

The Kingsclere Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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Some of us can't wait for autumnal festivities such as Guy Fawkes and Halloween, but others dread it.

Some people don't like 'trick or treater's' approaching them and therefore many parents only visit houses of friends arranged in advance. It might be a thought to use guidelines which have developed in the USA, where if the porch light is on in the evening it signals 'Welcome' to costumed children, but porch light off means please pass by.

Bonfire Night is exciting for some, terrifying for pets! If it were only one night, owners of nervous pets could make plans, but it does seem to drag on with someone letting off fireworks most nights for several weeks. I don't have the answer, but wonder if it's something our community could reflect on and find a way to make it a more enjoyable and safer period for everyone, including the furry four-footed.

Nicki, October editor

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Kingsclere Parish Council

KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

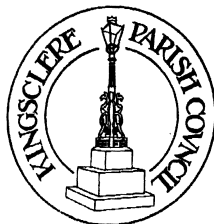
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HEDGES – We often get requests in the office to write to property owners about overgrown hedges, verges and overhanging branches that obstruct the footways, paths and highways around the village. Now is a very good time of year to cut hedges and we respectfully ask all property owners with hedges bordering the footways and highways to cut them back within their boundary.

BONFIRES – There are no laws against having a bonfire, but there are laws for the nuisance they can cause. You could be fined if you light a fire and you allow the smoke to drift across the road and become a danger to traffic. You cannot get rid of household waste if it will cause pollution or harm people's health. This includes burning it. If you must have a bonfire, please respect your neighbours. If you need to complain about a bonfire – Your council (Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council) can issue an 'abatement notice' if a neighbour's bonfire is causing a nuisance. A bonfire must happen frequently to be considered a nuisance. Your neighbour can be fined up to £5000 if they don't stick to the notice. Leaflets on bonfires are available from the Parish Office during opening hours if you would like a copy.

PARISH PATHS –Heath Denness writes: We worked on Sunday, August 28th, but as it was August Bank Holiday weekend there were not many of us, just five. However, we did a good job on Love Lane, so that the path was clear for the children going back to school.

I am still looking for someone (or maybe two people) to take over from me as leader of the Paths Group, as I would like to retire at the end of November. Next work day is Sunday, Oct. 30th 9.45am at the Village club. New volunteers always welcome.

For further information about the Parish Paths group please contact me Tel. 298376 or email alandenness@btinternet.com or the Parish clerk Tel. 298634.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 31st October 2016, 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.

GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days for October are 12th and 26th

Police Report

Crime summary for August 2016.

Total crimes reported:	16
Assault	2
Burglary other than in a dwelling	2
Burglary in a house	0
Criminal Damage	3
Theft	1
Theft from a vehicle	1
Theft of a vehicle	1
Other	6



Non Dwelling Burglaries- offenders have gained entry to a workshop in Wheathold, however nothing was taken. Three unknown offenders have smashed a window on the side of Nelsons Diner, they tried then to gain entry via the fire exit, but were disturbed by the activation of the alarm. The offenders made off in a Subaru Impreza estate vehicle empty handed. Officers are still investigating the incident and would like to hear from anyone who has any information. Please contact 101 quoting reference 44160325485

Some of you may have read the lovely message that Fiona put in the Tower last month about me moving onto a different role within the force. I would just like to update you all that this will still be happening. However my date has been pushed back due to force need. Therefore I will still be floating around the village for a little while longer yet and will update you all when I have a new date!

PCSO 15948 Mel KNESS

Home-Start Trustees Needed

If you would be interested in joining the Management Board as a trustee (Chair or Treasurer) or a specialist adviser (personnel, IT, fund raising and marketing), I can provide role descriptions, and would be very happy to meet up for a 'no strings' discussion. Please do get in touch ruthptellis@gmail.com

Ruth Tellis, Chair of Trustees – Home-Start North West Hampshire

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

@kingsclerepc facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

Kingsclere Village Club

Kingsclere Village Club welcomes back Hampshire's award winning adventurer, John Pilkington, on Thursday November 3rd.

John's talks are always fascinating and this time his subject is Russia and Europe:



What next? Passions are running high in Ukraine and the breakaway states of the Caucasus. Vladimir Putin's adventures in Ukraine took the West by surprise. But John thinks in some ways they followed a pattern that goes back more than a century to the legendary 'Great Game' between Russia and Britain in Victorian times. In 2015 John met people on both sides of these disputed borders, and promises some surprising insights.

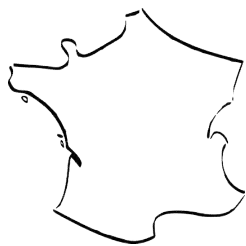
Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 pm start. £10 a ticket to include nibbles. Tickets from butchers or 01635 297913 or 07849 653809 or bookings@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk

October 9th 10am – 1pm. Autumn clean.

Twice a year we ask for volunteers to come along and help us dust, tidy, paint, fix and weed. This is one of the ways in which we keep the cost of rental down. If you are able to spare an hour or two to come and join us we would be very pleased to see you.

Please note: As of October 9th the village club will no longer have a fridge for use in the servery.

Clare Roberts 299487



KINGSCLERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The next visit to Kingsclere of families from our twin town of Cormicy is on the weekend of Saturday 29 – Monday 31 October 2016. We will be holding a BARN DANCE on the Saturday evening including a hot meal and a bar. This will be held at Kingsclere Primary School. For more information and to book tickets

please contact us by email or telephone.

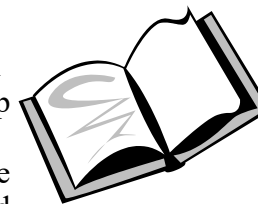
Date for your diary – BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU evening on Saturday 19 November – details will follow next month.

Contact details:- email kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk

Telephone Sue Watson 01635 298940 or Sue Earl 01635 298286

Kingsclere Community Library

2nd Annual Giant Book Sale !! 1st October 9am-3pm
Come and stock up on books! All proceeds to keep your library open!



Thank you to everyone who joined in the Costume Competition at the Kingsclere Fête. Everyone looked fantastic! Congratulations to the winners, Ethan, Betty and Joshua.

Village Bunnies visit the library first Tuesday, 10-10:30

Rhymetime with Rita – second Tuesday 2:30-3

Opening hours – Note Saturday change!

Tues & Thurs 1:00 – 5:30 Saturdays 9:30 – 2:00

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

Camraderie

(Together in Friendship)

Invite you to Afternoon Tea and an illustrated talk on Australia, to be given by Andrew Kitch.

Wednesday 26th. October at 2.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Cost, £1 which includes a free Raffle Ticket.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Kingsclere Heritage Association

Guided walk around the village

Sunday 2nd October, meet in Market Square, 2 p.m.

All welcome. Information from Richard Croft 01635 298 114

Meeting at the Village Club, Thursday 20 October at 7.45 p.m.

“The Story of Kingsclere, Part 2” will be presented by Richard Croft and other members of the KHA. This will look at the history of the mills, the workhouse and the origins of several local businesses.

Non-members are welcome.

Michael Leah, Hon. Chairman Tel. 01635 297 403

Entertainment by Zozulenka

“Zozulenka” will perform in St Mary's church on 16th November at 7pm on behalf of the charity Hope Now. This promises to be an exciting evening of culture with singing and dancing from the Ukraine by this group from the School of Arts. For more information on Hope Now please see their website www.hopenow.org.uk.

Emma Rivers

October at The Fieldgate Centre

We have a varied programme of activities open to all:

Monday	1.00 - 2.00pm	Julie Upshall fitness
Tuesday	5.00 - 9.00pm	Youth Club
Wednesday	9.45 - 10.45am	Bounce - A fun fitness class with JC
	12.30 - 2.30pm	Creative Crafts: a wide range of craft projects
	4.30 - 9.00pm	Slimming World
Thursday	2.00 - 4.00pm	Fieldgate Woods
	5.30 - 7.30pm	Feel the Beat
	8.00 - 11.00pm	Ceroc



The Fieldgate Centre

A wide range of sports are played during the evenings and at week-ends on the fields and hard play area. Details from the centre or sports websites.

Special Events in October include:

1st October	60s, 70s, 80s Night
22nd October	Soul and Motown evening
29th October	Children's Hallowe'en Party

Change of Constitution at the Fieldgate

The present trustees of KCA are in the stages of finalising an up-date to the constitution of Kingsclere Community Association and changing to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This will make the running of the centre more efficient and business like. There will be an opportunity for the community to learn more at the KCA AGM which will take place in November.



Motown & Soul Party

Saturday 22 October
8pm til Midnight
The Fieldgate Community Centre

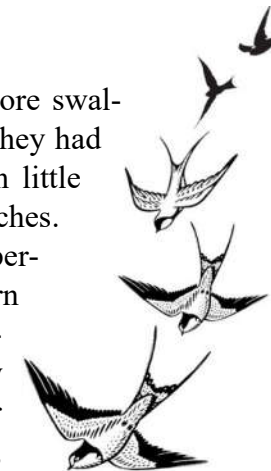
DJ's Christine & James Rowley known as Vintage Soul Sounds bring you the best of Motown, Soul & Club Classics from the

1960s to 1980s, played on their vinyl collection. We will bring along a selection of over 500 records and will try to play requests

Join us at The Fieldgate Community Centre as every ticket sold will make a contribution to running this great venue. Tickets at £6 can be purchased at the Community Centre or email info@southernclub.com for more info visit our website www.southernclub.com

Nature Notes

Walking along the K&A canal recently we saw more swallows than we had seen during the entire summer. They had congregated on a rather spindly bankside tree with little foliage and were using the exposed branches as perches. From time to time they would fly out en masse, perform a few circuits above our heads and then return to their roost, having exercised their wings presumably in readiness for migration. Before the electricity and telephone services strung their wires across our countryside and provided convenient resting places, swallows and martins would always have sought a handy tree on which to assemble.



Two bullfinches played cat-and-mouse with us within a high-hedged footpath. Their white rumps had identified them, but we were determined to get a better view. For their part they were happy to flit just ahead of us, keeping just out of sight. Finally, they stayed long enough for a sighting and proved to be youngsters, very dull and very brown.

In August we disturbed a roe doe in the woods at Bowdown. She moved quickly to a safe distance and we walked on. Then we heard the sharp bark that is typical of roe of either sex, and which can be due to territorial aggression or fright. Not to be confused with a dog, the sound carries for a good distance and once heard is not forgotten.

Hedgehog courtship is incredibly lengthy. One evening a fairly small female hedgehog, foraging in the garden, was joined by a rather unusual silvery-gray companion. The ritual that followed was like a strange dance. The larger male made endless attempts to get behind the female while she, as determinedly, made sure he didn't, occasionally ramming her suitor broadside with her snout and snorting all the while. Should the courtship result in a new family of hoglets they would sadly be born too late to survive the winter.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

Kingsclere Bowling Club

The season is now drawing to an end and the club championships were held over the weekend of the 3rd and 4th September. The good weather brought an improvement in results, with the men's Monday Evening Triples A team finishing as champions of their league in the Basingstoke and District Bowling Association. Now the league games have finished, it is time to hold some of the internal cup matches and the last friendly of the season. We are also hosting a corporate afternoon for MasterControl Global Ltd, a Basingstoke company, whose staff are coming to try their skill. Bowls is a great game for everyone, as very little tuition is required before you can start playing. Our club trophy presentation evening will be held at the clubhouse on 8th October, followed by a Quiz Night and a fish-and-chip supper. We will be putting on several more social events during the winter. If you are interested in joining us, view our website: <http://www.kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk> or telephone Brian Watts on 0118 9816892.



Are you struggling with an injury or persistent pain?

Square One is a new physiotherapy clinic opening in **Hannington** in October 2016. Specialising in the management and treatment of all sports, occupational and lifestyle related injuries, Square One offers the following services:

- Physiotherapy
- Sports Massage Therapy
- Shockwave Therapy
- Medical Acupuncture
- Injury Assessment and Diagnosis



squareone

01256 541515

www.square-one.uk.com

Living Paintings- Volunteer Roles Required

Living Paintings is a local UK blind charity that create and publish tactile and audio books for blind and partially sighted people which we distribute via our free postal library service.

We are based in Kingsclere and we are looking for volunteers who would love to support their local charity and help change lives.

We are currently on the lookout for volunteers to help us with the following roles:

Library Assistant x2 We are looking for two volunteers to help to run our Library service. This involves contacting and talking to library members on the telephone so you must be confident in dealing with people of all ages.

It requires a commitment of around 2-3 hours per week.

Touch to See Book Club Leader- Thatcham, Berkshire

Can you commit just a few hours a month to support a lovely Touch to See Book Club for blind, partially sighted and sighted people?

This club meets once a month in the Thatcham Baptist Church and we are looking for a fun, enthusiastic, creative person to run and set up our morning sessions. This role would require a monthly commitment when this session is running plus some work from home in the run up to the session. If you would like to learn more about either of these roles or would like to apply please contact the **Volunteer Coordinator Sasha Robaczynski** on **01635 299 771** or by email sashar@livingpaintings.org.

**citizens
advice**

**Tadley
& District**

We are looking for Volunteers to provide Receptionist/Administrative Support 9.30am -1.00 pm. One morning per week.

The role would involve supporting office staff, typing, filing, answering the phone, staffing reception, taking messages and dealing with some

enquiries. Good computer skills would be need but training will be given.

For more information please call into our offices in –

Franklin Avenue

Tadley

RG26 4ET

Call – 0118 9817567

Email admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk

We value diversity, promote equality and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

KINGSCLERE PHOTO CLUB

Thriving and friendly club covering digital and film photography, also traditional darkroom.

Forthcoming meetings at the Village Club, George Street 7.30pm for 8pm start:-

Wed. 5th October Kingsclere photo walk images, followed by 'review and critique'.

9th Annual Photo Exhibition - Sat 15th & Sun 16th October 2016

In the main hall, Kingsclere Village Club, George Street. Sat 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun 11a.m. – 4 p.m.

See the photos and vote for your favourite!

Also portraits by award-winning photographer Mark O'Leary on both days, either just turn up, or for a 'slot' book via contact page on website www.molphotography5954.zenfolio.com or on mobile 07787-146854.

For more information see our website: www.kingsclerephoto.org or contact Gareth Martin on (01635) 299227 or gareth.martin24@btinternet.com



Ecchinswell Village Hall

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the hall are holding a

Monster Ball on

Saturday 29th October.

Doors open at 7.30pm carriages at 12.30

Live cabaret entertainer, supper included

Ticket prices in advance: £20 each 2 for £35

Or £25 each on the door

Dress code: black tie/ gowns/ monster dress

Visit www.ecchinswellvillagehall.com to book tickets

Or phone Lynne on 01635 298571 or 07990890645



Foresters Friendly Society

The Foresters will be visiting the Victorian Festival of Christmas at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on Saturday 26th November 2016. The coach will leave The Square, Kingsclere at 9.00a.m.

If you would like to participate please contact Eric Fowler, 2 Medway Close, Thatcham, Berks. RG18 3AU or telephone 01635 863765.

The Church Pages



"Scared-ey – it's a bit dark-ey" says my daughter, Cara, one morning, as I'm in the midst of brushing her sister Chloe's teeth. I had asked Cara to go to her room to get some clothes. But with the change in the seasons her bedroom is now too dark (probably also to do with the blackout blinds!). So I leave Chloe with clean teeth to go and switch Cara's light on so they can get ready for nursery.

I wonder whether you are as 'scared-ey' of the dark as my daughter is. We're well into autumn now and it's getting darker as winter approaches. Darkness is strange, isn't it? Because it can be both frightening and can shield us from fear. The thing with darkness is things can hide in it, but we can also hide in it ourselves. Perhaps we'd prefer the spotlight didn't come on us during the evening concert. But at 3 a.m. when you think you've heard a noise downstairs, darkness is far from comforting.

As a church we try and focus on light during the darkest months. Light and darkness are really key metaphors in our faith. Jesus Himself says, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". This light is much more comforting than being hidden in the darkness, for when we step into this light we see ourselves as we truly are. This can initially be frightening and yet it means that we live, not in a dream-world where our imperfections are hidden by the darkness, but in the real world where we see our imperfections, but know that God loves us the way we are, and yet loves us too much to leave us as we are!

As we explore and focus on the Light of the world in the coming dark months, we will of course, as ever, celebrate Christmas and enjoy our candlelit services and the twinkling of little lights on the Christmas tree. But we don't want to wait until December; so at the end of this month, Sunday, 30th October at 10:30 a.m., we are going to have a Messy Church Light service in St. Mary's Church, Kingsclere. This will be similar to our Messy Church services we hold at Kingsclere school with craft, celebration and a meal. It would be great to see you there.

Blessings,

Ben.

Services in October 2016

Sunday 2 nd October Trinity 19/ Proper 22	8am Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am Harvest Celebration with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 9 th October Trinity 20/ St Luke	8am Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am Harvest Celebration – St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am Second Sunday Service with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 16 th October Trinity 21/ Proper 24	8am Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 23 rd October Bible Sunday	8am Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am Parish Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 30 th October All Saints	10.30am Messy Church – St Mary's Kingsclere
Sunday 6 th November 3 rd Sunday before Advent	8am Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere

Our ABC service for children and their carers will be held in St Mary's, Kingsclere on 17th October at 9.30am

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner September 2016 No 64 Sylvia Pennington!
Well done, Sylvia
Entries drawn first week of each month, various village venues.

St. Mary's Church		(See also back cover)
Vicar	Rev Ben Read, The Vicarage, Foxs Lane	☎ 298471
Churchwarden	Steve Jaques Steve.jaques@me.com	☎ 07887 428145
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk	☎ 42962
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*
21st August Charlotte Rachel Gundry

Burial of ashes *I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord*
29 July Ruth Rodwell
20th August Bridget Rickman

Methodist Notes

Sunday services at 9.30 a.m. Preachers for October:

2nd Harvest Festival, Rev. David Read
9th Holy Communion, Rev. Rachel Borgars
16th Mr Jerry Rowell
23rd Rev. Leraci
30th Rev. David Read

Coffee mornings every Thursday from 10.30 to 12.00

Some of us, including Father Patrick, the Roman-Catholic priest, and the vicar, Rev. Ben Read, visited the Methodist church at Andover to welcome our new Minister, Rev. Rachel Borgars.

Margaret Ingram

Lighting Up St Mary's

1st September Mary Marshall. In loving memory of a much loved mother to Eileen and Pat, grandmother to Karen, Finlay, Faye and Callum and great grandmother to Alex, Charlie and Sophie. She died peacefully on 18th August 2016 and will be so dearly missed.

21st October Memories of Neil on his Birthday. Loved and Missed every day. Love Always Elaine, Christopher, Suzanna, Helen, Chris, Thomas and Oliver

22nd October For Terry Mark. Every Memorable Photograph Accentuates Terry's Happiest Years. Love Dad, Mum, Sally, Charlotte and Family

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk Hand deliveries please use the black post box next to the front door. £12 per evening, discounts available for block bookings and business sponsorship. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for November Tower is October 10th.

Methodist Chapel		(See also back cover)
Chief Warden	Wendy Morgan	☎ 297538
Secretary/Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

It already seems a long time since we held our Open Gardens weekend. Unfortunately the weather on the Saturday afternoon was really inclement, but a number of hardy souls braved the conditions, and gratefully accepted the consolation of cream teas, either at Jada or the Kingsmill Room. Our warm thanks to all those who kindly opened their gardens, and to the bakers of so many excellent cakes. With rather better weather on the Sunday, the combination of interesting and varied gardens still to see, delicious refreshments, and live music in a couple of places resulted in a very useful boost to funds towards on-going works at St Mary's. Now that the re-wiring and lighting works are complete, the next phase will be the long-awaited redecoration, which is planned for the first quarter of next year. The Friends will again be contributing to the cost of this. Our last event of this year will be a Friends' Lunch at Sasso's on Sunday 6th November. Anyone interested in becoming a Friend is most welcome to join us at what is always a convivial and relaxed occasion, and one which gives Friends an opportunity to learn about our plans, or to suggest ideas for future fundraising. Full details will be in next month's Tower.

Peter Turner, Chairman

A Talk by Major General Christopher Elliott CB, MBE,
The British High Command – Why was Military Success so Elusive in
Iraq and Afghanistan?

At Winchester Discovery Centre, SO23 8SB
Friday 25th November 2016 at 6.30 for 7.15pm
Tickets £12 from the Discovery Centre, tel: 01962 873603
(to include complimentary drink and canapes)

The Basingstoke & Deane Over-55s Forum - musical event

On Sunday 6th November, "Young at heart", the Over-55s Forum, are staging an afternoon of songs and sing-along in Basingstoke, for people living with dementia, Alzheimers and other mental health problems. It is hoped that performers will include the Carnival Chorus Singers, the choir of Park View Junior School, and Keith French at the organ.

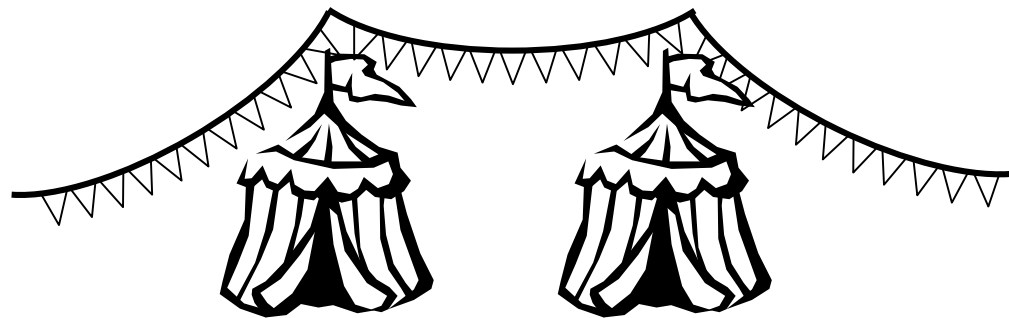
Tea and other refreshments will be provided.

Admission is free, but those wishing to attend should contact:

Gerald Merritt on 07792 535 116, e-mail gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com.

Date: 6th November – Time: 2.00 p.m. to approx. 5.00.p.m.

Venue: Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke



Oh what a lovely fête!

Well, the sun shone, the sky was blue and the crowds came! After two very wet years, we were rewarded with a beautiful day for St Mary's Bank Holiday Fête in the churchyard on 29 August. Opened by Rev. Ben Read, our now-familiar Vicar, activities soon got underway. The Kingsclere Ukulele Group set the scene with a repertoire ranging from John Denver's Country Road, through the Beatles' Norwegian Wood, to a lively Stomp Medley. Costumed characters from much-loved books then paraded in the main ring, sponsored by the Library and supervised by a very convincing witch (hello Ed!). The winners were: 1st Ethan (Turbo Toilet), 2nd Daisy (Betty Scarecrow), and 3rd Joshua (Dracula). Entries for the Dog Show topped 65 – the best year ever and 'Best in Show' was won by Helen Thurwell's gorgeous "Little Bear". Stalls offered a variety of goodies – wonderful raffle and tombola prizes, appetizing home produce, a huge selection of toys, amazing bric-à-brac and many beautiful accessories. Gastronomic needs were met variously by the BBQ, Pimms tent, soft drinks, and cakes by the dozen..... or you could win your own food on the coconut-shy! Books and DVDs offered endless future entertainment. Maybe you had your face painted or played some games.....or looked at the display of the many recent improvements in the church, especially the lighting or just sat around in the sun enjoying it allundoubtedly there was something for everyone!

Thank you all for being there and making it such a lovely day. We raised well over £6000, through your generosity – whether you gave prizes, spent your money, showed off your dogs, dressed up or simply came along to share a lovely day! Thank you all.

The Fete Team.

See you next year! Monday 28 August 2017, 12-4 in the churchyard!

Kingsclere Fire Station Update

This month's update includes a selection of incidents attended by Kingsclere Fire Station, seasonal prevention measures, training achievements and where you can find us on social media. It has been a busy month for Kingsclere Fire Station and in particular two incidents are worth highlighting.

In August our crews attended a large fire in a flat at Woolton Hill, which involved numerous fire appliances from both Berkshire and Hampshire. Whilst the fire was prevented from spreading into the adjacent flat, considerable damage was sustained to the whole property. The incident highlighted the benefits of professional and accredited installation of electrical appliances

In early September we were the first fire appliance to arrive at a large fire involving two containers at the De La Rue paper-mill in Overton. The black smoke was visible as soon as we crossed White Hill. Kingsclere were aided by all Basingstoke's fire appliances and crews. This incident highlighted the benefits of having a tried and tested fire plan that can be provided to the Fire and Rescue Services on arrival.

On both occasions we provided four firefighters with breathing apparatus, and used all of our 1,800 litres water supply.

With an autumn chill back in the air we would like to remind those with open fires or wood burners to and maintain them and their chimneys. Chimney fires are unfortunately common ,but the risk can be reduced.

In August the station crew qualified for Immediate Emergency Care (IEC). This will increase our effectiveness in trauma incidents across Hampshire and Berkshire.

The station now has its own Facebook page, so we would encourage you to 'like' and follow us to hear about our work, plus prevention tips and events. You can also follow us on Twitter @Kingsclere_09

If you are interested in joining our crew or you have any questions about the work of your local Fire Station, please contact Crew Manager Rob Gazzard at rob.gazzard@hantsfire.gov.uk



**HAMPSHIRE
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**Kingsclere
Film Club**

NEW SEASON - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 3 October, 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Club,
George Street,

AGM followed at 7.45pm by



(2013 – Certificate 12 – 91 minutes – 7 Oscars)

A medical engineer and an astronaut work together to survive after a catastrophe destroys their shuttle and leaves them adrift in orbit. Starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney.

Kingsclere Film Club membership gives access to all films shown each month on the big screen (averaging out at £4.16 per month). Guests are always welcome at £7.50, subject to space.

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

GARDEN CLUB

OCTOBER TALK – “A GARDENER IN SOUTH AMERICA”



Thursday 13 October 7:30pm at The Village Club

Our speaker for October is Jez Stamp MCIHort. Dip. PSGD, local plantsman and professional gardener. Jez was Young Horticulturist of the Year in 2013 and his illustrated talk touches on a number of South American plants that people will be familiar with growing in their gardens, plus a few weird and wonderful species and some vegetables.

These are the categories for the evening's competition:

- A vase of flowers of a single kind
- A vase of flowers
- Foliage and/or berries
- A dish of one kind of fruit, maximum 4 pieces
- A single stem from the garden
- A pot-plant

All are welcome: members free, guests £2 to include tea and biscuits. There will also be a raffle.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – OPEN GARDENS 2017 – SUNDAY 16 JULY

We hope to have a varied selection of gardens to view – small, large, formal, informal. If you would like to show off your garden, please contact us on the number below.

Chris Earl: 01635 298 286

SPECIAL CONCERT IN MEMORY OF RON GOODWIN

St. Paul's Church Ashford Hill

Saturday 29th October 7pm

We warmly welcome you to this very special variety concert. We have some surprises too! We are raising money for a special wheelchair for a young promising basketball player and also St. Paul's church repairs.

It will be a wonderful evening for all!

Tickets are £7.50 Adults, Free for Children

Tickets include glass of wine and refreshments.

Raffle

Tickets can be reserved by phone and will be there for you on the night

Please call Georgie Selby: 01189 811793

Or Vanessa Martin : 01635 299227



THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

News from FKS

A new committee was elected at the recent FKS AGM and news of our upcoming events will be out soon. If you would like to help at events during the year, your help is always needed and appreciated.

If your children have outgrown their uniform or have left the school please leave any unwanted items at the school office, as we will have a second hand uniform sale soon.

Kingsclere's firework and bonfire display organised by FKS will take place on Saturday 5th November 2016 at the Fieldgate Centre. The gates open at 5.30pm, with a fantastic firework display at 6.30pm (no pets or sparklers allowed). Refreshments will be available and include a barbecue, with a vegetarian option.

Great value tickets will be available from Swan Street Stores or Kingsclere C of E Primary School Office. All proceeds from this event provide much needed support for the school, supplying equipment and extra curricular opportunities for the children.

Don't miss out on this great community event, get your tickets soon & invite your family and friends to come along too!

Rachael Knight FKS Tel: 268160 knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk



Kingsclere CE Primary School

Open Day

“A Good School with Outstanding Features” – Ofsted

Wednesday 2nd November at 1.30pm

Thursday 3rd November at 6.30pm



Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

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

Where: The Village Club, George St When: every Tuesday, 9am-11am

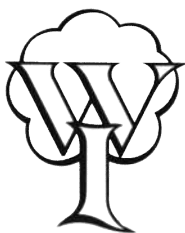
Cost: first visit free. After that, £1 for bumps and unweaned babies. £2 for first child (including snack donated by Swan St Stores) and 50p for additional children.

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.

We are looking for committee members!

With the recent increase in Bunny numbers - which is fantastic to see – the committee as it stands is just too small. Being rota'd on means you are in charge of opening up and collecting the snack from Swan Street Stores with at least one other committee member and not more than once a month. You are absolutely not expected to do all the work all session long – everyone should be helping out. Bunnies is absolutely thriving at the moment and if this is to continue we need more manpower. Thank you in advance!

Claire Ellis - 297050 Find “Kingsclere Village Bunnies” on Facebook .



W.I. - talk by Iain Kennedy

On Wednesday 12 October, at the Kingsclere Village Club, Iain Kennedy is giving a talk entitled “Sugar, Sugar – A not-so-sweet Victorian story”, which tells the fascinating social, political and financial history of the British sugar industry.

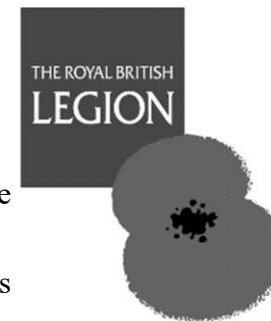
Many of us have heard earlier intriguing talks from Iain's wide repertoire, and we are lucky to be able to book him between his seasonal cruise-ship (and other) commitments.

Members and visitors should sign in at 1.30 p.m. Tickets £2.00 per person.

Tea will be served before the talk.

Nova Saunderson Tel 01635 299 570

Royal British Legion



POPPY APPEAL

Please order your wreaths etc as soon as possible from Wendy Morgan (Chair)

Tel. 01635 297 538. The closing date for orders is 31st October.

Due to a new accounting system, all wreaths will have to be paid for on collection, either in cash or by cheque payable to The Poppy Appeal.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We look forward to your support at our parade on Sunday 13th November.

Wendy Morgan

FOUND

Pair of prescription sunglasses on Church wall.

Contact Tel. 01635 298376



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Rainbows - Last term saw us go on our very first sleepover; 14 girls enjoyed an Under the Sea adventure. The girls had lots of fun and we look forward to doing our next one.

This term we will be celebrating the Olympics with our own mini Olympics and making carnival headdresses. We will also be doing our roundabout global badge looking at different countries and tasting food, dancing and trying out crafts. We will also do Christmas crafts.

Colleen and Mary



Brownies - Last term we had a visit from Shooting Stars Circus and spent an evening learning circus skills from plate spinning to riding mini bikes. We did a number of badges including First Aid and Free Being Me, which helps to banish the media representation of beauty and encourage positive body confidence.

We celebrated the Queens birthday with a tea party. We were joined by the Guides for an I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Night in which some girls tried meal worms and lots of mess. We finished the term with a trip to Jump Factory, also with the Guides.

This term we will be doing our cooks badges including a Brownies cook off. A trip to London is planned in October half term and will be completing our world traveler badge.

On 18th November we are having a donation drive for the local food bank. Donations may be dropped off at the scout hut that evening between 6pm and 7pm or we can collect. Please contact Colleen.

Colleen and Terri



Guides - Last term saw us say good bye to Sue Adams and Colleen take over. We would like to thank Sue for the many wonderful memories she has given girls over the years.

Last term the Polar Bears finished their Gfi Party Planning and the Starfish finished the Chocolate Badge. This term the girls

will be doing Gfi survival and the first night back will be planning their activities for the next term, including a Trip to London with the Brownies in October.

All three groups go to see the panto Cinderella in December.

Colleen and Helen.

Rainbows and Guides need you! If you are aged 18 plus, mature or retired lady and could spare a few hours a month to volunteer then we are in need of you. We are looking for unit helpers and leaders to help run our units. If you think this may interest you then please contact Colleen.

Rainbows are for girls aged between 5 and 7 years, Brownies is for girls aged 7 to 10, Guides is for girls aged 10 to 14 and all offer great opportunities for girls to try new and exciting activities. If you think your daughter may like to join then please register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Brownies Coffee morning, Saturday 22nd October. 10am till 1pm.

Kingsclere village club

Raffle, tombola, facepainting and much more. We have tables available for sellers of local crafts and products at the cost of £10 per table. Contact Colleen.

Please come along and support us, raising funds for our unit and pack holiday.

Colleen, colleenmc1855@gmail.com

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

10AM – 12 NOON

KINGSMILL ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH

Please come along to the Coffee Morning in aid of St Michael's Hospice. We have moved the venue to the Kingsmill Room in the hope of attracting more customers.

Pass the word to friends and family. See you there!

Sarah Melling 297823



Brew 'n' Bake in aid of St Michael's Hospice

Saturday 29th October, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Club

The Brew 'n' Bake is back for its fourth year of tastebud-tempting fun. Put the date in your diary and dust off your baking-tins and demi-johns – beginners welcome. Admission is by ticket only, but even if you don't want to enter the competition, you can still come and sample the wares and cast your vote for the winner of the coveted Brew 'n' Bake trophy..

This year we are introducing an added attraction, "The Only Duo in the Village", to serenade us into the night.

Entries (desserts, cakes, pies, beer, wine etc.) must be registered no later than 22nd October. Non-participants can vote, using their ticket. Come along, bring your appetite and support St Michael's Hospice.

Tickets (£7.50) and information from Sue Elliott on 01635 298 947

Chineham Board Gamers

We are a group of individuals and couples who meet for gaming at Chineham Christ Church generally on the 2nd and last Saturdays of the month. Sessions usually run 1800 - 2300. Our October Sessions are on 10th and 24th October.

The tabletop gaming industry has changed a lot in the last few years. Modern board games have a lot more to offer than simple roll-and-move games like Monopoly or Cluedo. We have co-operative games where players have to work together to escape a sinking island or games where you take the role of pirates racing around the island of Jamaica!

If you have fond memories of playing games from your youth and would like to reconnect with a shared hobby come along to one of our sessions—the first visit is free!

For more information search online for "Chineham Board Gamers".

James Cruickshank 62217



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