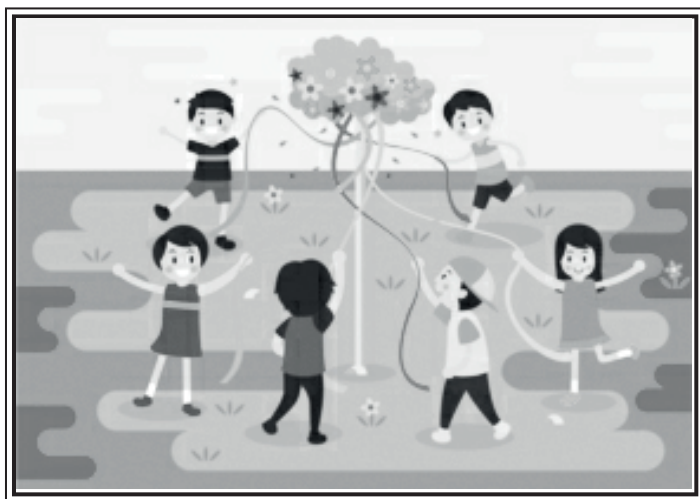


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Kingsclere Charities,

Welfare Charity Reg no: 237218

The Charity helps those in need in the Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley.

Grants have been given towards the provision of: Motorised wheelchairs and mobility scooters, stairlifts and installation costs, medical equipment, such as nebulisers, various aids to make life easier for the sick and less mobile, travel costs to and from hospital.

This help is available for all ages regardless of means.

Please apply in the first instance for an application form to, Mrs Jan Pearce, The Clerk, Kingsclere Charities, Russell House, Ashford Hill Road, Headley, RG19 8AB - kingsclerecharities@iname.com

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – The Annual Assembly will be held on Monday 4th May 2018, 7:30pm in the Main Hall at the Village Club. Your Councillors will be there and this is your opportunity to come and meet everyone involved in the running of your community.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – The Parish Council's Annual Meeting will follow the Annual Assembly on 4th May 2018.



DEFIBRILLATOR – It has been highlighted that not everyone is aware that there is a defibrillator located at the Fire Station in Kingsclere. The unit is located outside the front door and is available 24hrs a day. The defibrillator is within a locked cabinet and the code to open will be given by the emergency operator (999).

PILLAR BOX – Following the closure of the Post Office in George Street, the Parish Council tried to retain the Pillar Box which was located outside. Unfortunately, it was removed last Autumn but we have tried to get a Pillar Box reinstated in the Village Square. Despite highlighting that there is insufficient capacity with the current smaller post boxes we have not had any success. When assessing the need, Royal Mail's position is that there was a post box within ½ mile and therefore no need. The fact that the boxes are overflowing at Christmas was not considered. If residents feel there is a need for Pillar Box please would you log your concerns with Royal Mail. Tel: 03457 740 740, write to Freepost, Royal Mail Customer Services or <https://personal.help.royalmail.com/app/contact>

PARISH PATHS – The Parish Paths Working Group met on Sunday 25th March. It was a another cold day so we were grateful to the 7 people who turned out. We walked and cleared paths up the Dell and round to Hollowshot lane.

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



@kingsclerepc



facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

Our next meeting is on Sunday 27th May - meeting at 9.45 in the garden of the Village Club. Please come and join us if you can spare a couple of hours. For more information email kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING –
the collections dates are 9th and 23rd May 2018.

NEXT ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 21st May 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.

Kingsclere Tennis Club



Adult, Junior and Family memberships available at very reasonable rates.

Play socially, or in Basingstoke league matches.

ALL WELCOME!

As usual, we hope to run **junior coaching sessions** at our courts after school. Please check our website to find out more details.

If you are an adult interested in playing socially on Thursday mornings, we have organised 4s for members. For details, contact Daphne Snook on 07768 664347

For **Kingsclere Tennis Club Membership** check the website:
www.kingscleretennisclub.co.uk

CAMARADERIE

invite you for **tea, cakes**

and a **Bedbug Drive** (similar to a Beetle Drive)

on **Wednesday 6th June** in the **Methodist Schoolroom** at **2.30pm**

£1.00 to include a free raffle.



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Andrew Coveney, our Investment Manager,
is a Chartered Financial Planner, Wealth Manager and
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We look forward to hearing from you!

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Sandham Memorial Chapel



Papercraft Workshop

Fri 4 May, 11am – 12.45.

£12 Booking 0344 249 1895

Jewellery workshop

Fri 4 May 1.45pm – 4pm

£20 Booking 0344 249 1895

Holy Box Monthly Chapel Talk

Mon 14 May, 11am -1pm.

Adult £8, 0344 249 1895

First World War poetry

Sat 5 May, 11am – 4pm. Free.

Chapel Service

Wed 9 May

10.20 am – 10.50

Free. Donations welcome.

West Berkshire Open Studios

Sat 12 May – Sun 3 Jun (Wed – Sun only
& BH Mon)

11am-4pm.

Free entry to exhibition.

Normal chapel entry charges apply, except for Chapel Service.

COME RAIN OR SHINE - Kingsclere Village Club Summer Events



Move it or Lose it!® We are excited to offer a **FREE TASTER** of this evidence based exercise class sweeping the UK, designed to improve your muscular strength, posture, mobility and balance. The class will be run by Amanda Bellia from Basingstoke who is a certified instructor of this course. Taster takes place on **Thurs 2pm on 17th May**, and we hope to run a 6 week course thereafter. Reserve a place via Tracey on education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk tel. 291248

Saturday 2nd June - Rupert Willoughby will be presenting his Arts Society accredited lecture '**Basingstoke and its Contribution to World Heritage**', currently touring the UK. This whimsical but scholarly explanation of post war planning, that reveals the town's now buried nobler side and surviving gems. Door open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 pp. Tickets from Sharon, Chairman@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk tel. 298370

Friday 15th June, the **Festival Players** will be presenting Shakespeare's romantic comedy **A Winter's Tale** - weather permitting in the garden. Doors open 6pm for those ordering a pre-show picnic, production starts at 7.30. This production is part of Basingstoke Arts Festival, so early booking recommended. Tickets show only £15pp, tickets for show & picnic £21 from Sharon, Chairman@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk tel. 298370

Saturday 30th June - **Motown and Soul Night**, Christine and James Rowley will be back playing handpicked vinyl favourites from the 60s 70s 80s. Doors open 7.30, music from 8pm-11pm. This is a rescheduled event - tickets for the cancelled March event will be accepted on the door.

**Tickets £6.00 from the village butcher,
or Sharon, Chairman@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk tel. 298370**

All of these events can be booked online from the links on our website/facebook to wegottickets.com

Kingsclere Bowling Club

Open Evenings



We are holding open evenings on every Tuesday throughout May commencing 1st May from 6:30 p.m. onwards, absolutely **FREE**.

Bowls and tuition will be provided. We just ask that you wear flat soled shoes or trainers. Bowls is a very enjoyable and social game. It can be played by all ages, abilities, and sexes.

New members would be very welcome with membership fees available from only £20 per annum.

Please come along to any or all of these Tuesday evening taster sessions in May and give bowls a try (and possibly have a **FREE** month's trial). Also sample and enjoy our club's facilities.

If you are unable to attend any open evenings and would like further information about membership, or to arrange a convenient trial session then please contact our Chairman Brian Watts on 0118 981 6892, email brian-watts@btconnect.com or visit www.kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk.

Kingsclere Bowling Club, William Holden Field,
Ashford Hill Road, Kingsclere RG20 5NY

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands WI

35-37 George Street

1918 - 2018

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INSPIRING WOMEN
HAMPSHIRE

As in previous years there will be NO ordinary MAY meeting. May is the month when our **ANNUAL MEETING** is held. Only bona fide W.I. members of the Kingsclere W.I., i.e. those persons officially registered to vote in the next Election of Committee Members, will be gathering.

We look forward to receiving any non-member VISITORS once again at the following month's meeting on Wednesday 13th June. Just £2.00 per person.

Members please note: Arrival time for the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 9th May is as usual for other monthly meetings - 1.30pm

Please make every effort to attend and cast your vote. The annual election process is vital to the well-being & good functioning of our W.I.

Nova Saunderson - 299570

Nature Notes

The sycamore tree that housed a local rookery, often mentioned in our notes, has been removed so that the birds have had to find a new home. Fortunately, there was another tree nearby in the shape of a scots pine and nests have been constructed and the tenants moved in. There is an established rookery nearby so they have just moved a little closer to their neighbours. Their activities and nests however are less obvious now as they have swapped bare branches for evergreen foliage.



It was good to be walking in sunshine after the gloom and wet of Easter as we splodged our way around Frith Common. Hedges were just showing a haze of green and everywhere a feeling that this was it - Spring. Moving clouds of black in a puddle caught our eye which we discovered were hundreds of tiny tadpoles recently hatched: Not much of a future for these however, little food and the puddle may dry out as the sun warms. Crossing the golf course it was good to see that a pair of Egyptian geese was still co-existing with the members and have two pretty goslings.

When a blue tit flew into the patio doors recently (happily it bounced and flew away) it seemed a good idea to follow RSPB's advice on window stickers. To this end two homemade, black paper swallow silhouettes in flight were displayed on the glass. Immediately visits by blue tits to investigate the nestbox nearby ceased. This was unusual as it has been used regularly and successfully, were the 'swallows' mistaken for hobbies, small migrant falcons with swift-like silhouettes? The paper birds were removed and prospective tenants are back again.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

Fundraising for St Michael's Hospice

Loose change tins and boxes.



The amount raised in Kingsclere from January's collection is £591.78, a very big thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful sum. The next collection will be in July.

If there is anyone else who would like to have a box, please contact me on 01635 297036. Thank you very much again to all who contribute to the Hospice.

Clare Risoe.

Kingsclere Allotment Management Group



A belated thank you to all those who came and helped on the clean up day at the end of March. A lot was accomplished in clearing one particularly bad plot so it can be ready to let to a new holder.

After a very slow, cold and wet start to spring we should now (hopefully) be enjoying warmer days and long evenings and the pleasure of spending time with hands in the soil, cultivating and seeing plants grow to fruitful maturity. Wishing you all success this season.

Anyone looking to rent a plot should contact the Parish Clerk at 01635 298634 clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk



**Kingsclere
Film Club**

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

Saturday, 12 May, 2018
At 7.30 pm Doors Open 7.00

Eddie the Eagle

(2016- Drama/Biography - PG - 106min)

Underdog British ski-jumper, Eddie Edwards, wins fans at 1988 Winter Olympics.

Saturday, 9 June - **It Happened One Night** (1934)

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

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

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner April 2018, no 120 Sara High

Well done Sarah

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

Police Report March 2018



In March there were 32 incidents (25 in Kingsclere, 2 in Headley and 5 in Ashford Hill) which have been classified as crimes by the home office.

Dwelling Burglary -

A large amount of money was stolen from a property in Kingsclere.

Non-Dwelling Burglary – Three. A shed was broken into at a property on Newbury Road and items were stolen. A garage was broken into at a property on Little Knowl Hill and items taken and lastly an attempt was made to gain entry in a shed at a property on Winchester Road, nothing was taken.

Traffic Incidents - Four. Three were damage only road traffic collisions in Kingsclere and the other was a vehicle seizure for no insurance.

Theft from Vehicle - Three reported this month. A numbers of tools were stolen from a temporary electricity generator stored within a lorry at South Road. Two vans were broken into on Longcroft Road and a number of items stolen and lastly an attempt was made to gain entry (smashing a window) into a vehicle parked in White Hill car park, no items were taken.

Theft - Three reported this month. Heating oil has been stolen from within the tanks from two properties in Little Knowl Hill and the other was a making off without payment at Kingsclere Filling Station.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) - There have been three reported this month.

Criminal Damage - One reported - damage was caused to a fence in King John Road after some children crashed into it whilst sledging in the snow.

Suspicious Incidents - Eight. Of note, a person wearing a head torch was seen for 10 minutes looking into windows at a property in Penny's Hatch. A white van (X133***) was seen in Byfields acting suspiciously, one male was seen snooping around a skip on a drive whilst the other stayed in the vehicle. A silver Fiesta (V383***) was seen in Hannington driving erratically. The vehicle had several males and a dog in it so possibly linked to hare coursing.

Assault – Eight. **Public Order** - Three.

Kingsclere Royal British Legion



Firstly, I would like to pass on the Branch's thanks to all who supported our Open Day which we held on the 7th April. Blessed with the only dry and sunny day of the week, we had a fantastic event with a real community feel to it.

The Major of Basingstoke and Dean enjoyed his visit and the band from the Old Basing Corps of Drums put on a superb and interactive show for us. Even more importantly, as a community we raised over £880 for the Kingsclere Branch of the Royal British Legion. We are eagerly planning our next event and any comments on how we can make the next one even better are most welcome.

We are also busy organising our first away day of the year; a trip to Fort Nelson (near Portsmouth) on Saturday, the 28th April where they will have a display of the ceramic poppies which were on exhibition at Windsor Castle last year as well as a tour of the fort.

Planning is going forward to support the Commonwealth War Graves commission and their scheme to erect a sign near the churchyard to mark the fact that we have a number of Commonwealth War Graves within the village; this is a nationwide scheme to raise the profile of WW1 soldiers who were killed during the war and their final resting place.

We meet every first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in The Crown function room. Come along and help make 2018 a special year for your village branch of the Royal British Legion.

All our events and other information can be found on our Facebook site; just type in "**Kingsclere Royal British Legion**" and you will find us!

Mark Holden, Chairman, 01635 628004

St Michael's Hospice - Coffee Morning – Saturday, 9th June

10am – 12 noon at the VILLAGE CLUB



Please support St Michael's Hospice by coming along to the fundraising coffee morning. Always a friendly atmosphere with stalls to browse around including cakes, jams/preserves, craft, jewellery. Lovely raffle prizes and a tombola.

**THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE MORNING AT THE KINGSMILL ROOM
ON THIS DATE.**

Hope to see you there..... Sarah Melling 297823

Reflections



It's so easy to be cynical about the world around us, isn't it? There are so many challenging things happening, whether it be Syria, Russia's relationship with the West, immigration, Brexit, terrorism, tragedy, anti-social behaviour, and much more. It would be very easy given all the bad news we read and hear about to believe that things will never change, that the world will always be a place of pain, confusion, terror, etc. Surely if you are a realist then you can see that nothing has changed and that nothing will change.

But that leaves us in a very depressing place if we choose to think about it. It's not bad for most of us in Great Britain, we can just get on with our lives and ignore it. But for those facing injustice as the norm, water and food shortages, persecution, and corruption, it cannot be ignored and there must be some hope that things will not always be this way.

For Christians, that hope is something embedded deeply in the faith. This hope is not something uncertain (like I hope I get a Ferrari for my birthday!) but a hope that is centred on an event that has already happened. When Jesus rose from the dead, He did so to give hope to all who put their trust in Him, a sure and certain hope of eternal life. He embodied (literally!) what rising from the dead would look like, how it would be different but similar. He still ate and drank after He rose from the dead but people didn't always quite recognise Him. The disciples touched Him but He could appear from nowhere.

And not only that, but God promised that one day, Jesus would return and that He would make everything new. All the things that are wrong with the world will finally be dealt with. We'll no longer need to put the world to rights, but they'll be plenty to enjoy and talk about. It will be heaven on earth.

This hope is something that can pull us out of the doldrums of cynicism and apathy, and can give us a vision of how the world can be and will one day be. But until then, we need to ask God how we might begin that work of transformation right now through hope filled actions. Let's allow ourselves to be inspired this month.

**Blessings,
Ben.**

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

Sunday 6th May Easter 6	9.15am	Holy Communion with Confirmations by the Bishop of Basingstoke – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Thursday 10th May Ascension Day	2pm	Ascension Day Service – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 13th May Easter 7	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
Sunday 20th May Pentecost	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's Church, Headley
	9.15am	All Age Messy Worship with Thanksgiving for the birth of a child and Baptisms – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 27th May Trinity Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	10.30am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 3rd June Trinity I	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion with 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 21st May 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

18 Mar

Poppy Jane Preston

8 April

Esther Neve Green

Funerals

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord

13 Mar

Kirsty Broadhurst aged 25



By the time this edition of the Tower is published, the “**Bus of Hope**” will have made its first visit to Kingsclere! The bus has been booked to come to the village one evening a month for a trial period to provide “somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to” for our young people. The bus is already established in several areas around Newbury and Thatcham, but when it visits Kingsclere will be staffed by volunteers from St Mary’s Church.

It’s a place for young people to hang out, enjoy refreshments and just “be”. It has separate areas for younger children to enjoy crafts and activities (upstairs) and teenagers to meet (downstairs).

It will be parked in the **Bowls Club Car-Park (near the Holding Field)** from 6.45 to 8.30pm on May 10th, June 14th and July 19th. We look forward to welcoming young people on board soon! For more information please contact Emma on administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk or 0779 0934972.

Poppies for Remembrance

I am delighted with the response to my request for knitted or crocheted poppies. Thank you to all the ladies who have knitted or are still are knitting. We still need more.

During September/October I will need more help since I am very arthritic. Some ladies to help sew the poppies to a woollen rope and someone who is good at hammering bits of wood to make a frame to hang these poppies on. So, if your heart goes out to the attempts to make a memorable show in Kingsclere during November I would be so happy to hear from you.

Janet Bond 01635 297610 or bensmum@bensmum.plus.com

Lighting up St. Mary's



March

21st In memory of Private Albert Povey killed in action France 21st March 1918

May

4th Loving memories of Moira on her birthday.

27th Loving memories of Joyce Frith our dear Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother

31st Remembering Hazel Soper, a dear Mum, Grandma and Great Grandma on her birthday.

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk. £12 per evening, discounts available for block bookings and business sponsorship. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome.

Deadline for June Tower is May 10th.

Methodist Notices

6th May Morning Worship Revd. Carmel Ieraci

13th May Morning Worship Revd. Steve Sankey

20th May Holy Communion / Alternative Worship Revd. Rachel Borgars

27th May Morning Worship Revd. Canon Jill Bentall



METHODIST CHURCH:

Chief Steward Wendy Morgan

297538

Secretary & Hire of Hall Jeanette Billington

297585

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Rev Patrick Tansey
tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

0118 981 4572

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd



Although at the time of writing we are still waiting for the rain to abate and Spring to try a bit harder, we hope that things will improve significantly in the near future, and that we will be able to field the usual wide selection of good plants for our **Annual Plant Sale** next month.

We are for the first time running this year's Sale in conjunction with Kingsclere Gardening Association, so plant contributions will be from a broader base.

The Sale will be in **St Mary's Churchyard on 19th May, opening at 9.30 a.m.**, rather earlier than usual because of the Royal Wedding later that day.

If any of you are splitting perennials, or sowing flower and vegetable seeds and have a few to spare, we should be most grateful for them; please contact Jane Royle on 01635 297430 before 12th May.

Peter Turner, Chairman

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group



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.

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

We would love to expand our group with new friends and we promise to make you feel welcome and offer any support you may need.

Keep an eye on our Bunnies Facebook site for regular updates – as well as our local buying and selling site “Kingsclere Bunnies Preloved”, where local mums often have bargains to pass on.

villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com

Fieldgate Centre

We offer team sports and weekly classes to suit all abilities and interests:



Monday	Pilates with Jo	9.00 – 10.00am
	Julie Upshall Fitness	1.30 – 2.30pm
	Pilates with Paula	6.30 – 7.30pm
	Clubbercise	8.00-8.45pm
Tuesday	Pilates with Jo	9.00-10.00am
Wednesday	Slimming World	4.30 – 9.00pm
Thursday	Pilates with Jo	8.30 – 9.30am & 9.30 – 10.30am
	Short mat bowls	2.00 – 4.00pm
	Ceroc	7.30 – 11.00pm
Friday	Pilates with Jo	8.30 – 9.30am & 9.30 – 10.30 am

Kingsclere's many sports clubs train and play here regularly – take a look at our website calendar for fixtures and contact details.

Improvement Projects

The project to replace the doors and windows, to improve the drainage on the fields and to resurface the hard play area is progressing with the help of grants from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council. This is a big undertaking for KCA committee and representatives of our sports teams and we would like to thank all the people who are giving their time voluntarily to see through this work on behalf of our community. We should see work begin in the next few months.

www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk; 01635 298497; fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com



Kingsclere Methodist Church
look forward to welcoming you to a

CONCERT

by the

KINGSCLERE UKELELE GROUP

on Saturday, May 26th 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

**Tickets - priced at £8.50 (including a Ploughman's
Supper) need to be reserved in advance.
Please telephone Jenny (01635) 298975**



FKS News

The K2K challenge is going well. By the summer we aim to “crowdercise” the total distance (7,250 miles) from our Ugandan link school Kyankowe to Kingsclere C of E Primary School. Money raised will be split between the 2 schools. Please sponsor us at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/k2kchallenge>

Don't miss our **School Summer Fair** on Saturday 16th June. This years event will have something for everyone! Fun inflatables, traditional stalls, games with great prizes, food, refreshments, entertainment plus a fantastic raffle. It'll be a great afternoon of fun so don't miss it!

Plus plans for this years **Kingfest/Campout** are coming along well. More news to follow soon!

Dates for your diary

Sat 16th June - School Summer Fair

Sat 8th July - Kingfest/Campout

Kingsclere Community Library



Big excitement around the library

as we have received our long-awaited brand new RFID machine!

For our borrowers this means better and more reliable book loans and returns, and you can get information about your account.

YOUR library is FREE with your Hampshire Library Card!

Visit us to get a card and borrow

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

Rhymetime with Rita

On the second Tuesday of every month, 2:30

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

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan



By the time you read this, the independent examiner, Ms Janet Cheesley, would have completed the examination of our Neighbourhood Plan and have submitted her report. All documents relating to the examination will be posted on the Neighbourhood Plan website.

We will have to wait and see whether or not she considers that it meets all Basic Conditions and relevant legislation and whether or not it can go forward for a parish referendum. It is most likely that some amendments would be necessary prior to the referendum. Alternatively, she may consider that it should be subject to a public hearing. Keep checking the web site for the latest information. <http://www.kingsclere-np.org.uk/community/kingsclere-neighbourhood-plan-6471/about-us/>

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

Kingsclere Twinning Association



- Tickets for sale for the **Barn Dance** with our **Cormicy** **Visitors** at 7.30 p.m. on **Saturday, May 19th 2018** at **Kingsclere Primary School**.
 - Children welcomed.
 - Two course supper will be provided.
 - Bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks.
 - All are welcome. No need to be a member.
 - Tickets £10 for members, £12 for non-members, children under 16 free. Email for tickets at Kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk, or contact Lesley Farey on 01635 297159.
- Spaces may be available on a coach to Portsmouth, near the Historic Dockyard and Gunwharf Keys, on Sunday 20th May, leaving Kingsclere approximately 9 a.m. and returning approximately 5 p.m; £5 donation requested. Cormicy visitors and host families will be given priority, but if you are interested please email Kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk for further details.
- Annual Duck Race will be taking place on **Saturday 16 June 2018**.

Kingsclere Twinning Association



**Basingstoke Choral Society
War Requiem – Britten
Saturday, 9th June 2018
The Anvil, Basingstoke**

2018 marks the centenary of the end of the Great War and this important national anniversary will be marked with performances of Britten's monumental '*War Requiem*' throughout the UK.

On Saturday 9th June over 350 singers, orchestral players and children will congregate from across the county of Hampshire in Basingstoke's purpose built concert hall, the Anvil for this unique event. Britten's timeless message of peace and denunciation of war will be a stirring once-in-a lifetime opportunity for the people of Hampshire to remember and pay tribute to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Box office 01256 844244



KINGSCLERE RUGBY CLUB



Summertime is just around the corner so come along and join us for Touch Rugby which starts at the Fieldgate Centre on Wednesday 30th May at 7:00pm for six weeks. Touch rugby is a minimal contact and thoroughly enjoyable version of the game.

This tournament is open to men and women over 14 years – no experience needed so simply turn up and join in. Cost is £1 per player per session and the most successful player over the six weeks will win a pair of England Tickets.

For further information please email Captain@kingsclererfc.co.uk.

Also see our Facebook page: Kingsclere RFC and website:
<http://www.kingsclererfc.co.uk>

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

The Haymarket, Basingstoke
 Wed 9th May – Sat 19th May, 7:30 pm
 Matinees: Saturdays 12th & 25th, 2:30 pm



They're moments of movie magic. Now see them recreated on stage, as Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society brings one of the best-loved musical comedies of all time to the Haymarket.

Singin' in the Rain is the hilarious tale of 1920s Hollywood struggling to cope with the introduction of "talking pictures".

Among the cast of talented local performers is Bryn Hughes as film idol Don Lockwood, Lina Lamont is played by Kirsty Bennett, Kathy Selden is played by Anneke Wass, and Cosmo Brown is played by William Keel-Stocker.

Celebrating 60 years of BATS, *Singin' in the Rain* promises to be a joyful evening at the theatre – packed with great musical numbers - and may even inspire you to swing round the nearest lamppost!

Opening Night tickets are £18.50. Normally: £23.50 (adults) £15 (16s and under), with concessions for students, over-65s and groups. All prices include a booking fee.

Buy tickets: www.anvilarts.org.uk , 01256 844244 or visit the Anvil Arts box office.

The Garden Club

On May 19th we will be joining with F.O.S.M. running a plant sale at the church.. We will be grateful for donations of plants on the morning or contact me to arrange collection if it can be managed.



Also help on the day will be appreciated.

On May 23rd we have been invited to a tour of Pitthall Farm again. New this year is the dairy herd with mobile milking plant. Contact **Sylvia Pennington** if you wish to join us. The cost is £5.00 .

John Eckton 01256 850017

Don't miss our...



Open Days

Saturday 5th May 2018 10.00am—3.00pm

Saturday 19th May 2018 10.00am—3.00pm

The Growing2gether Project is a unique food, flower growing and training project which helps members of the community with various difficulties through horticultural therapy. We also run a programme of educational outdoor activities for all age groups.

Location— next door to Cottismore Garden Centre. We are just off the A339 between Headley and Kingsclere, our post code is **RG20 4SY.**

Plants For Sale

Large range of fantastic plants and hanging baskets at competitive prices

Outdoor crafts for children

Refreshments and cake stalls

Tombola, Raffle



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 email coord@andovercats.org.uk
 Items for resale 01256 892773

Unfortunately our treasurer will be giving up the post in the autumn due to other commitments. It is a voluntary position, please call 07733 242196 if you are interested. We are also looking for someone to organise our fund raising.

We received an email from Arna's new owner to say that she had settled quickly and was making the most of the soft furnishings.

Scrumpy, see below, another beautiful ginger female, is 10 years old. Unfortunately she was not happy with the toddler in her previous house so will be looking for a home with an experienced cat owner. She will let you know when she has had enough fuss so her new owner will need to be aware of this. She is not keen on being picked up.



Bank Holiday Fete

Can you believe it? We're already getting ready
**The Fete.** Bank Holiday Monday. August
 27th, St Mary's Churchyard. 12 noon-4pm.



Save the date...start collecting bric a brac!....how would
 you like to help?...loads of opportunities! Please ring/text/mail Maggy
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