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Your Village Magazine

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We are delighted to announce the first recipients of Tower Grants!

Earlier in the year donations were made to St Mary's Church (Kingsmill Room), the Bus of Hope, and the Library.

More recently, The Village Club and the Youth Football Club have received grant funding, and we are finalising a couple of others applications.

It has been a pleasure to be in a position to distribute some of our excess funds to organisations in the village, hopefully benefitting a number of our readers and advertisers.

Should other village clubs or organisations wish to apply for a grant, please contact the editors for an application form.

The Editors

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Kingsclere Parish Council

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POSTER COMPETITION – Children aged 5-14, Kingsclere Parish Council needs you! Can you design an eye catching poster to encourage owners to pick up after their dogs? 1st place prizes for each category: Ages 5-7; 8-10 and 11-14. Winning designs will be made into signs and installed around the parish. Competition closes 8th January 2020. Drop your finished poster into the Parish Council Office before the closing date. Go to www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk for more information and to download the poster template or alternatively collect one from the Parish Council Office.

ROAD CLOSURE – FIREWORKS 9-NOV-2019 – The Friends of Kingsclere School (FKS) has made an application for a road closure and the plan is as per previous years to close Foxs Lane. Parking restrictions will apply in some locations and FKS is seeking to ensure residents are not too disrupted. There will be a written notice posted through homes in a prescribed area in the village. This is a tremendous community event enjoyed by many that raises money for the Primary School. We hope that any localised short-term disruption is minimised but accepted as it allows significant benefit to be generated for the village.

NB – The village fireworks event is managed by a sub-committee of FKS and not by Kingsclere Parish Council. Kingsclere Parish Council thank the volunteers of the Firework Committee for their dedication in running such a fantastic and well organised event for the village.

ROAD CLOSURE – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10-NOV-2019 – The Parish Council will be closing the roads to traffic in the centre of the village again this year for the Remembrance Walk along Swan Street and the Silence at 11am. We respectfully ask motorists to be mindful of this.

ANNUAL REPORT – The Annual Report produced by the Parish Council has now been delivered to all homes in Kingsclere. If you have not received yours yet, please contact the Parish Office (contact details above) and we will arrange for one to be sent to you.

HELP AND SUPPORT ON CHANGES FOLLOWING BREXIT – Local residents can get help and support on changes that may affect them following Brexit.

Supported by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Citizens Advice Basingstoke and Tadley will be providing a new service to support residents in the borough affected by changes as a result of Brexit.

European citizens living in the UK are required to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021, with an estimated 7,000 people currently living in the borough needing to apply to the scheme.

Other support the charity will provide includes guidance on employment rights and EU employees' rights to stay, UK citizens living overseas and looking to return and consumer concerns such as travel insurance and access to healthcare.

As well as help and support from Citizens Advice, digital assistance is available for residents who do not have the access, skills or confidence to complete the online form by appointment at Viabes Community Centre. To arrange an appointment, please call We Are Digital on 03333 445675.

For more information and to get in touch with Citizens Advice Basingstoke and Tadley, visit www.basingstokeandtadleycab.org.uk or call 01256 329984.

The new service forms part of the council's preparation work, alongside its partners, to look at the potential impacts and opportunities that Brexit may bring and ensure residents and businesses are prepared.

For more information on the council's work and guidance on Brexit, visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/brexit

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are 6th and 20th November 2019.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 25th November 2019, in the Village Club, (unless otherwise notified). We welcome the attendance of all parishioners at our meetings and anyone who wishes to raise any matters of concern will be given the opportunity to do so.

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



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Kingsclere PHOTO Club



****EXHIBITION RESULTS****

Thank you to everyone who came to our recent exhibition despite the weather, we hope you enjoyed the show!

The photo most voted as their favourite picture was '**Red Squirrel**' by **Tony Matthews**. The winner of the portrait raffle by M.O.L. PHOTOGRAPHY was **Trevor Pitman**, thank you to everyone who had a go.

2020 CALENDARS

Our super 2020 calendars are on sale, available from MOL Photography and SPAR Kingsclere (formerly Swan Street Stores) @ £6 each, and make ideal gifts!

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS at the Village Club (Main Hall), George Street, doors open 7.15pm for 7.45pm start:-

Weds 6th Nov **"Rurex"** Gareth Martin and Rodolph de Salis present their experiences of Rural Exploration (the rural equivalent of 'Urbex' or Urban Exploration) £2 members, £3 non-members

For more club information, see our facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/kingsclerephoto/>

Or contact Gareth Martin (Treasurer/Darkroom) Tel. 01635-299227

Kingsclere Heritage Association



Our next meeting will be on THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER when local historian ROGER DAY will present "**SAVERNAKE FOREST AT WAR**"

Many people will be unaware that in World War 2 one of the major UK ammunition stores was sited just east of Hungerford. It was a hive of activity but in spite of frequent traffic, remained a closely guarded secret from the general public. Roger will tell us of its history and activities, which will make a very interesting story.

We meet at the Village Club at 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome.

Michael Leah, Secretary. Tel 297403



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH
in the Kingsmill Room
St Mary's Church

Back for the fifth and possibly final year!!

We will once again be hosting a **traditional Christmas Lunch**,
 on **Christmas Day**, for people and couples who find themselves on their
 own this festive season.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN NEXT MONTH'S TOWER
– BUT if you are interested in taking over the organisation of this
event in future years
please do let me know!

If you have any immediate enquiries please call
Pippa Ashton on 01635 298448 / 07775 903214

Best wishes The Ashton Family

St Michael's Hospice Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th November 2019
10am – 12 noon at the Village Club



Please come along to the Village Club for a cup of coffee and a slice of cake on Saturday 9th November in aid of St Michael's Hospice. There will be a cake stall, preserves & jams, tombola, raffle, Christmas cards.

Your support is much appreciated. If you would like to donate a raffle prize or bake a cake please contact me. I will gladly collect.

Sarah Melling 297823

NEW DATE

Restarting Hearts **in Headley Ball**

Friday November 29th 7pm till late
@ Sandford Springs Golf Club, Kingsclere.
 £40 includes 3 course meal, fun,
 & live band playing pop covers and jazz
100% of proceeds from the evening
will help fund a defibrillator in Headley.

Christine and Geoff Allwright 07932247363.
geoffallwright@btinternet.com



Kingsclere Village Club

Charity Registration Number 233266a



Thank you to everyone who attended our recent events and helped them to be such engaging and successful occasions. Look out for a sing-a-long film and an evening of magic in 2020.

Thanks also to those who came to our Autumn Clean and to those who give their time to the many and various tasks throughout the year.



Following the success of the **Dementia Information Session** in September, **Bluebird Care** will be holding another session on Saturday 30th November, 10:30am – 11:30am. This will cover **How to find the right care provider; How to fund your care; and Support for caring for a loved one.**

Helen 297390

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands W.I.



Venue: Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street
THIS MONTH's MEETING: Wednesday 13 November

Members & Visitors: Please sign in at 1.30 for a *prompt* start of 'business' at 1.45.

Our speaker this month is author **Helen Matthews** who will tell us about matters which 'came to light' during her research on two hugely problematical issues still facing the modern world: Slavery & People Trafficking. She will have some of her own published novels on display and for sale at £7.99 each (paperback).

VISITORS are welcome to 'pop in' and sample the atmosphere & workings of our W.I. for a modest fee of just £2 per person each time which includes tea & biscuits (or more, depending on that particular event). On entry our guests will receive a free raffle ticket which offers the chance (at pretty good odds!) of winning any one of the many prizes on our monthly Raffle Table.

Although W.I. rules set a maximum of only 2 trial visits to monthly meetings we believe there's every chance you'll find us nice enough to consider taking up membership after that. We say again: "We do enjoy the opportunity to introduce new members to all that our W.I. provides: the company of other women, a great variety of presentations by many good speakers throughout the year, regular lunches/'get-togethers' at outside venues and also the occasional excursion further afield".

A bonus: Our monthly 'bring 'n' buy' table offers the chance to snap up all sorts of items (including plants *and* seasonal veggies straight out of the ground) at 'give-away' prices.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Letter-clue for November is 'L' (for 'Lima')

Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner October 2019. No 83, Heath Denness

Well done, Heath

Entries drawn first week of each month, various village venues



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

Saturday, 9 November, 2019

Notorious

(1946 – Thriller - A - 102min)

A woman is asked to spy on a group of Nazi friends in South America.
How far will she have to go?

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock; starring Ingrid Bergman & Cary Grant.

Next month: Saturday, 14 December – ***Esio Trot*** (2015)

Christmas Do - £7 in advance by end November to Fiona for supper beforehand.

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

New members welcome at any time.

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



Friends of Kingsclere School

Don't forget Saturday 9th November 2019

Gates open 5:30pm, Fire lit 6:00pm (scheduled start 6:30pm)

Advanced tickets available from:- The Village Butchers - Budgens (Shell Garage) - Swan Street Stores and Kingsclere Primary School

Also coming up is our annual Christmas Fair!

Saturday 7th December 2019 14:00-16:00 make sure you come along for some Christmas fun! Including Santa's Grotto, Christmas Treats, Cakes, Games, Raffle and much much more.

Kingsclere Bowling Club



September saw the end of the outdoor bowls season for this year, culminating with the club finals on the weekend of 7th September. The two days were well attended and spectators enjoyed the competitive matches. The winners were presented with their trophies at our presentation evening on the 12th October. This year the presentation evening included a 'Race night' and supper to help raise money for club funds.

Although the season has finished, the club will still be active during the winter with 'club nights' on Friday evenings and fund raising events. The next fund raising event will be our annual **XMAS BINGO night on the 7th December**; doors open at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Nature Notes

A recent holiday, island hopping in Greece, left many memories of sun, sea and scenery but two favourites are both sky related. Firstly, as the day cooled and daylight slipped away it was pleasant to sit and enjoy the gathering darkness. Twilight is that wonderful time when features in the landscape start to lose their edges before finally becoming indistinct as night arrives: And what night, deep and black and no trace of artificial glow. Secondly, our final hotel was situated high on a hill with an uninterrupted view of sea and horizon and it was entertaining to watch the sun set. Once it had lost its brightness and turned into the familiar orange ball it was easy to follow its path until vanishing below the horizon. It was easy to imagine it being swallowed by the sea. The time from first wetting its toes to disappearing completely was rapid, roughly two and a half minutes and we half expected to hear a loud SIZZLE! A superb sunset followed.



In an open sided dining area swallow's nests (empty) were still in place and were prominent due to the local mud used, a red ochre.

The lawns at the front of two houses are peppered with tiny mounds of soil, all well spaced and each with an entrance hole on top. Very small bees are seen going in and out all day, these are mining bees, one of 65 species that are ground nesters. The young emerge in May having fed as grubs on nectar and pollen provided in their underground cells when the eggs were laid. While it is common to see this activity along flower border edges such a mass concentration is new to us but it is a good excuse to delay mowing for a while.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

METHODIST NOTES

Kingsclere Methodist Church.

Service Dates and Preachers for November

3rd November Revd. Rachel Borgars Morning Worship

10th November Joint Service at St. Mary's

17th November Rosie Greenhalgh Morning Worship

24th November Revd. Elaine Rawlings Holy Communion

All Services start at 10a.m.



CAMARADERIE

Our meeting in October was a great success. We learned about the work of St. Michael's Hospice and were able to purchase some Christmas Cards in aid of this worthy cause.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th December, which will be our Christmas event. There will be Festive Food, Entertainment and hopefully a visit from Father Christmas (if he is not too busy elsewhere).

Do come along and join in the fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. We meet at 2.30 pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. £2.00 to include refreshments and raffle.

Pam Kitch – 01635 299743

APRES SKI PARTY – Kingsmill Room – Thursday 30th January 2020

St. Mary's Church intend to repeat last year's successful Staycation day, when we 'visited' Blackpool.

This year we are travelling to Austria for an Apres Ski Party. A warm 'Austrian' Style lunch will be served and there will be lashings of hot chocolate.

Bobble Hats may be worn!!!

Please keep the date free. More details will appear in the December issue of The Tower.

METHODIST CHURCH:

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

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

Reflections



Don't you love the M25?! I recently had the pleasure of spending much too much time sailing up and down it as I went to a course at a church in Sevenoaks, Kent. I offered to drive a friend and he used the navigation on his phone. We were cutting it fine time-wise but were on course to just make the start with 10mins to spare. But at the crucial moment, as we were about to leave the M25, my friend got a phone call and I took the wrong junction. All was not lost as that only added 7mins, the time up to the next junction & back, so we were hopeful of still getting there at a reasonable time. But as we approached that fateful junction, I, being nosy and listening to my friend's phone call, got distracted and ended up back on the M25 but this time heading back home! That added 20 mins. We were going to be very late, an incredibly frustrating experience made worse by the fact that it was totally my fault. It reminds me of the time I was driving to Chepstow when we lived in Wales and I missed the junction and ended up having to go across the bridge and return on it, and most annoyingly having to pay the toll!!

Anyway, the reason I share such a story is not warn you of my awful navigation but to illustrate how easy it is to get distracted, and not just on the road. Life is full of distractions but one of the things that strikes me as I look at the life of Jesus is that He is focused; He knows His purpose; He doesn't get distracted. And He can give clarity, direction and a purpose to each of our lives too. His purpose was to give His life so that we could come to know Him and live life to the full. And He is not just some divine finger pointer, remote and detached, but He is also the Companion on the journey, the Supporter who urges us on, and the Friend who keeps us going.

As the days continue to draw in and the chill of winter begins to set in, don't settle for life as it's always been, but call on Jesus for life as it's always meant to be.

**Blessings,
Ben**

Sunday Worship in our Churches November 2019



St Paul's, Ashford Hill

10th November 10.50am Remembrance

24th November 11am Holy Communion

St Peter's, Headley

3rd November 8am Holy Communion*

10th November 3pm Remembrance

17th November 8am Holy Communion

St Mary's, Kingsclere

Breakfast every week at 8.45am in the Kingsmill Room

3rd November 9.15am Communion

10th November 10.50am Remembrance

17th November 9.15am Messy Worship and 11am Communion

24th November 8am Communion and 9.15am Morning Worship

for more information on services and events in our churches see
www.clerewoodlands.org.uk

* please note that over the Winter months (November – February)
8am Holy Communion service on the first Sunday of the month will be held at
St Peter's, Headley instead of Ashford Hill

St. MARY'S CHURCH:

Vicar	Rev Ben Read, The Vicarage, Foxs Lane	01635 298471
Church Wardens:	Andrew Kitch andrewkitch16@gmail.com	01635 299743
	Sarah Mussett sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk	01635 291900
Administrator:	Emma Rivers	
	administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk	07790 934972

Bus of Hope

Hot chocolate, chat, activities, crafts.

Thursday 14th November 7pm-8:30pm.
Bowls Club car park, Holding Field



Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd



This will be a busy month, starting with our **Annual General Meeting in the Kingsmill Room at 7p.m. on Tuesday 12th November**. All Friends will be most welcome, as will anyone interested in joining us. After the brief formal business, Andrew Kitch will speak about the Re-ordering Plan for the interior of St Mary's.

On **Sunday 17th November** we have our **Friends' Lunch at Sandford Springs**, enjoying three courses of a lovely menu in a very relaxed setting. Tickets include coffee and service, and cost £25 each at The Village Butcher. There will also be a cash Bar and a Raffle. Should anyone need a lift to and from the venue, please contact me on 01635 298434.

Finally, we will be holding the **Art from the Attic Reprise, in the Kingsmill Room, on Saturday 23rd November, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**, with a good range of interesting pictures at reasonable prices, ideal as Christmas presents! We shall also be selling our new 'Bedbug' tote bags and tea towels, both of which would make good stocking fillers.

Peter Turner, Chairman



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Lighting up St. Mary's



November

- 1st Happy Birthday Helen, such fun. Love Phil, James and Libby.
 22nd Happy Wedding Anniversary Sarah and Graham.
 23rd for Eileen Soper. With Remembrance of a Lovely Lady that we miss so much...Anne, Bill and Graham xxx

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk £12 per evening, block booking discounts. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. **Deadline for December Tower is November 10th.** Please note there is no Tower in January and so anything missing the December deadline will appear in the February addition.

Any bookings for January onwards please send to Emma Rivers administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk or by post to The Vicarage, Foxs Lane, Kingsclere RG20 5SL

Kingsclere Community Library



Are you a library member? Your Hampshire County Library card is FREE, and can be used at any of the branches. Stop in and apply for your card today!

Borrow books, children's books, large print and audio books in many subjects, enjoy a magazine or even borrow a jigsaw puzzle. **All at NO COST.**

Our computer allows you to visit the WHICH? and Ancestry.com websites at no cost, too.

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

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

Kingsclere Gardening Association



Our November meeting is on **Thursday November 14th** in the Village Club starting at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm. Members free, visitors £2.00

The speaker for the evening is Mr John Baker talking about "The Gardens of Japan". Mr Baker replaced the booked speaker in September and Japanese gardens were part of his programme but he assures me none of that talk is part of the one for this evening.

Competition: „A vase of flowers one Kind, A vase of mixed flowers, A single stem from the garden, a pair of vegetables, a pot plant.

John Eckton 01256 850017

Help for Hedgehogs!



Before you use a strimmer in your garden, please "think Hedgehog", and check long grass before you start. (Shears are better).

There have been 2 incidences in South Road area in the last 3 months, & probably more that are not known about, where Hedgehogs have been accidentally strimmed, and have died as a result.

Please can I reiterate that if you need to cut long grass, have a quick check first (Hedgehogs love long grass and really tuck themselves away).

Thank you - Emma Robinson, Hedgehog lover & rescuer, South Road.

Kingsclere Christmas Market



Saturday 30th November 6-8.30pm @ The Village Club,
Entry £1 for adults

Join us for another festive evening of Christmas shopping with a fizz or beer in hand! We are thrilled to be welcoming back some of the amazing local artisans and show case some new talents we have found too.

We are also supporting the local Brownie Group in their fundraising efforts this year An evening of festive fun and not to be missed.



The Fieldgate Centre is run by the Kingsclere Community Association as a charity (No. 1168366). The association is made up of volunteers who rely on the support and

Race Night

Around £1000 pounds was raised thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: KRFC, KCC, KYFC, Procera, Park House Stables, Dave Pink and Chinner, and of those who enjoyed the evening's entertainment, provided by KCA and Lambourn Race Nights. This total will be doubled-up with the Greenham Common Trust grant and used for infrastructure improvements to the centre.

Kingsclere Community Association's Annual General Meeting

Join us at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th November in the Atkinson Room. An ideal opportunity to hear about KCA's activities during the year and its future plans. Nominations for the Committee for the year 2019-2020 can be made on forms available at The Fieldgate Centre and should be returned by Friday 15th November. All welcome – all residents are members.

Dates for your diary

November

Saturday 9th **FKS Bonfire Night**

Sunday 10th **Ceroc Beginners Day**

Fri 15th, Sat 16th, Sun 17th, **'Aladdin – The Panto' Kingsclere Players**

Tuesday 26th **Monthly Meet-Up Christmas crafts.**

December

Friday 15th **Nathan's Singers Christmas Cabaret**

Tuesday 17th **Monthly Meet-Up Christmas Party**

Friday 20th **Yule Sing with the Kingsclere Singers**

Saturday 21st **An Evening with Gary Myles**

Tuesday 24th **Ceroc Xmas Eve Dance Party**

January

Saturday 4th **Christmas Play for children: 'A Christmas Knight'**

For more information visit our website: www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk
tel: 01635 298497 email: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com facebook

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group



We are the village bunnies,
We enjoy meeting up and having a play,
So whether you're new, or looking for something to do,
Come and join us on a Tuesday.

We love being part of the community,
And are very grateful to our friends at Swan Street Stores,
They keep our bunnies growing, with delicious fruit to keep them going,
That gets eaten right down to their cores.

But to keep our young bunnies smiling,
We could do with raising some extra funds,
Whether its replacing worn out toys, or craft materials for the girls and boys,
There is always something that can be done.

So if you're a local business owner or resident well-wisher,
We would be grateful if you would consider supporting our plea,
Contributions towards hall hire, or festive treats that the children desire,
Would really be the key!

If you can help in any way, please get in touch with one of our volunteer committee members either via Facebook or by email:
villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com

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.

BATS presents: Dolly Parton's "9 to 5, the Musical"

At The Haymarket, 19th-23rd November 2019 7:30pm. Saturday matinee 2:30pm

Dolly Parton's hit **9 to 5** herald the arrival of Dolly's brand spankin' musical for the first time ever in Basingstoke!

Tickets: £25 (£20 first perf only). To book: www.anvilarts.org.uk or call 01256 844244



Kingsclere Twining Association



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR:

“Would I Lie to You?” - a Wine Tasting Challenge for all to enjoy!



- Come and sample some wines and see whether you can spot truth from lies with our panellists, with prizes for the winning palates!
- Two course supper included, and cash bar available.
- **Saturday 7th December 2019, 7.30 p.m. at the Village Club.**
- Tickets £12 for members, £15 for non- members. Please contact kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk or telephone Sue Watson on 01635 298940 for tickets or further information.

Traffic Speed Petition Update

A brief update to all the residents and community in the Kingsclere Borough on the progress of the traffic speed petition along the B3051 White Hill, Winchester Road and into Swan Street. Many of you who kindly supported and signed. We submitted the petition to the Parish Council on the 24th June. I fed back to the Parish Council the comments many of you highlighted with regard to the speed of traffic throughout our village. These comments were duly noted.

County Councillor Tom Thacker was present as was Cllr Ken Rhatigan and Cllr Claire Kinnear.

It was agreed that a speed and traffic monitor would be installed for September. This was arranged and took place on the week commencing 16th September until 26th September.

Thanks to our Parish Council for supporting this initiative.

Further updates when we receive the results. Monica Lubbock-Smith & William Huntingdon.

Kingsclere Players, in association with the
Kingsclere Community Association, proudly present:

Aladdin



At The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere

Evenings: 7:30pm Friday 15th & Saturday 16th November

Matinees: 2pm Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November

Admission: Adults £10, Children £6 (under 16s accompanied)

Tickets from the Village Butcher & Fieldgate Centre



CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

Saturday 16th November 2019

Methodist School Room, 10 am – 3 pm



Following on from my notice in the October Tower, we now have several more craft stalls lined up for you to browse and perhaps purchase some Christmas Gifts. Refreshments will also be available

The Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit at North Hampshire Hospital is a much utilised facility and they do sterling work. Many of our parishioners have first-hand experience of their care. They are in need of some chairs to use for their patient meetings and we would like to be able to provide as many as we can.

So – If you are a crafter or baker and would like to help us raise some funds – please contact either one of us. We are happy to accept one-off items - or even unwanted, unused gifts that we can re-sell. If you would like a stall to sell your own craft – then all we are asking is a £10.00 donation to the fund. You may just wish to make a monetary donation – we are more than happy to collect that from you too.

Please do come along and support us on the day and perhaps enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake with us.

Pam Kitch (01635 299743) - Brenda Sharp (01635 298101)



So far this term in Rainbows we have built our shelters, worked on what it means to be brave, made music shakers, and decorated hair brushes.

We are currently looking forward to a unicorn Christmas themed sleepover in November.

Brownies have been learning new skills this term we have cooked pasta sauce from scratch and served it with pasta and tried our hands at DIY by building planters from wood. We have learnt how to safely use a hammer.

Both Rainbows and Brownies have taken part in Girl Guiding's Future Girls Acts on plastic. We talked about the impact plastic has on our environment and how we can reduce the use of plastics. Girls then laid out all the plastic we had collected in a long line. We learnt that we had enough plastic to measure out the length of 5 killer whales. They then used the plastic to make models of animals that are put at risk from plastic in our oceans. Girls then sorted it all for recycling.

Guides enjoyed Fearless fun at Foxlease with 1st Tadley Guides even if it was very wet they enjoyed activities including abseiling, zipwire, archery and kayaking as well as science experiments and crafts.

Guides have been working on a new skill builder and have earned their SWE bots into the water badge which is based on stem activities. Guides will also be attending AWE science day.

We would also like to congratulate Shannon Stables on the completion of her Baden Powell award, the highest award a guide can complete, and wish her good luck as she moves onto Rangers and becoming a Young leader with Kingsclere Rainbows.

We currently have spaces in our units Rainbows are aged 5 to 7, Brownies are aged 7 to 10 and guides are 10 to 14 for more info please email

Rainbows 1stkingsclererainbows@gmail.com

Brownies 3rdkingsclerebrownies@gmail.com

Guides 1stkingsclereguides@gmail.com

Sustainable Market in Kingsclere

Would you be interested in purchasing items at a Sustainable Market in Kingsclere?
Do you want to Reduce-Reuse-Recycle more?

It's a choice that's growing in popularity. People welcome the opportunity to purchase environmentally friendly products and services. Some stalls might be Refillables, where you bring your containers and decant cleaning products, some bulk dry foods, possibly some beauty products, and purchase items that are more environmentally friendly, alternatives to plastic wraps and goods, locally made items in recyclable packaging, etc.

We're at the very early stages of deciding all the details, but first need to know there is enough interest to support this, perhaps starting with bi-monthly markets.

Does this seem to be something you'd attend? If so, can you please answer a couple of questions -

Preferred time: Sat/Sun, morning or afternoon? (Or even a weekday evening?)

Preferred venue: Fieldgate Centre (has parking), or The Village Club or one of the Church halls (no parking, but more central), or somewhere else?

Please email with answers, comments or questions. Thanks very much!!

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Christmas Fayre



Saturday 16th November 2019 10am –2pm

Local craft makers and lots of gorgeous gift ideas.

Freshly made crepes and brownies.

Free Christmas crafts for children.

Cottismore Park, Newbury Road, Nr Kingsclere RG20 4SY.

Follow the signs for Cottismore Garden Centre.

Contact education@growing2gether.org for further details.

The Newbury Community Resource Centre Ltd. Registered Charity No 1082243

Thatcham Refillable Pop Up Shop will be coming to
Headley Community Shop on **Wednesday 27th November** from
10:30am to 1:00pm.

Would you like to help in cutting worldwide plastic waste?

Small changes such as refilling your plastic bottles rather than throwing them away will make a difference.

Thatcham Refillable provide vegan, sustainable & ethical household cleaning products including hand wash, shampoo and conditioner. These are made in the UK.

Thatcham Refillable obtain the products in large containers which are used to refill your used bottles. The empty containers go back to the factory for refilling. This ensures no wastage and no plastic pollution.

Almost any size container from 30ml to 20L can be refilled. You can purchase an empty bottle if required.

Please note:

- ♦ Thatcham Refillable cannot refill food or drink containers due to the health and safety risks.
- ♦ Please ensure your containers are washed out and clean with labels removed.

See the website **www.thatchamrefillable.co.uk** for products and prices.

If you are not available on the day but would like to make a purchase, please contact Thatcham Refillable directly.

Events at Sandham Memorial Chapel



Chapel & Stanley Spencer Talk	4 th November	11:00-13:00	
Armistice Day Service	11 th November	10:50am	
Festive Papercraft Workshop	22 nd November	10:45 - 12:45	£17
Decoupage Workshop	22 nd November	14:00-16:00	£27.50

Bookings/Contact number: 0344 249 1895

Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sandham-memorial-chapel

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum Monthly Chronic Pain Support Groups



We have started up a new daytime and an evening support group for people affected by fibromyalgia/ chronic pain:

Evening sessions on the first Tuesday of the month, 6pm to 8pm at Popley Fields Community Centre.

Daytime sessions on the third Monday of the month, 1pm to 3pm at The Roger Morris Centre, Eastrop Way.

Booking is not required, you are welcome to come along if you are affected by **any** chronic pain condition or are a carer of someone suffering with such a condition.

The sessions are an opportunity to meet people with common experiences or concerns in a relaxed environment, and to provide each other with encouragement, comfort and advice. For more information about what's on please check our website www.bddf.org.uk, call us on 01256 423869, or email info@bddf.org.uk

Basingstoke Choral Society



Will perform Haydn's best-loved choral work

The Creation

Saturday, November 23rd 2019

at The Anvil, Basingstoke at 7.45pm.

This work is full of Haydn's glorious fun-filled melodies, and features the well-known chorus, "The Heavens Are Telling".

With Erica Eloff and the New London Sinfonia, conducted by David Gibson.

Tickets available from The Anvil Box Office: 01256 844244 or from anvilarts.org.uk

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General Enquiries 01635 298794 *Transport only* 07388 539 730

Parish Council: 37 George Street (see page 2) 298634

Dial-a-Ride 01256 462101

Churches: *see contact details within Church Pages inside*

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Buses	0345 8101000	Girl Guides	299875
Trains	0845 748 4950	Kingsclere Library	0300 555 1387
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S.Electric	08000 727282	Vet	29557 or 40565
S.Water	0845 278 0845	Dentist	299981
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Parish Council website. Go to www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk/directory**