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Please contact the office if you would like to offer some of your time.

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The Tower is very pleased to say that once again we have some surplus funds which are available to local clubs and organisations for the benefit of Kingsclere residents.

If you would like to apply for a grant, please email the editors requesting an application form, or you may write to the address above. Please return your completed applications by the end of September, for a decision at our October committee meeting.

Funds are limited and we may not be able to approve all requests, but do please apply and we shall do our best.

The Editors and Tower Committee

Layout Volunteer Needed - The Tower needs your help!

Each Tower layout designer is responsible for 3-4 issues per year, working alongside the month's editor to design the layout of the "white pages" (not the yellow advertising pages, which are completed separately). The bulk of an issue's layout activity takes place between the 12th and 26th of the month, and will typically take 6-10 hours in total.

If you have experience, amateur or professional, with graphics design or publishing packages (e.g. MS-Publisher, In-Design or Affinity) and have the enthusiasm to contribute to the Tower's activities, we want to talk with you!

Please contact the editors for more information.

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The office is currently closed, please email or call.

Making a Difference Awards 2021

This year's award ceremony will take place at the Bounce Back Day being held at the Fieldgate Centre on Saturday 14th August. Thanks, and warmest congratulations to all those who have been nominated and who will receive awards. The Parish Council wish to thank everyone who has contributed to the village and has Made a Difference.

Reminder – Keep hedges trimmed

A gentle reminder during this lovely warm weather (at the time of writing!) that this is also prime growing weather. Please ensure that hedges are kept tidy and under control, especially if they are by a road or path. Thank you.

Volunteers for Tree Wardens

Thank you to those who have come forward and are interested in being involved. It's not too late please do get in touch if you would like to learn more.

The village currently has two volunteer tree wardens, and KPC would welcome more support for this scheme. The Tree Wardens scheme was set up by the Tree Council in association with local councils who appoint voluntary tree wardens to gather information, give advice, and encourage practical projects relating to trees in the community. No experience is necessary - just enthusiasm for trees and the local environment. Tree Warden tasks include being eyes and ears for the Parish Council on anything tree related, checking applications for work on trees with Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) or in conservation areas, doing surveys of trees and hedges, tree planting schemes and really anything else that the Tree Warden feels might be useful to the parish. Periodically in the past Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has run one day courses to bring people up to speed on subjects such as trees and the law but clearly that has not been possible recently. Sometimes other courses are notified to the Parish Council. If you would be interested in becoming a Tree Warden, please contact the Parish Council.

Recycling Bins and Glass Recycling

The collections dates are 11th & 28th August and 8th September.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – The council do not meet during August but is still contactable using the normal methods. The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday 27th September 2021, in the Village Club. As mentioned previously we may need to continue with the distancing and other rules for another month, but we will also endeavour to put precautions in place as good practice going forward to continue everyone's efforts. We welcome the attendance of parishioners at our meetings and anyone who wishes to raise any matters of concern will be given the opportunity to do so.

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Selina Cross, Marketing & Press Co-ordinator



Greener Kingsclere Sustainable Market a Success!

Our third market was held on Sunday 11th July. With 15 stalls it was larger than either of the previous markets, safely spread throughout the large Fieldgate Hall and the covered patio. Stallholders and customers met and talked about more ecologically friendly ways to live, especially enjoyable after the long periods of isolation we've all endured.

There was food including fresh bread from Bread & Beyond, the Priors Court School Bakery, fudge, sweets, and honey, plus a good selection of pantry foods. There were personal care, beauty products and make up, many household products, gifts, gift wrap and refillable cleaning products. Really something for everyone!

Our thanks as always go to the Kingsclere Community Association trustees and the Fieldgate staff for making the market possible.

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Kingsclere's Bounce Back Events

Wednesday 28th July and every Wednesday until 25th August
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Kingsclere Cricket Club



Starting the 2021 Season on a High!

Half way through July and the league cricket season is at it's midpoint. And, on the back of promotion in the last "proper" season (2019) KCC are going well in Hampshire North Division 4.

The club managed to get to the end of June undefeated! 6 wins from 6 matches played! The absolute highlight was the match against Basingstoke VI. The club batted first, scored a league record 437 for the loss of only 3 wickets and then proceeded to bowl Basingstoke out for 108. The batting highlight was Ed Lyle (of the Bel and Dragon at the Swan) who smacked the bowling to all corners of the ground in hitting 263 not out - another league record and, unsurprisingly, the highest score in amateur league cricket that week. Ross Andrews backed Ed up with 78 in a massive first wicket partnership (and he's not far behind Ed in total runs scored with 323 to Ed's 344).

Ed followed up his Saturday innings with 162 not out the following Monday in the 18 overs a side Cyril Thompson memorial knock out competition at Basingstoke.

Club skipper Steve Hanney's 99 not out, to lead the team to victory in the local derby against East Woodhay is another highlight of note. And good batting has to be backed up by good bowling and fielding. Best of the bowling performances so far is Aiden Ferris' 4 for 22 (also against Basingstoke).

The club's U17 team are also enjoying their cricket with a record of played 2, won 1, lost 1 (and that was a mighty close affair which could have gone either way). They currently sit just above mid table in their first season of U17 cricket.

The key to success so far this season, as previously, is the great spirit in which the club plays cricket - play to enjoy and play to win!

At 12th July, the club is sitting 5th in the league (of 18) with a record of Played 8, Won 6. Fingers crossed for the second half of the season.

Mark Hirst
Chairman, Kingsclere Cricket Club

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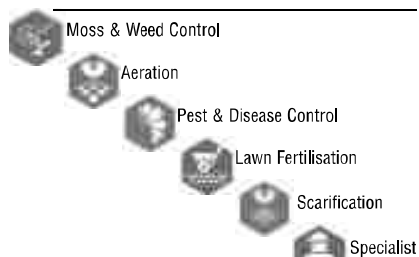
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NOTE - CHANGE TO SUNDAY EVENING

Our next film will be *Victoria and Abdul* on **Sunday 15 August** at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm) in the Village Club, George Street. Released in 2017, this film traces the unlikely friendship between Queen Victoria and a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. Stars Judi Dench, Ali Fazal and Tim Pigott-Smith.

Please call to let us know you're coming, so we can make the appropriate COVID preparations (Regulations not known at the time of writing).

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Kingsclere Charities

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For further information see **www.kingsclerecharities.org** or contact The Clerk, Mrs Jan Pearce, **kingsclerecharities@iname.com** **01635 269184**

Applications are invited from residents of the Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley regardless of means.

The Church Pages



How do you deal with disappointment? I along with many, many millions of people watched the final of the Euro 2020 championship at Wembley last month. I was thrilled with the opening goal and then went on the rollercoaster watching Italy score and then the game go to extra time before coming to penalties. Penalties were excruciating. It felt as if things were going England's way when Belotti and Jorginho were beaten by the excellent England goalkeeper, Jordan Pickford. I felt particularly for the 19 year old Saka who had played so well in earlier games seeing his penalty saved thus handing the trophy to Italy. It was desperately disappointing.

And I guess the feeling of disappointment has been one we've had to get used to over the last 18 months as plans made have been postponed or cancelled. By the time you read this, many legal restrictions will have been lifted and I hope that the disappointments of the past year and a half are in the past.

The disciples were desperately disappointed when Jesus went to Jerusalem and instead of being recognised by all for who He is, was humiliated and condemned to die. They could not see how this could be God's plan for their Lord and Teacher. And perhaps we can resonate as we think of the disappointments of unanswered prayer, of the pain we see in those we love, or the challenges we see in our lives. We may think, 'Where is God when all this is happening? Does He not care?' But in the dark times, Christians cling to the promise of God: *"do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you"*.

This month as our society opens up more after the deeply troubling last few months, let's continue to hold onto the God who is there for the brokenhearted, the disappointed, the lost, the lonely, and those struggling. As a church, we long to be able to be there if you find yourself in that place. Do not hesitate to get in contact if you need to, and we'll see what we can do to help. One thing we will continue to do is to regularly pray for those in need in our village and we would count it a privilege to do so for you.

Blessings,

Ben

St Mary's Church

Sunday Worship in our Churches

AUGUST



Services in our churches in August will be as follows:

Sunday 1 st August	8.00am Holy Communion St Peter's Headley	10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 8 th August	9.30am Morning Worship St Peter's Headley	10.30am All-Age Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 15 th August	9.30am Morning Worship St Paul's, Ashford Hill	10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 22 nd August	9.30am Holy Communion St Paul's, Ashford Hill	10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 29 th August		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere

Private Prayer

St Mary's Church will be open each Thursday between 10am and 1pm for those that wish to use it for private prayer or quiet reflection.

Other Church Activities

We are reviewing our other activities and opening back up where possible. Please continue to look out for notices on email (contact **07422 687125** or **administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk** if you are not signed up to our mailing list).

Our online calendar is also updated regularly so please look there for the most up to date information.

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Lighting up St Mary's

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



June

21st Remembering Roy Meadham on the 40th anniversary of his departure, much loved and never forgotten.

August

5th Remembering my darling Mark who died 6 years ago today aged 50. We love and miss you Mark. Amanda and Rocket
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 31st In memory of Janet Lavina Cox on your birthday. Always in our hearts and minds. Love from all the family

Kingsclere Methodist Church

Services for August:

Sunday 8 th August	Morning Worship
Sunday 15 th August	No Service
Sunday 22 nd August	Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Howson

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Camaraderie (Together in Friendship)

What a very long time has passed since we were able to meet and enjoy a lovely afternoon together and as yet we do not know when we will be allowed to resume our meeting in the Methodist Hall.

We are tentatively looking at the possibility of being able to arrange something in September, so please look out in the September edition of The Tower for more information.

For those of you who are new to Camaraderie, we usually meet every other month in the afternoon. We might have a Speaker or Quiz or Games afternoon or some musical entertainment and always a delicious Afternoon Tea and all for £2!

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Pam, Sarah and Wendy**



Places for the Holiday Club at St Mary's Church, Kingsclere are going fast!

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The club will take place from 9.30am - 12.30pm during the week of 16th - 20th August, special celebration service on Sunday 22nd at 10.30am. Places cost just £25 per child for the week.

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The July Draw was made at The Crown Public House on Friday 2nd July 2021
The winner was: Sharon Meads – No. 46 **Congratulations, Sharon**

August Draw is scheduled to take place at The Crown –
8 pm on Wednesday 11th August 2021

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ST MARY'S VILLAGE FETE

Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August 2021



Plans are going well for our Village Fete and we are looking forward to a fun-packed, entertaining afternoon. We have been overwhelmed by the level of support we have received from The Village and the wider community, both in sponsorship and offers of help. We have enough people to man stalls, but we could do with help in the following areas:

- Set-up in the morning and clearing away after 4 pm
- People to relieve stallholders during the afternoon

We are still accepting donations of bric-a-brac, good quality ladies, gents and household accessories, toys, books, CDs and DVDs. We also require bottles and new items for the Tombola.

We have some very generous, interesting, prizes donated for our Grand Raffle. Tickets are being sold in the Churchyard Saturday mornings.

The flyer in this Tower will act as your programme for the day.

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Thanks to all you wonderful people out there – by the time you read this article **'The Bug Cookbook'** should be with the printer.

We have been overwhelmed by all the support from the village, the wider area and from overseas. We have had a fantastic response from people and companies wishing to advertise and offer sponsorship. This has meant that all costs have been covered and all profits from sales can be put directly to the drainage project at St. Mary's.

The recipes are interesting and varied. Some of them have been trialled and have been found to be delicious! There should be books available to purchase at £5.00 each from The Church Stall. Let us know when you make a recipe and give us some feedback.

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Now that things are cautiously opening up again, we look forward to being part of the August Bank Holiday Fete, and hope that many of you will visit our stall to discover the church fabric works to which FOSM has contributed, or to discuss any ideas you may have for future fund-raising events. Come and join us for a glass of champagne for just £4 (**first glass free if you sign up as a Friend!**)

As to other activities in prospect, we hope in October to hold the Covid-delayed AGMs for the last two years. We also aim to arrange a **Friends' Sunday Lunch** at Sandford Springs in the Autumn; another **Post-Christmas Village Walk** on 27th December; our usual **Quiz Night with Ploughman's Supper** in late January; and the always popular **Plant Sale** in May – which we hope will again be a joint venture with Kingsclere Gardening Association. As these fixtures firm up, full details will appear in future issues of The Tower.

Peter Turner, Chairman

Kingsclere Tower Magazine

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KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB

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Whatever the Government decides is appropriate, please be assured that we will continue to follow all guidance to keep the Village Club a covid safe venue. Thanks to all our users who have supported us in this so far.

KINGSCLERE BOUNCE BACK

We hope to see you at our **Birthday Party** themed stall the Bounce Back event at the Fieldgate Centre on Saturday August 14th. Come and enjoy the fun!

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August In The Garden

After the unusual wet weather this summer we look forward to a warmer August, which often can become sultry. July's weather did damage to the flowerbeds and borders, and produced a huge amount of growth to trees and shrubs, and not forgetting the weeds. When the weather is fine, many of the shrubs and hedges will-need to be cut back, probably for the second time this year.

There seems to plenty of black fly and ants around this year; soapy water can combat the blackfly as an alternative to chemicals. Hot water I'm told can be used on ants, but I'm not sure if it works. We had a lot of frogspawn in our garden this year, so I'm hoping that some frogs have survived, and that the frogs will hopefully munch their way through the slug population. Hoeing can help the weeds, but without the sun to dry out the uprooted weeds they soon start to grow again so I'm afraid only pulling them up by hand can get the job done.

Ponds need attention; if leaves rot in the water they can encourage algae. As the weather hopefully warms up, the water will need topping up to compensate for evaporation.

When feeding the lawn in late summer use a fertilizer high in phosphate. This should help the grass to toughen up for the winter months, giving stronger root growth. The grass still needs to be cut regularly; grass clippings can be left on the lawn in dry weather acting as a mulch for the grass, helping to retain moisture.

Roses continue to need to be dead headed. I cut away some of the stem too, as this keeps the bushes tidy and encourages new growth.

Lavender will need to be trimmed, any old flower spikes can be removed by using a pair of hand shears. This will encourage side shoots keeping the plant compact. Lavender rarely grows again from old wood. When plants become old and straggly, take cuttings or replace with new plants, remembering that if your soil is clay incorporate some coarse grit to improve drainage which the plants will enjoy.

Denise Allen

Nature Notes

We had a close look at our village lake recently and were pleased to see how clear the water was. Unlike recent times the lake bottom had more healthy looking vegetation sprouting in various places. There have been times when it had looked barren. Looking from the bridge towards the source there is further plant life, a dark green mat of luxurious growth that looks suspiciously alien and has all the signs of an aquatic pest.

The fortunes of the lake have waxed and waned over time, many older residents would remember a shoal of carp that would patrol the deeper water and other times when good sized trout would appear to contest with the ducks for bread.



The village lake

Final note on terns for this year, a successful breeding season with three pairs and young. The raft needs some TLC.

A small bumble type bee with a golden body hovering among plants seemed more interested in bare soil than in flowers. Some species of bee nest in burrows and this one could be looking for its home but NO. Landing for an instant it picked up a minute stem of dried plant material and flew off with it in some or all of its feet. Back it came to find another load but this was overlarge, it was dropped and the bee vanished.

A range of flat roofed garages nearby appear to have been bombed with mustard, patches of bright yellow stand out against the grey roofing material. This is biting stonecrop, a species of sedum which can flourish on the driest, barest surface and in full sun.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred



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(from October 2021)



Just like almost every other group in the Village, the Women's Institute suspended all meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the country is getting ready to open up again and the W.I. is no different.

Though we haven't managed to meet up yet as a group, we have had a committee meeting and decided on our speakers for the rest of our W.I. year (to May 2022). Some speakers are re-bookings that we had to cancel and we will be delighted to see them at last. Some are new bookings. For our inaugural meeting which we are holding in September, we are having lunch at The Crown in Kingsclere. This will be our annual meeting that would normally be held in May; it is a requirement in our Constitution that we hold an Annual Meeting when we elect the committee and president. So, not quite business as usual, but we are getting there.

We mentioned in the July issue of The Kingsclere Tower that there would be an open-air meeting during August but we haven't managed to finalise this as the committee meeting that was scheduled to take place on 5th July had to be postponed due to the president having to self-isolate. This meeting will now take place on the 12th and any decision about an August meeting will be communicated directly to members to allow them to attend.

We are all really looking forward to getting some degree of normality back into our lives and holding our monthly meeting forms an integral part of that.

Margaret Geary tel 01635 297197

Kingsclere Gardening Association

Again nothing to report for our club this month. I have received a show schedule for East Woodhay so things are moving, and I hope to get more before the month is out. At home I have sown some biennials hoping there will be plant sales next year.

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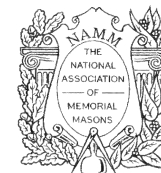
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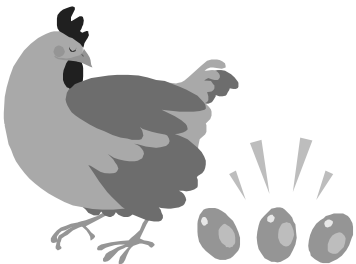
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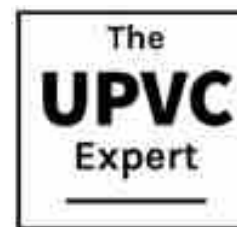
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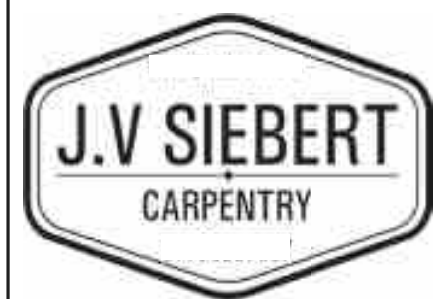
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Snacks/ drinks: bring your own

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Max. 15 adults indoors on a first come, first served basis



We have really enjoyed seeing all of our Bunnies back over the last few months, as well as meeting new faces. Thank you to those who have offered to join the committee, but there is always space for more, so please do get in touch if you are interested in helping out.

We will be announcing our summer opening via our Facebook page and in sessions, which will largely depend on committee availability and if there is enough demand. Hopefully we will be in a position to be back to normal by September (if not before) in terms of extending opening times, offering a snack and of course singing at the end!

Check out our Bunnies Facebook site – as well as our local buying and selling site “Kingsclere Bunnies Preloved”, where locals often have bargains to pass on.

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Kingsclere CE Primary School



We are spending some time this summer holiday tidying up the school grounds and prepping the classrooms ahead of the children's return in September. We are incredibly hopeful for a more 'normal' year ahead where we can share and celebrate as a whole school together. We look forward to being able to share this with you in months to come.

This summer we sadly say goodbye to the much loved Mrs Elaine Fowler, our school cleaner, as she has finally decided to hang up her marigolds and retire!



Elaine, born in 1943, moved to the village when she was just two years old. She and her siblings attended Kingsclere for their education which, back then, was a school in North Street at the bottom of our current field (pictured here). Elaine met her husband and went on to have 3 children, all of whom came to our school themselves. Elaine joined our school as a dinner lady, raised money to build our school pool and has worked tirelessly cleaning the school over the past 36 years! We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her for her many years of dedicated service and wish her a very happy retirement!

With best wishes,
Mrs Melrose, Headteacher



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