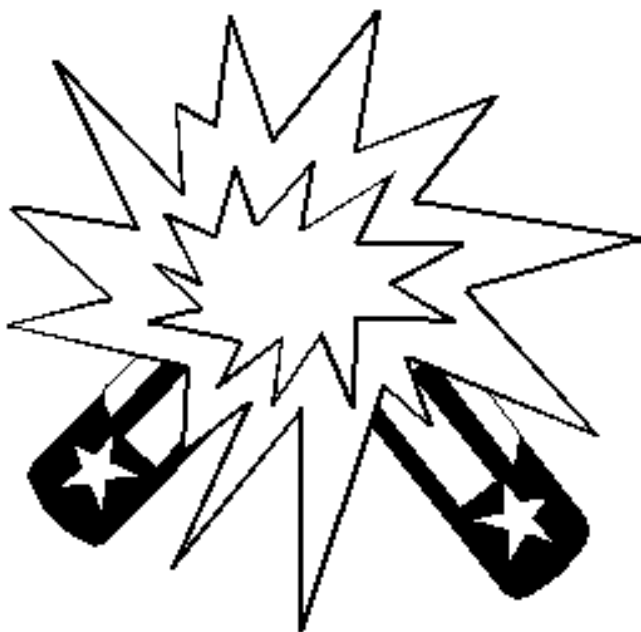


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The temperature has dropped, the BBQ has been cleaned and packed away for another year, the garden is covered in golden leaves, and socks and jumpers are once again the order of the day.

The contrast in the weather gives us an opportunity to reflect on the glorious summer we've enjoyed this year. As we have collated the details each month of the many events that have taken place in the village since we became editors, the majority have reported fine weather.

The sheer quantity of activities and organisations is astonishing. For a relatively small community we sure pack a lot of stuff in! So, as the evenings draw in, take five minutes to read about the numerous winter activities available on our doorstep, and get some dates in your diary to look forward to,

Editors: Sarah and Nicki

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KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A room has been made available to us at the Village Club to showcase the work we are doing on the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. There is a limited amount of literature and posters for you to see at the moment but this will be added to over the coming months to build a comprehensive exhibition of this valuable project. Drop in to the meeting room next to the Parish Office any Monday or Wednesday morning to review the work and leave your comments or questions in the box provided.

By the time you read this, every household within the parish boundary should have received a questionnaire on the **Neighbourhood Plan**. Our Neighbourhood Planning Group need to know your views so that our Plan accurately reflects the wishes of the community on the future development of the village. Additional copies can be downloaded from the Parish Council web site where you will also find more information on the Plan.

Completed questionnaires should be returned to the Parish Council office by **30th November**. Please take time to complete and return this important document.

NEW SHOPABOUT BUS SERVICE TO TADLEY

This got off to a flying start in October and promises to be a much used and valuable service. We would like to say a big Thank You to all those that have helped to make this happen and who will continue to work towards keeping the service going for a very long time.

NEW FOOTPATH GATE

A grant application has been made to Hampshire County Council to provide a new, pushchair and wheelchair friendly, and child safety gate, where the footpath around the lakes meets Foxs Lane.

NOTICE BOARDS

While every effort is made by your Parish Councillors to keep our notice boards tidy, it would be helpful if notices could be removed after their expiry date, and only non-commercial notices referring to village activities placed on the boards.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – Collection days for November are 13th and 27th.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – the next Ordinary Meeting will be on Monday 25th November 2013. 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.

1st Kingsclere Guides



The date for our Dragonfly Fashion Show has been changed to

Friday 15th November, commencing 7.00pm, at Cheam School,

Headley. Our Guides and some of their mums will be modelling current High Street fashion for women and older girls which will then be for sale at up to **50% less than shop prices!** Brands include Boden, White Stuff, Next, Laura Ashley, Fat Face, M&S, Hollister and many more. All clothes are brand new and are available to try and buy so come along and grab a bargain or two

Tickets cost £5 in advance or £6 on the door which includes a glass of wine or juice. Children free. Tickets available from Guide leaders:

Sue Adams 299242 sueadams@madasafish.com

Kaye Broom 299875 kayeb50@mail.com

Sue Oram 298641 jsrsoram@hotmail.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you.

Sue A, Sue O, Kaye, Hellen and 1st Kingsclere Guides.

Rose Hodson Court



The Rose Hodson Court **Macmillan Coffee Morning** made a profit of £400. Our thanks to all who gave donations, to helpers and to supporters.

Maisie Lawrence, Rose Hodson Court

For all constituents in NW Hampshire

How to contact your Member of Parliament

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E-mail: sirgeorge@sirgeorgeyoung.org.uk Web: www.sirgeorgeyoung.org.uk

St Michael's Hospice Coffee Morning



The St Michael's Hospice Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th October was another tremendous success. We have raised in the region of £430 and the money is still trickling in. Special thanks go to the following stall holders and helpers:-

Louise Porton

Joan Ferness

Rita Peterson

Doris Fields

Lucy Melling & Lauren Instone

Maureen Radwell

Carla Gliddon

Amanda Hatcher

Pippa Ashton

Lorna Woolley

Also to Rob from Kingsclere Landscapes for eggs and Mandy at Harroway Organic Gardens for the vegetables.

Friends from all over the village donated items and baked cakes for this event. We also received some very generous donations.

I look forward to matching this success again next June!

A huge thank you – Sarah Melling

Kingsclere Photo Club



Thank you to everyone who supported our recent **Exhibition**, the photo voted by you as the favourite was No. **112** (Hare) by Mary Ferguson, closely followed by No. **1** "Stag – Eye to Eye" by Mark O'Leary.

2014 calendars on sale, available from Swan Street Stores

Forthcoming meetings at the Village Club, George Street (above the Library), 7.30 for 8.00pm start:-

Weds 6th Nov 'Pecha Kucha' – a display of 20 pictures at 20 second intervals

Weds 4th Dec AGM, 'Best Photo of 2013' competition and Xmas nibbles!

For more club information, see our website: www.kingsclerephoto.org or contact:-
Gareth Martin (Treasurer/Darkroom) Tel. 299227

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Kingsclere Heritage Association



Our next meeting will be on **THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER** when Basingstoke historian Bob Clarke will give us a talk entitled "**The Basingstoke Riots : The Salvation Army v. The Massagainians**". Bob is an entertaining speaker and will tell us of this interesting area of local and national late 19th century history when brewers, their employees and supporters (self-styled Massagainians) fought what they thought was a serious threat to their livelihoods.

All our meetings are at the Village club commencing at 7.45pm and non-members are always very welcome.

Kingsclere Village Archives - See us at the Eco Cafe in the Village Club on Sat. 2 Nov. We will bring photographs, maps and other interesting items from the many that we have been given. If you have a special interest we would be happy to discuss how we might help you. We would also love to see any things that you have about old Kingsclere.

Michael Leah - Chairman, tel 297403

Kingsclere Village Club



Our programme for this winter is as follows:

16 November - **FB Pocket Orchestra**: Southampton based the group plays all over S England from prime London venues to village halls. They take you back to the hot jazz, blues, ragtime and the popular dance music of the 1920/30s and earlier. Expect a lively evening with talented musicians playing a range of Instruments
Doors open 7pm performance 7.30pm **Tickets £12 Tel 297913**

3 December - **Pantomime 'Alice in Wonderland'**: Proteus Theatre bring their magic to the Lewis Carroll story.
Doors open 6pm performance 6.30pm **Tickets £7 Tel 299371**

11 January - **The Roving Crows in Concert**: "Really individual Celtic folk rock group"
Doors open 7pm performance 7.30pm **Tickets £12 Tel 299293**

8 February - **The Baker Boys**: Story telling, virtuosic musicianship and familiar songs that 'take you back'
Doors open 7pm performance 7.30pm **Tickets £12 Tel 299293**

3 April - **Montenegro or bust**: Popular author and traveller **John Pilkington** returns with tales of wandering in the Balkans
Doors open 7pm performance 7.30pm **Tickets £12 Tel 297144**

The Friends of St Mary's

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Monday 18th November**, in the Kingsmill Room, starting at 7.30 p.m. After the formal business of the evening, **Dickie Davies**, the distinguished former Sports Commentator, will give a brief talk about his experiences.



The FOSM Board recently had the opportunity of being taken round the Church by the Chair and several other members of the Fabric Sub-Committee, to see in detail what essential fabric repairs and remedial work need urgently to be addressed to make the building safe and weatherproof. This was a most useful and interesting exercise, and a dialogue now continues with those responsible for determining the sequencing of the works programme. As the relevant phases of work are set in hand, we look forward to contributing towards the costs.

Peter Turner - Chairman

Kingsclere Christmas Craft Fair

Raising money for The Trussell Trust
helping local people in crisis

Kingsclere Methodist Church Hall
Saturday 23rd November 2013

10am–4pm

Many Local Craft Stalls, including knitted goods, handmade cards, wood turning, jewelry, handmade chocolates, and much more

Trussell Trust Stand and food collection point

Face Painting

Mini Manicures

Serving cakes and refreshments

Perfect Christmas Shopping!

Please come and support us
and help raise funds for this outstanding Charity!

Contact **01635 299893** for further details



November at The Fieldgate

Our regular classes continue as usual.



- 6th November The **playbus** is in the car park 2.00-3.00 pm. For parents and carers with children under 5 years old.
- 7th November Meeting of the **Ancient Order of Foresters** 7.00-8.00 pm
- 9th November The **Friends of Kingsclere School** Annual Firework display and bonfire. Gates open 5.30 pm
- 19th November The **Arbor Flora Group Annual Show** with guest speaker. 2.00pm
- 28th/29th/30th The **Kingsclere Players'** production of "The Last of the Summer Wine"

Advance Notice

14th December - A Christmas Dance with the band **The Event**. Decorations, mulled wine and mince pies – A festive occasion!

A **children's Christmas party** Sunday 15th December. We're busy planning now and details will follow.

ST. MARY'S GUILD

Our September meeting proved to be great fun and our take on Room 101 threw up some very interesting 'gripes' which our members would like to lock away. The biggest annoyance by far was telephone cold calling, closely followed by 'rubbish' post. We also had comments on irritating habits by television presenters, especially women flicking their hair! Dogs and cats mess featured quite prominently, as did the amount of paper wasted at supermarket checkouts. Comments were made about signs and notices not being removed after events had taken place. However, after much discussion and hilarity, we finally decided to put illegal parking in Swan Street into Room 101. Wish it was that simple. As you can imagine, great fun was had on the day.

Our next meeting takes place on **Wednesday 27th November**, when we will be treated to a presentation from **Andrew Kitch on his Adventures in Australia**, should be a warm welcome on a November afternoon. Please come along and join in the fun (and enjoy a slice of Pavlova with us).

We meet in the Kingsmill Room of St. Mary's Church at 2.15 pm. Look forward to seeing you.

Pam Kitch (Chairman) - 299743

Dear Editor,

To whomever knocked down a cat in Kingsclere on the evening of 22nd Sept, on Ashford Hill Rd just before the Bowls club - then drove off - shame on you! The cat was still alive yet mortally wounded. Many thanks to the chaps who stopped and the quick response of the local GKG on call vet.

Sam Wiltsher

Little Acorns, Ecchinswell is looking for volunteers!

If you could spare an hour of your time once a month, we'd love to hear from you. We'll even give you a cup of tea and a biscuit :-)

We are a small baby and toddler group, running every Monday morning 9:30 - 11am with families coming from Ecchinswell, Bishops Green, Kingsclere, Burghclere and Newbury.

Volunteers are needed to assist serving tea and coffee, and fruit for children; to help set up and tidy away the toys; read stories/lead songs, or to assist with art and crafts, according to your preferences.

For more information or to express interest please contact Madeleine Grant-Jones on [01635 298989](tel:01635298989) or littleacornsecchinswell@gmail.com . Thank you



13th – 23rd November 2013

The Haymarket, Basingstoke



With songs like *My Favourite Things*, *Do-Re-Mi*, *The Lonely Goatherd*, *Sixteen Going On Seventeen* and the title song, *The Sound of Music* has to be the best-loved musical of all time. The film starring Julie Andrews was a phenomenon, with the sing-a-long version still packing in audiences, encouraged to dress up as their favourite characters and join in with the action on screen.

Now you can enjoy *The Sound of Music* performed live on stage at **The Haymarket** by **BATS - Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society**, who last staged the show in 2001.

Discounted family ticket. Choose from Saturday and Sunday matinées

A family ticket offers savings of up to £8 per family group (x4 tickets. At least two must be children - book by phone or in person). The usual range of other discounts for seniors, students and groups are also available. Full price tickets: £15, £17 or £19 (£12 or £14 for 16 and under).

12 performances of *The Sound of Music* run from Wed 13th – Sat 23rd November at The Haymarket, including two Saturday matinées and two Sunday matinées on 17 November.

More information at www.bats.net or call The Haymarket or Anvil box office on 01256 844244.

KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS WI



Our meetings are held at the Village Club on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 1-45pm

The Speaker for our November meeting will be **Jonathan Jones** telling us about being a **Town Crier**.

You are welcome to come along to a couple of our meetings as a visitor, Just arrive and introduce yourself, (you will be assured of a warm welcome) or better still become a member.

Throughout the year we have speakers on various subjects, hopefully to cover all tastes, Plus Social Meetings. Skittles, Quizzes, etc; (In AUGUST we organised a Christmas Party!! held in one of our members' lovely garden) Outings----- (more recently we have visited Enham House, Nr Andover, a charity for the disabled, Mapledurham House Berkshire, and the Mary Rose Museum at Portsmouth,)

At our Monthly meetings we have a Sales table, a Raffle, tea & biscuits, and of course lots of chat!

More detail from Betty Eckton - 01256 850017

Kingsclere Rugby Club



On Saturday 5th Oct, Kingsclere Rugby Club held their annual Chris Smith Memorial Match of Kingsclere Old Boys v Kingsclere Youngsters.

Forty players turned out to raise money for this year's nominated charity, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC), a charity very close to their hearts.

A really enjoyable game was watched by lots of supporters, ending with the Youngsters winning 38 – 17. The charity funds were raised through players match fees, supporter donations, food sales & the majority from a fantastic prize auction after the match. Huge thanks to Lucie Hobbs from Special Auction Services for organising the auction & to the donators of the prizes & the bidders who dug so deep, in total over £1,500 was raised.

The party carried on into the night with a Karaoke and the odd lemonade or two consumed !

St Mary's 200 Club

October 2013 - Ticket no: 33 - Beryl Baker
 Congratulations Beryl

Entries draw first Friday of each month - The Swan Hotel, Swan Street

Lighting up St. Mary's



November

- 1st Happy Birthday Helen - "such fun" love James and Libby
- 11th The Royal British Legion
- 16th Muriel Smith (known by the family as Ninga) sister, aunt and great aunt. Lovingly remembered by the members of the Pollard and Baxter families, particularly on this day which would have been her 100th birthday.
- 27th In loving memory of a dearly missed mother Monica Joyce Phippen. Three years we've missed you Mum. Not a day goes by without you in our thoughts. Love Pat, Marie and Karen xx

For all bookings, messages, cheques and enquiries please contact Sarah and Andy Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. For hand deliveries please use the black post box next to the front door. Dead line for **December Tower is 10th November**. Any bookings for January received after this date will appear in the February Tower. £12 per evening, sliding scale for 5 or more bookings. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Also at www.clerewoodlands.org.uk

The Children's Society

This year seems to have flown by and many of you are already planning diary events and buying gifts in preparation for Christmas. With this in mind, I would like to invite you, your family and friends, to come to the Christingle service at St. Mary's Church. The service is a great way for everyone to get together, make their own Christingle oranges and to raise funds which enable The Children's Society to help children of all faiths and none, including children at risk on the streets, disabled children, young refugees, young carers or those within the youth justice system.

The service will be held on Sunday 8th December at a time to be confirmed, so please check the Church pages in December's issue.

Candle shaped collecting tubes will be available soon from Kingsclere Primary School and from the Kingsmill Room, so please take one home, fill it with any spare coins and bring it with you to the service.

Thank you.

Sue Grove-White 01635 297683
The Children's Society www.childrengsociety.org.uk

Reflection



On the Frontline

The Church has always run courses at different times of the year to inform, educate and importantly to get together for fellowship. It is good to discuss our faith and learn from each other more about God. We are all very different and together we can open each other's eyes to different things. It has been said that faith can be like a washing line, we worship on a Sunday and feel lifted up and then as the week goes on we start to sag until next Sunday when we are lifted up in our faith again. Getting together in the week acts like a prop and lifts our saggy middle, so to speak.

Some churches have house groups that meet in the week to serve this purpose. However, that can be difficult with our busy lives and our differing working patterns. Yet, now and again, it is good to book out time in the diary to embark on joining others one evening a week to learn and talk about the Christian faith.

The course starting on the 4th Nov is called "frontline" and it is a 6 week course for those who wish to find the confidence to be Christians in their places of work or places of leisure. I hope it will encourage us to share with others the God we worship on a Sunday with those we meet in our everyday lives.

It can be a scary thing talking about our faith if we are the only Christian in our work place etc, but in my experience, people are often intrigued and want to talk, even if it is to say they do not believe in God... Does that mean there must be a God for them not to believe in...?

You know my answer to that as I'm out there as a blatant Christian with a bit of white plastic around my neck.

If anyone would like to join us on our course please get in touch with me on 01635 269180.

Rev Trish

Services in the parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley November 2013

Sunday 3rd November (All Saints Sunday)

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Ashford Hill
10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Kingsclere

Sunday 10th November (3rd before Advent) Remembrance

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsclere
10.50 am	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by service in church	Kingsclere
10.50 am	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by service in church	Ashford Hill
3.00pm	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by service in church	Headley

Sunday 17th November (2nd before Advent)

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Headley
10.30 am	Parish Communion	Kingsclere
5.00 pm	"In Loving Memory" Commemoration of the Departed service	Ashford Hill

Sunday 24th November - Christ the King

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Kingsclere
10.30 am	Parish Communion	Ashford Hill

Sunday 1st December (Advent 1)

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Ashford Hill
10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Kingsclere
3.00 pm	All-Age Café Style Christingle Service	Ashford Hill

**ABC Service this month will take place on
Monday 18th November – 9.30 am – St Mary's**

From the Registers of St Mary's

Wedding *Those whom God has joined together*
21 Sep Carole-Anne Dale and Matthew Dykes

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE KINGSMILL ROOM, ST MARY'S

St Mary's Church, Kingsclere is hosting a
traditional Christmas Lunch, on Christmas Day,
for people and couples on their own
It will be held in the Kingsmill Room at 1 pm
Cost: £5 per person



If you would like to spend Christmas Day in the company of
others please call

Pippa Ashton (01635 298448)
or speak to **Rev Lucy** or **Rev Trish**

St. Mary's Church (see also back cover)

Vicar	Rev. Lucy Thirtle	lucythirtle@btinternet.com
Curate	Rev. Trish Bancroft	trishbancroft@aol.com
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Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	

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Methodist Notes

Preachers for November

All Sunday services at 9:30am

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| 3rd | Rev Maree Farrimond |
| 10th | Remembrance Sunday at the cenotaph 10:45am, followed by service in St Mary's church. |
| 16th | Saturday service = 4:30pm. Rev Elaine Rawlings |
| 24th | Mr Malcolm Stone |

Mid-week Holy Communion: Thursday 14th November at 10am.

Coffee Mornings: Thursday 10am-12 noon

Harvest Lunch.

We had a lovely ecumenical buffet harvest lunch with people from St Mary's and St Peter and St Paul churches, with hymns, readings and a prayer. There was a good variety of food and everyone enjoyed the time of fellowship together. It is thanks to Wendy Morgan for organising it and to those who helped on the day, and to all those who came and made it possible by their presence. May we have a similar event again please?

Margaret Ingram.



Methodist Church (see also Back Cover)

Steward	Cristine Westcombe	☎298518
Secretary	Jeanette Billington	☎297585
Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎297585

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (see also back cover)

TIMES OF MASSES Swan St., Kingsclere

Sunday 11.15am. Confessions after Mass on request.

For details of Masses at St. Michael's, Tadley, contact Fr Patrick Tansey

Christmas Treats Saturday 14th December 2013

Kingsmill Room, St Mary's Church, Kingsclere

Why not enter the St Mary's Church competition to find the most edible or drinkable delicious/decorative/inspiring homemade Christmas Treats in the village?

Bring your entries to the Kingsmill Room 9.30 – 10am, judging 10-11am, prize giving 11.30.

3 classes (entry fees to be paid on the day):

- Children (11 and under) - £1 entry
- Adult food - £2 entry
- Adult drink - £2 entry

Lovely first prize in each class plus rosettes and certificates for places 1-3 in each class. Why not donate your Treat(s) to the Church to be auctioned off after the Sunday service on the 15th December? Silent auction bids also accepted in advance of the auction. Alternatively, any items not to be donated need to be collected from the Church **at midday on Saturday 14th December**. All proceeds to the refurbishment of St Mary's Church.

Further details:

Debra Power (dm.power@btinternet.com) or
Maggy Wallace (mjwwatershipdown@msn.com)

Kingsclere Players Present



by
ROY CLARKE

The Fieldgate Centre
November 28th 29th and 30th
At 7:45pm

Tickets: - £8 each from the Village Butcher

Contact: Kingsclere.players@yahoo.co.uk Mobile: 07774758091

Basingstoke Choral Society

To launch our 2013/14 season we head for the forests and fjords of Norway with a concert of music by **Edvard Grieg**.

A veritable 'smorgasbord' of Scandinavian delights, on **Sunday 24th November at 7.00pm** in the **Anvil**, starts with the **Piano Concerto in A minor**. Our soloist **Aleksandra Myslek** is a rising star and winner of the International Chopin Piano competition.

Grieg's **Peer Gynt** is based on a play by Henrik Ibsen. The choir will perform this engaging work with **John Lofthouse** as the narrator. '*In the Hall of the Mountain King*', famously used in Disney's *Fantasia* and Classic FM's '*Morning Mood*' are but two you will undoubtedly recognise.

Staying with our Scandinavian theme, we will also perform a piece by **Sibelius**. **Maan Virsi** or '**Hymn of the Earth**', from a period of patriotic choral singing in Finland, was a gift from the grateful composer to a hard-working choir.

The New London Sinfonia will also be joining us, conducted by David Gibson, for what will be a highly entertaining evening.

Tickets from the Anvil on 01256 844244 and at www.anvilarts.org.uk



Hennessy Heritage Festival

28-30 November, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Three days of thrilling horse racing celebrating the heritage of the Hennessy Gold Cup

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THREE DAY FESTIVAL BADGE - £75


THE
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NEWBURY



17
Saturday, 2 November, 2013
Untouchable
(15 112 minutes)

After he becomes a quadriplegic from a paragliding accident, an aristocrat hires a young man from the projects to be his caretaker.
In French with subtitles.

Following a well-attended AGM, we are now able to publish the programme for the 2013-14 season:

October 5th	Quartet
November 2nd	Untouchable
December 7th	The Artist
January 4th	Life of Pi
February 1st	Much Ado About Nothing
March 1st	The Well-digger's Daughter
April 5th	The Boy in Striped Pyjamas
May 10th	Casablanca
June 7th	The Lives of Others
July 11th	Les Miserables
August	Summer break
September 6th	The Third Man
October 4th	Love Actually (AGM 2014)

Kingsclere Film Club shows films on the first Saturday of each month at 7.30pm on the big screen at the Village Club. Guests: £7.50 (subscription averages at £4.16 per view)

More information:
John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221
or Diana Tait (Membership Sec.) 298494

Dear Editor,

Re: Red Kites - We would like to pose a question to Diana and Rod (Nature Note) or our general Kingsclere community. Is anyone aware of any possible reasons for the almost 'overnight' demise of the red kites that many have enjoyed the company of over the last few years? We wonder why they might have disappeared so quickly?

Shirley and Michael Williams

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION

At ST PAULS CHURCH, ASHFORD HILL
on

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2013 2.00 - 5.00PM



Vicki Macnab of Bloom2 in Kingsclere
is coming to do a demonstration of
Pedestal and Window Sill arrangements

Tickets £5.00 each which includes Afternoon Tea

The arrangements will be raffled and all profits will go to the Church Flower Fund.

You do not have to be involved with the church flowers to come along and enjoy this event! Anyone with an interest in flower arranging would be most welcome.

Please contact:

Jane Loveless, Thornford House, Basingstoke Road, Headley, RG19 8HR
Tel: 01635 268 263, Mobile: 07961 048 122, Email: adt@newbury.net

Nature Notes



On a recent trip to Sicily we were on the upper slopes of Mt. Etna seeing little due to heavy drizzle. However, in the gloom, we spotted plants familiar to us growing out of the volcanic grit; dock, verbascum, senecio, valerian and achillea some in bloom and some carrying lady-birds. These were too small to be the invasive harlequin type and were much more like our seven-spot. We failed to find out what they were feeding on but presumably aphids.

What a bumper crop of wild fruit and nuts the year has provided, acorns especially and jays will not go hungry this Winter. Sloes, hips, haws, hazel nuts and beechmast are also abundant.

On a circular walk with Douai Abbey at its centre, we came across a shooting party with a difference. Three ladies were out with their dogs strung in-line across a field with one safety man near the footpath and another man, the instructor, at the other end of the line. The dogs were to heel and the instructor hurled a lure forward into the long grass sometimes making a whirring sound with his tongue (mimicking a partridge's flight?) One dog would be despatched to find the lure and to return it. The line advanced a few paces and the procedure repeated with a different dog-not always successfully.

Where the school playing fields had been there was as superb stand of sunflowers and bright yellow corn marigolds looking wonderful in the early autumn sunshine.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

Kingsclere Library



A Fresh New Look! Kingsclere library has had a facelift. More floor space has been created to make the stock more accessible to all. The books selection has been freshened up by old and underused stock being removed and replaced with more collections and displays on different topics which will be changed monthly to give a more varied and changing selection of stock for everyone to enjoy.

Not yet visited the library or not been in for some time? Then do come in and see what is on offer. It is not just about books. There are audio books and various popular magazines that can be taken out. Local papers to browse and free access to the internet, as well as a photocopier that can be used for a small charge doing up to A3 and also in colour.

Collections & Displays: We hope you enjoyed last month's "Celebratory Chefs" and tried out the secret recipes you could choose. This month's selection will be:

"Poetry" to mark poetry month, a selection of poems for adults; perhaps you would like re-acquaint yourself with favourite poems learned at school, poems that mean a lot to you or stir an emotion. There is also a selection for children, do introduce your children to the rhythms, images and emotions that poetry can reveal, above all poetry can be fun and make you laugh!

"India" There is something for everyone here! High romance, wild adventure, exotic travel, colonial history and the fantastic tastes of Indian cuisine.

Author of the Month: This month is the turn of **Mary Higgins Clark**; her books are world-wide bestsellers. In the U.S. alone, her books have sold over 80 million copies. She is the author of twenty-four previous suspense novels. Two of her novels were made into feature films, *Where Are the Children?* and *A Stranger Is Watching*. Many of her other works, novels and short stories, were made into television films.

Free Wi Fi: Just a reminder that **free Wi Fi** is now available to all in the library, just ask at the counter.

Free Internet Access for an hour: A new operating system should be in place by this month and hopefully it will result in faster speeds and provide new facilities such as desktop publishing.

The Library is situated within the Village Club in George Street Kingsclere and is open:

Tuesday	1 – 5.30pm
Thursday	1 – 5.30pm
Saturday	10.30 – 3pm

Rowena Hensman
Kingsclere Library Assistant
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Kingsclere Youth Football

The season is under way and everyone is enjoying it. Training for the younger girls and boys is going well at The Holding Field on Saturdays. If you are in year 1 or above at school come along and join Dean for some fun training on Saturdays.

For further information see the website:
www.clubwebsite.co.uk/kingsclereyouthfootballclub

Emma Hartley.

Kingsclere Gardening Club



Meeting on Thursday November 14th, At The Village Club.

Meeting Starts At 7.30pm

Our speaker this month is **Mr. Ray Broughton**, a senior lecturer at Sparsholt College Nr Winchester, and at one time Head of the Horticultural Department. His Subject is **Plants Of Distinction**.

The competition is: a vase of flowers, one kind or mixed; a single stem from the garden, a pair of vegetables, one kind; a vase of flowers; foliage and berries, a pot plant. We will also have bulbs for our spring show competition on sale, £1.00 a lot. We have two kinds this year, Bantam a medium size flower, one on a stem, and Quail which has at least three on a stem, there will be a class for each at the spring show.

John Eckton 01256 850017

Kingsclere Singers

Community Carol Event - Save the Date!

Kingsclere Singers invites you to join them to celebrate the Christmas season at the Community Carol event:

6:00 pm Saturday 14th December at St Mary's church

Fun for the entire family. FREE to participate.

Donations for the Rodney Lawrence Trust.

See website for more details: <http://www.kingsclere-singers.co.uk/>

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 Facebook: Andover and District Cats Protection



Christmas goods in aid of charity.

With Bonfire Night almost behind us, hopefully without incident, thoughts turn to the rapidly approaching festive season.

Too many times at this time of the year, people start planning what can be the worst of Christmas presents; a new cat or kitten. Unfortunately, come mid-January, we are quite often asked to take in cats who have been an ill-thought, though well-meaning present.

This puts a great strain on our already-stretched finances, as well as causing a waiting list as we simply run out of space to hold cats whilst trying to find them homes.

Village Market

Here we are 25 days from Christmas day, thinking about our next market on Saturday 30th November. The market is open between 10am-12 noon and has many items with a Xmas theme, handmade cards, woollen items, present ideas, rolls of Xmas paper calendars, diaries and inexpensive gifts. Richard from Cottismore Garden Centre will have his usual plant stall which will include Christmas wreaths, these can be purchased on the day or ordered for later. He has a good knowledge of all types of plants shrubs etc, and will be pleased to answer your garden problems. Sue and Tony will be selling jams and pickles, so there will be a selection to top up for the big day. Homemade bread also on sale.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the stall holders for their continued support, and you the customers for making the market such a success. So I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

With kind regards Alan Gore 01635 299 118.

Dear Editor,

Following our contribution in October's edition of The Tower after the death of our father, David Carter, we would like to let you all know that at his funeral a total of £1,125.53 was raised for Cancer Research UK. The family have all been overwhelmed by the generosity and know that David (Dad) would be very moved and delighted.

We again would like to thank everyone for the support they have given to mum and us as a family. It has been so heart-warming to know how much people care.

Thank you again - **Jo Davis on behalf of the Carter, Davis and Maberley families.**

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR GAILEY BROOK?

Recently, I watched a programme entitled **"Britain's Wildlife Revival"**, which dealt specifically with riverside wildlife. The rivers and streams in the UK, and the wildlife that lives in or near these waterways, are the "lifeblood" of our country. According to the Environment Agency, waterways need to be respected, protected and improved for our benefit and for future generations. This agency also sets out some of the responsibilities of a riverside property owner. If you own a property alongside a water course, e.g. our Kingsclere stream, the Galley Brook, you are a "riparian owner".

Some of your responsibilities are:

- 1) maintaining river beds and banks.
- 2) allowing the flow of water to pass without obstruction and
- 3) controlling invasive and alien species, such as Japanese knotweed.

Also, you should not use riverbanks to dispose of garden or other waste, where it could fall into the stream.

SO, WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR GAILEY BROOK?

From Gailey Mill, through Winchester Road, Bear Hill, Swan Street, Fox's Lane, Pope's Hill, Cedar Drive, North Street and Union Lane, through to Island Mill and on to Nutkins Farm and Alderbrook House, the stream has become choked and overgrown.

PLEASE, if YOU live in one of our riverside properties, will you honour your riparian duties and clean up the stream before it is too late?

Heath Denness

Kingsclere has a New Seat

On 19 October Evelyn Holloway unveiled a new seat in memory of Tony Florance who lived for many years at 20 Swan St, the listed building which has just been restored. When he died he bequeathed a sum of money to the Village Club which we felt would best be spent on a garden seat. We hope people will feel free to use it.

The Managing Trustees, the Village Club

Kingsclere Medical Practice

We said good-bye to Dr Philip White at the end of October; he is moving onto pastures new to explore other aspects of General Practice. We will be recruiting a new doctor to the team in the New Year. Dr Helen Wright and other locums will be working with us until then.

The new computer system is up and running and we are starting to get more used to it, thank you for your patience. It has been a massive challenge but overall it will help us develop in the future.

Flu Clinics are in place, if you are over 65yrs or under 65yrs with a long term medical condition please ask reception for a Flu Appointment.



**Friends of Kingsclere School
News from FKS**

**Don't Miss -
Kingsclere's firework and bonfire display organised by FKS
Saturday 9th November 2013
at the Fieldgate Centre
Gates open at 5.30pm, with a firework display at 6.30pm
(no pets or sparklers allowed)**

Refreshments include a barbecue and bar

Great value tickets are available from Swan Street Stores or Kingsclere Primary School
£5 adult /£3 school age children in advance or on the gate £7 adult/£4 school age children
Pre school age children free

All proceeds from this event provide much needed support for Kingsclere Primary School
supplying equipment and extra curricular opportunities for the children.

The School Christmas Fair will be on Friday 6th Dec 2013 where they'll be lots of festive
fun including a fantastic raffle, festive games & crafts, stalls, refreshments and Santa's
Grotto.

Dates for your Diary

November 9th - Fireworks Display at The Fieldgate Centre

November 20th - bag 2 school collection

December 6th - School Christmas Fair, School Hall, 3.30 - 5.30pm

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Foresters Friendly Society

The Foresters will be going to **Bath and its Christmas Market** on Saturday the **7th December 2013**. The coach will leave The Square, Kingsclere at 8 a.m.

For details please contact Eric Fowler, 2 Medway Close, Thatcham, Berks. RG18 3AU or telephone 01635 863765 (after 6pm).

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Parish Web Site - www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk

There is a more comprehensive list of local contact numbers on the Parish Council website. Go to www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk/directory