe after your second visit, you will consider taking up membership. See you soon, then?

Competition Guide-Letter for January is 'I' ('I' for 'India', that is)

Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570



Homing Enquiries	0345 260 1501 or andover.cats.org.uk
Fund-raising and volunteers	07733 242196 or email_coord@andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale	01256 892773

During the cold weather snaps and snow that we have experienced recently we get many calls from people asking us to take in strays. Some of these cats have been living in sheds and porches for months. It is only when conditions deteriorate that we are asked to take them in and of course our pens are all occupied. If you think that you have a stray cat in your garden, don't wait until things become urgent, please let us know and we can put it on a waiting list.

Maggie, our January cat, has found a home in Swindon. Misty, a four-year-old friendly tabby female, is looking for a new home.

We are currently dealing with a feral colony of forty cats. We cannot take feral cats into care so the only thing we can do is neuter and return. Fortunately the owners of the land where this colony live are kind people who are willing to continue feeding them. We like to be told about any feral cats in the area as it is preferable to get in early and neuter before the situation gets out of hand.



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