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I hope you are having an enjoyable summer, despite some rather cool, wet weather in July and early August. We might soon long for such temperate summers in future years as climate change continues to evolve...

I was struck by the simple but powerful clarity of “John Wesley - A Manifesto For Today” and “John Wesley’s Summary On How To Transform Society” included in Rachel Borgar’s article on Page 11. I recommend you take a look. Should you feel inspired to get involved with a charity or participate in another voluntary activity we have a number of appeals and opportunities within this edition to whet your appetite.

The Editor

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**Will ALL contributors please include full name
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Kingsclere Parish Council

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Please call to make an appointment to visit the office



KINGSCLERE'S ANNUAL REPORT – This will be delivered shortly.
Thank you to all who have contributed.

HEDGES – The Parish Council will be undertaking our autumn hedge cutting soon as we aren't permitted to perform hard cuts prior to September 1st. Please do cut back any hedges which overhang pavements, roads and rights of ways which adjoin your properties.

SURFACE FLOODING – We have reported several locations within the center of the village, both blocked drains and issues concerning manhole covers. Do please report concerns, with supporting photos if possible, on the Hampshire County Council website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance>

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – The collections dates are Wednesday 6th and 20th September and 4th October.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – The next full Council Meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday 25th September 2023, in the Village Club. 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 during Public Questions.

The Parish website: www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk



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KINGSCLERE CHARITIES

Incorporating:

Kingsclere Welfare Charity and Kingsclere Apprenticing Charity

2023 Meeting Dates: Thursday 21st September Thursday 16th November

The Trustees will meet on the above dates. Applications must be received by the clerk two weeks before each meeting. Apply in the first instance to www.kingsclerecharities.org where information and application forms can be found by selecting the appropriate charity for your needs, and submitting to the clerk. Alternatively please email kingsclerecharities@iname.com

Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan



Work has been 'on hold' recently on the review of the Neighbourhood Plan, however the group will be meeting again in September.

The newly elected Borough Council has re-commenced work on the Local Plan review. It should be out for public consultation early next year, with hopefully more supporting policies to protect the environment while building better homes for all that require them. In the meantime, the consultancy AECOM will shortly publish their draft site selection report for consideration by the NP group. This will show the suitability, or otherwise, of various sites which have been put forward for possible future development in the event that we are given a further housing allocation. The final report will be published on the Parish Council website.

Many residents have shown interest in various proposed developments lately, Porch Farm and the Solar Farm to name but a few. If you are interested in the future development of the parish, we would welcome new members to our Neighbourhood Planning group. All of us are residents of Kingsclere with an interest in the future of our village and surrounding area. If interested please contact me.

Sue Adams sueadams@madasafish.com

Are you DRIVEN to Make a Difference in Kingsclere?

Many people in our community, especially older people, need help with trips to the GP, hospital appointments, social clubs or shopping. Buses don't always run at the right times, or at all, and if an appointment is missed it can take weeks to get another.

NeighbourCare is now signing up **volunteer drivers** in Kingsclere. Can you offer a few hours, at times that suit you, to really make a difference in people's lives? You'll meet new people and contribute to the local community. NeighbourCare is a local charity that links up those who need transport with nearby drivers who can offer it. *Drivers are reimbursed at the standard HMRC motor mileage rate so all we ask for is your time.*

To find out more and to ask any questions, please get in touch:
info@neighbourcare.com www.neighbourcare.com 01256 423855
or, cllr.david.conquest@kingsclere-pc.org.uk



www.neighbourcare.com

In partnership with Kingsclere Parish Council
Registered Charity Number 1154382

Kingsclere Singers

present

'Harvest Hallelujah'

Please come along and join us in **St Mary's Church, Kingsclere** from **3 - 4 pm on Sunday 1st October** for a celebration of the harvest season. Followed by tea and cake.

This is a FREE community event for everyone!



KINGSCLERE

CANCER RESEARCH FUNDRAISER

Tickets are now available for the **KCRF 2nd Gala Ball and Dinner**, to be held on **Friday 6th September 2024** at **Oakley Hall Hotel**.

We warmly invite our community to join us in raising as much money as we can for Cancer Research UK. Last year's event raised over £40,000. The evening will include a champagne reception, three-course meal, guest speakers, silent auction and disco.

Tickets cost **£85** per head, payable in two instalments of £45 and £40. Please complete the form on our website to request tickets: <http://kingsclerecrf.org.uk/> or email events@kingsclereCRF.org.uk.



Sponsorship opportunities are available; please remember us and keep an eye on our website for upcoming details

Beccy, Claire, Mandy and Sean



Greener Kingsclere's BIG EVENT



Sunday 3rd September, 10 am - 12:30 pm, Fieldgate Centre

Sustainable Market with stalls including refillables. Also, drop off or collect from our swap table – seeds, plants, produce, etc.

Repair Cafe – bring along almost any small repair. To get ahead of the queue and give us the best chance of fixing it, please register your repair on our website.

Clothing 'Swap' – take anything you can use! Donations of good quality, clean clothing welcomed. But you do not have to donate to take anything away.

Cafe – coffee, tea, cakes and other yummy items to enjoy while waiting for your repair or chatting with friends.

Plus **BOOK SALE Collection** - drop off your donations for the library's annual Giant Book Sale, Sat - Sun 16th - 17th September.

Can you help out at the market? Or can you mend or repair anything? Help us keep still useful items out of the bins! Please email for details.

We are very grateful for the support from our partners at the Kingsclere Community Association.

Nicki, Sarah, Lucinda & Sue greenerkingsclere@gmail.com

www.Greener-kingsclere.co.uk

Wolverton Market

The next Market will be held on **Saturday 2nd September** in the **Village Hall** from **9.30am until 11am**.

Various stalls to tempt you will include bric-a-brac, handmade garden ornaments and boxes, locally produced honey, pictures, cards and candles, locally grown plants and vegetables and antiques and collectables.

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will also be available. Free Parking outside the Hall.

We are always willing to welcome new stall holders (the cost to hire a stall is very low) so if you are interested and would like more information please contact **Wendy Morgan** on **01635 297538**.

We look forward to seeing you.



The Fieldgate Centre

Kingsclere Community Association
Your community, your place

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

The Summer of Fun ran every Wednesday from 26th July until 30th August. The days were very well attended with huge numbers of children and families joining in! Thank you to all our contributors and to those who donated their time and money, without whom the sessions would not be possible.

Most of our regular classes had a break over the summer, but everything is restarting, and you can now take advantage of the full timetable on offer, including Slimming World, Ceroc, Clubbercise, Pilates, Yoga, Badminton, Monthly Meet Up, and Racing Welfare Coffee Mornings.

The Wednesday Zumba Gold class run by Emma has stopped, but you can now join her at a new **Keep Fit Class** every **Monday morning 10.30 - 11.30 am** from the **4th September**. No booking required.

Greener Market and the **Repair Café** will be here on **3rd September 10.30 am - 12.30 pm**. The Repair Café will look at electronics, electrical and mechanical items, sewing and mending and general repairs.

The **Library Book Sale** is taking place on **16th and 17th September**. Come along and see if you can grab a bargain!

We are planning to show as many **Rugby World Cup Fixtures** as possible starting with **France v New Zealand** on **Friday 8th September, KO at 8.15 pm**. Watch out on Facebook and our website for more details of match dates and times.

Monthly Meet Up takes place on **19th September** from **2.30 - 4.30 pm**. Pop along for the whole afternoon or just a short time for a cuppa and chat.

Last Night of the Proms will be shown on **9th September**. Watch it here on the big screen; bring your own flags and hats!

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information.

email: fieldgatecentre@outlook.com

telephone 01635 298497

www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk

Kingsclere Rugby Football Club

Feel Like Getting Fitter and Having Fun? Why not come and join us at the Fieldgate Centre.



Fitness for Rugby is held every **Wednesday evening** between **7.00 - 8.00 pm** followed by training for matches. Please feel free to come and join us. Or for those who are not so energetically inclined there is always **Walking Rugby** which can be played by both males and females of all ages. The club runs this every **Wednesday evening** between **7.00 - 8.00 pm**.

Our minis will start on **Sunday 10th September** for 5 - 10 years olds between **10.30 am - 12 noon**. If your children would like to join in and you would like to get out on a Sunday morning please come along and meet other children and parents.

On **Saturday 7th October** we have arranged the club's main charity fund raising event of the season – the **Chris Smith Memorial Game** which is played between the current team and former players. The nominated charity this time is the Busy Bees Preschool in the village. Kick - off will be **2.00 pm** and will be followed by the televised **England v Samoa** game in the Fieldgate Centre (kick – off time **4.45 pm**).

The Club is currently looking for:

- A first aider to support out adult team on Saturday afternoons during the season. This will be a shared role with two other persons. If required a training course will be provided.
- A physio to provide treatment to injured players on a Wednesday evening at the same time as the regular training session.

To find out more information contact either **Dilwyn Patterson** by email Chairman-Kingsclererfc@outlook.com or by mobile **07831 161163** or **Stefan Morsley** by email coach-kingsclererfc@outlook.com or mobile **07815 670782**, or alternatively via the club's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Upcoming Blood Donation Sessions at The Fieldgate Centre

Thursday 14th September
Thursday 21st September
Thursday 5th October
Tuesday 10th October
Tuesday 31st October

Register, check availability of appointments, and book at **blood.co.uk**

Kingsclere Gardening Association



Our next meeting is on **14th September** at the **Village Club**. The talk and presentation this month is by **Roger Butler, "Pelargoniums My Way"**. These plants are also known as summer bedding geraniums or non-hardy geraniums. These versatile plants often have very fragrant foliage and can be easily propagated to increase your stock for a wonderful display the following year. Roger will talk about all aspects of cultivation.

The doors open at **7 pm** and the talk will commence at **7.30 pm** for approximately an hour. Refreshments are included and we hold a raffle, any donations for the raffle are always welcome. £3 entry for non-members.

The KGA hold a **Members' Competition** at each of our evening talks by way of a Show Table. These entries are judged with points awarded. At the yearly AGM, the member with the most points is awarded a prize. The competition continues this month; you can enter any or all of the following categories (all to be home/allotment grown):

A vase of Dahlias – max 5 stems. A single stem from the garden.

A flowering pot plant. A vase of any other flowers. A pair of vegetables.

Our October meeting will be on **12th October** (talk to be confirmed).

Beth Theobald (Secretary) 07916 032250

Facebook: Kingsclere Gardening Association

Please join our group. News, events and schedules for show entries will be advertised there first.



FOSM 200 Club

The winner of the August Draw was Mary Cleghorn – No.91

Congratulations, Mary

Next month's Draw will take place at The Crown at approximately 7 pm on **Saturday 9th September**
200clubkingsclere@gmail.com

Kingsclere Local History Association



We commence our new season of Speaker meetings on:

Thursday 28th September when David Rymill, Senior Archivist, will present **"Work Of The Hampshire Record Office And Sources Of Local History"**.

The Hampshire Record Office holds a vast source of material in many forms relating to the history of our county. David will tell of what goes on, it's aims and objectives and outline much of the range of material and collections. This includes information relating to Kingsclere and some of our items from the village archives are stored there.

The presentation will commence at **7.45 pm** and be preceded by our **Annual General Meeting** at **7.00 pm**.

We meet at **Kingsclere Village Club**, 37 George Street and visitors are very welcome at **£3 pp**.

Michael Leah, Secretary 297403



**Kingsclere
Film Club**

Free Film Invitation!

Following the Community Café, Matinee screening of Oscar-winning

The Full Monty (1997)
Saturday 30th September at 2.00pm
Kingsclere Village Club, George Street
Refreshments from 1.30pm

Friends Gaz and Dave, newly unemployed steel workers in Sheffield, look for ways to improve their income apart from the petty metal thieving they've been doing. Noticing how many women will queue to see The Chippendales "dance troupe" they come up with an idea...

- **Come and have a free trial - all welcome**
- **Big-screen**
- **Refreshments available**
- **On the bus route**
- **New members welcome at any time**

For further information call: **John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221** or
Diana Tait (Membership Secretary) 298494

Watership Down Health



Telephone System Enhancements

Watership Down Health started using a new, enhanced telephone system from the 24th August 2023.

What is going to be different?

1. New main **toll free** Telephone Number is **0333 034 1033**, which provides an enhanced telephone service. You will still be able to telephone the two existing telephone numbers for Kingsclere and Overton, which will transfer to the new telephone number.
2. You won't need to wait too long as there is an automated call back option for the busy times.
3. People who are vulnerable or receiving end of life care will be flagged so that their calls are prioritised in any call queue.
4. We will be able to maintain calls being answered over the lunchtime period, whilst enabling staggered lunch breaks for the reception team.
5. When a member of staff calls a patient from any Watership Down Health telephone number, the number appearing will be **0333 034 1033**. We ask that patients add this to their Safe Call List of telephone numbers so that as and when a member of staff calls a patient that they know it is the practice calling.

The main message will include the following options (please note that this may be amended over time):

- Option 1 Urgent/Same Day appointments*
- Option 2 Non-urgent Appointments and Cancellations*
- Option 3 Prescriptions*
- Option 4 Admin and referral queries*
- Option 5 Test results after 11 a.m.*
- Option 6 Finance*

These options will go to the appropriate person/voice recording feature.

We hope that these enhancements will improve access and experience. Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we implement the improved system. We will be offering new Business Cards with the new telephone number on, which will shortly be available from all three of our practice sites.

Basingstoke's New Hospital

As some of you may have read, Basingstoke has been awarded the money to build a new hospital with a scheduled completion of 2032-2033. Please look out for the public consultation that is meant to happen this autumn when you can have your input.

The Church Pages



Dear Friends

In the early part of the summer, I attended a Methodist Conference which gathered this year in Birmingham. The Conference meets once each year to confer, to discuss and decide on policy, and to explore the challenges of mission and ministry in contemporary society. Those of us who are ordained attend for eight days, with the lay representatives attending for five. As I prepared the necessary paperwork (the Agenda was 671 pages long and contained a number of excellent reports, financial details and appointments), I was struck by how many words seemed necessary when compared to a document I first came across in the New Room in Bristol (the oldest Methodist Church in the world), collated by Gary Best, Warden.

JOHN WESLEY- A MANIFESTO FOR TODAY?

1. Reduce the gap between rich and poor
2. Seek to ensure full employment
3. Introduce measures to help the poorest, including a living wage
4. Offer the best possible education
5. Empower individuals to feel they can make a difference
6. Promote tolerance
7. Promote equal treatment for women
8. Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism
9. End all forms of enslavement
10. Avoid engaging in wars
11. Avoid narrow self-interest and promote a world view
12. Care for the environment

JOHN WESLEY'S SUMMARY ON HOW TO TRANSFORM SOCIETY

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can

How do our political and church leaders measure up? Where would you start?

Peace,

Rachel.

Rev. Rachel Borgars

St Mary's Church

Worship in our Churches

September 2023



Services in our churches will be as follows:

Sun 3rd	Holy Communion 9.30am St Peter's, Headley	Holy Communion followed by picnic in the Churchyard 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thu 7th		Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 10th	Morning Worship 9.30am St Peter's, Headley	Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thu 14th		Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 17th	Morning Worship 9.30am St Paul's, Ashford Hill	Morning Worship & Baptism 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thu 21st		Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 24th	Holy Communion for Harvest 9.30am St Paul's, Ashford Hill	Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thu 28th		Morning Worship 10.30am St Mary's, Kingsclere

www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

Kingsclere Methodist Church

Services for September

Sun 3rd	Worship Leaders
Sun 10th	Mrs Maggy Wallace
Sun 17th	Rev Jenny Ellis
Sun 24rd	Rev Rachel Borgars (Harvest Festival)

Services begin at 10am and all are welcome

Coffee Morning every Thursday 10.30 until 12.00

Hall available for hire (see details at the back of this magazine)

Christine Westcombe email c_westcombe@hotmail.com

Lighting up St Mary's

The sight of St Mary's Church when it is floodlit is truly beautiful. Many people sponsor these lights (£12 per evening) to celebrate an occasion, such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary, christening, or some other special day in their lives.

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



September

5th In Memory of Kevin Alexander. Much love, Mum and Gary x

11th Happy 60th Birthday Michael. Love Family and Friends

St Mary's Church - Saturday Coffee

Freshly brewed coffee, tea and delicious homemade cakes.
All welcome – please do pop in!

September 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd 10.00 - 12.00am
in the Kingsmill Room

Volunteers welcome – if you're able to pour coffee, welcome people or make cakes occasionally please do contact the church office on **01635 299528**.

Royal British Legion



The Kingsclere Branch of the Royal British Legion has begun its preparations for this November's Remembrance Parade. Last year like all years saw a great turnout and we thank all those who attend for their support.

We will shortly be reaching out to local organizations; if you haven't participated in the parade previously but would like to join us or be involved in some way please contact:
kingsclere.chairman@rbl.community.

Shipinnarts

The Ship Inn Country Hotel, Ashford Hill, RG19 8BD

Tel: **01189 814504**

See **Events 2023** on our website for more details of each event:

<https://shipinnarts.org/>



What's on in September

Open Mic Night – Friday 1st September 7pm – 10pm

We welcome all who would like to take part. Or pop by for a drink, the bar is open. **FREE EVENT.**

Crafts at Shipinnarts – Tuesday 12th September 11am – 2pm

Harvest Theme - Crafts from the Countryside. How to make corn dollies, lavender bouquets, lavender stalk baskets and other lovely crafts from the past. Alternatively bring a craft you are continuing, or just come and have a chat. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee provided. **Tickets £5** – please call The Ship **01189 814504**.

Apple Pie Competition - Saturday 16th September 3pm – 5pm

Calling all bakers! Make your own apple pie, with a pastry bottom and top. Pastry of your choice. Apple has to be the main ingredient. Freshly made, not frozen; 1 entry per person. Two judges will judge the pies and the winner will be presented with a special trophy. Afterwards the rest of the pies will be eaten, served with cream/custard. **Sax Club 4**, a fabulous saxophone quartet will play as you eat. Come and join in the fun either as an apple pie maker, or guest. It will be such fun! Tickets for Pie entrants **£5** on the door on the day. Please contact Jane Pickering at jane-pickering@sky.com for an entrant form to be emailed to you. Tickets for audience **£10** from Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apple-pie-competition-tickets-686791069577>

We all so look forward to welcoming you here at Shipinnarts.

Kingsclere Players Neverland is getting closer....Oh yes it is!

Following our successful promo and audition days we will be starting rehearsals for Peter Pan this month.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the events at The Crown and The Fieldgate Centre.

We still need backstage support. So if you're interested in getting involved with costumes, props, set building, sound, lighting, etc, all creative skills welcome, please get in touch and email us at kingsclereplayersgroup@gmail.com.

Clare Roberts, Kingsclere Players

KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB

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<http://www.kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/kingsclerevillageclub>



Last Chance! Jane Austen: The Woman and The Writer



An illustrated talk by Maureen Stiller of the Jane Austen Society. **Thursday September 7th, 7.30 pm.** Tickets £8 from <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/587736> or Helen (below).

Community Café

This month's Café is on **Saturday September 30th, 10 am to 1 pm**, featuring a fun quiz and a craft table for younger visitors. All welcome.

Stay on for the **Film Club** which has switched to matinee screenings, on the same day as the Community Café. Screenings start at **2 pm**. Soup and a roll will be served after the Café for those who want to stay on. This first show is free!

Work In Day

On **Sunday 8th October, 10 am to 12 am**, a group of volunteers will be giving the Club a thorough clean and spruce-up. You are welcome to join us – the more the merrier!

Harp Recital & Cream Tea

Postponed from August, the cream tea and harp recital will now be held on **Sunday 29th October, 3.30 pm**.

Tickets £15 from <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/585234> or Helen (below).



Friends of Kingsclere Village Club

The Trustees would like to thank all those who supported the Club last year by becoming a Friend. Your contributions have helped to improve the lighting in the library. If you would kindly renew your support or wish to join us as a new Friend, contact clerk@kingsclerevillageclub.

Feedback Welcomed

Have you noticed the new heating, windows and doors? Library users – what do you think of the new lights? We would value your feedback.

Helen 297390 or events@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk

Kingsclere Community Library

HOURS Tuesday & Thursday 1.00pm - 5.30pm
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm



Giant Book and Picture Sale

Fieldgate Centre 16th and 17th September

Books for donation can be delivered to the Kingsclere Community Library from Tuesday 15th August. They can also be dropped off at the **Greener Kingsclere Market/Repair Shop/Clothes Swap at the Fieldgate Centre on Sunday 3rd September 10 am - 12.30 pm.**

Pictures for entry in the Picture Sale must be entered in advance either on-line (form available at www.kingsclerelibrary.co.uk), or paper forms can be obtained from the Library during opening hours. You can also just donate pictures if wish. All pictures both for sale and donated can be delivered to the **Fieldgate Centre 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm on Friday 15th Sept and 9 am – 11 am on Saturday 16th Sept.**

Summer Reading FUN!

There is still time to sign up for our Summer Reading FUN! Programme; read 6 books and win prizes.

Visiting Books Programme

A new selection of 'visiting books' from HCC will be available from **Saturday 9th September** – come in and browse!

Exciting New Graphic Collection

We will be launching our exciting new Graphic Collection at **10.30 am on Saturday 9th September.** Come and join us!

**Nicki Lee, Kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com www.kingsclerelibrary.co.uk
Library phone number: 01635 297464**

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Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby & Toddler Group

Where: The Village Club, George St

When: Tuesdays, 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost: £2.50 for 1st child (including snack for child and hot drink and biscuit for adult), 50p per extra child, £1 per extra adult



The Bunnies have had a wonderful time over the summer, and we've enjoyed welcoming some older siblings along to our play sessions! Thanks also to Rita from Songtree Music for hosting a special sing-a-long for the Bunnies.

We are a very friendly selection of mums, dads, grandparents and child minders with children, from tiny babies to energetic toddlers. We enjoy both indoor and outdoor play, with a craft table, a dedicated baby area, plenty of toys, and singing time too.

Thank you as always to Swan Street Stores for their continued support of a weekly donation of fresh fruit snacks for the bunnies. For information visit our Facebook page, or regular visitors can join our WhatsApp group for weekly updates.

Tess Watkins 07905 624679

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands W.I.

Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street



Not too long now before we are in autumn! Where has the summer gone? After enjoying a Group Fun Quiz with our sister institutes in July, last month 17 of our WI members went out for lunch at the George and Horn in the village. All the members who attended said how much they enjoyed the meal.

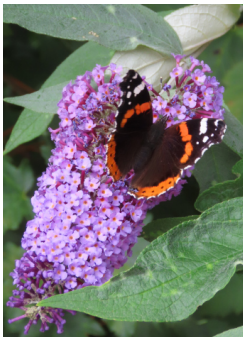
September brings us back to our usual meetings where we catch up with what members have been doing in the summer and listen to a speaker. This month the speaker is Dr Paul Sievers telling us about his trip to Japan. Dr Sievers is a retired GP from Newbury and we always enjoy his talks with accompanying slides.

The Kingsclere WI ladies meet in the Village Club on the second Wednesday of each month. In this case, the **13th September**, the meeting starts at **1.45pm**. We would love to see some new faces and get to know more of the ladies in the village. Do come and meet us, have a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits; we really are very friendly!

Margaret Geary, President 01635 297197

Nature Notes

One positive from the huge amount of rain we have had this past month is surely the scent of just-soaked summer flowers. The purple cone-shaped buddleia, usually crowned with butterflies, bowls me over on my walks with its



sweet perfume. In the context of the UK's astonishing decline in nature, it is a great joy to see so many insects busy on the beautiful blooms. The increase in Red Admiral butterflies has been widely reported, though conversely this is due to climate change and our milder winters, as many choose not to fly abroad and spend their winters here in the UK, bolstering their numbers. Watching the bumble bees scramble over violet lavender blooms is a joy I look forward to every summer; bumbles are usually seen more frequently than honeybees as they have longer tongues for accessing the flowers.

We have discovered entrances to two underground bumble bees' nests in our garden so are trying to keep clear of these areas until later in the year when the queen will move on to hibernate. Leaving the weeds in these patches looks untidy, but the bees make it clear we are not welcome!

Orange seems to be the signature colour for this month. The crocosmia border in our driveway is a radiant sunset orange; the bright berries of cuckoo-pint - or 'lords-and-ladies' as I have always known them - brighten up the scrubbiest woodland (though I warn my toddler away from these poisonous plants). Their name and shape remind me of miniature Georgian wigs, tottering on imaginary fairy folks' heads, hob-knobbing in the greenery. At the other end of the scale are the tiny black ripening berries of elderflower hanging in bunches like tiny grapes. And, tantalisingly, some early blackberries have already started to appear - plump, and deliciously sweet.

We have come across several broken woodpigeon eggs. Distinctive in their lack of marking, these pure white eggs are easy to spot, discarded from the nest. I was lucky enough to spot a parent and chick feeding together: the adult bird regurgitates its food for its chick - or squab - who dives its little head down into the adult's throat - a fascinating, intimate act to witness from afar.

Our curious dog has become a victim of squirrels throwing young green hazelnuts at her when she ventures to the bottom of the garden, showering unripened nuts on the lawn. Perhaps time for me to start collecting for our own winter stores...

Lydia Harley-Tomlinson

September In The Garden

Unfortunately the days are getting shorter, giving us less time to work in the garden. We should still have some warm days enabling us to get jobs done. Many of the trees will be changing, giving us their gorgeous autumn shades.

Lawns will need some work done on them before the winter. Remove any thatch; if not removed it will encourage weeds and moss. The lawn will also benefit from being forked to aerate, top dressing used afterwards will keep holes open and revitalize it. Small bare patches in the lawn can be seeded this month.

If you were unfortunate to lose any shrubs in the heavy frost we had earlier in the year, now is a good time to replace them with container grown plants. Maybe you have planted an evergreen shrub in the wrong position; September is a good time to move it, taking care not to damage the plant and your back.

Plant new perennials this month as the soil should be moist and still warm, giving the plant roots time to establish before the winter. Existing perennials can be divided now; often the clumps become old and bare in the centre losing their vigor. This job is easily done by digging up the clump and pulling it apart using two garden forks.

Cuttings can be taken this month; fuchsia, hydrangea, weigela, and forsythia are some of the plants to try. This time of the year, cuttings are referred to as semi-ripe; pot up the cuttings quickly, as they will be more successful if fresh.

Main crop potatoes should be lifted now, then dried for a couple of hours, they should be stored in paper bags in a dark place, to prevent them becoming green and poisonous. Lift and dry onions that are still in the ground. Plant out spring cabbage plants, sow winter lettuce, plant out garlic and autumn onion sets.



Pick autumn raspberries and harvest any tree fruit remaining. Plant out strawberry runners that have been pegged down and have established roots, making sure that they are virus free.

Plants that should be at their best now are agapanthus, dahlia, coneflower, helenium, sea holly, golden rod, michaelmas daisy, cosmos and sedum.

Ornamental grasses have become popular in recent years, these always look good in September. They do need space and the seed heads will produce many new plants, when you purchase one always check the label making sure that the plant is suitable for your garden.

Denise Allen

New Display at Sandham Memorial Chapel Links the Art of Watership Down with the Landscape



A new display of paintings will allow visitors to relive moments of the novel Watership Down while being able to enjoy the landscape which inspired the much-loved children's book.



The Whole World © Aldo Galli

The Hampshire-based artist, Aldo Galli, was commissioned by Watership Down author Richard Adams to illustrate the 40th anniversary edition of his tale of rabbits searching for a new home. The story is set in the beautiful countryside around Kingsclere and Burghclere which has been the inspiration for Galli's illustrations. Galli said "I love the novel and Richard Adams' characters...At some point, I realised that the map in the book depicted real places and before long, I found myself out in the wild with a band of rabbits! Watership Down became real. I had to put on canvas my whole experience, as a tribute to Richard Adams and his Watership Down, and at the same time, as a tribute to the beautiful Downs."

The display is at Sandham Memorial Chapel, a National Trust property which showcases the magnificent murals by the artist Stanley Spencer. The paintings show his memories of the First World War and also include tributes to the local landscape including Watership Down.

The display 'Life on Watership Down' runs **27th July to 12th November 2023**
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Food Festival - Sunday 17th September, 10.30 – 16.00

Our popular Food Festival will take place in the Mill's grounds. Local food and drink suppliers such as Crepe Britain, Mummy Makes, Thai Bites, Hot Oven and Longdog Brewery will be selling their wares. New attractions this year are:

- Award-winning visual artist and environmentalist Junk Jodie, who will be with us between 10.30 – 14.00 with a selection of food-themed children's crafts.
- Ashley Archer face painting.
- Children's activities led by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Watercress & Winterbournes team.
- A human fruit machine game.

There will be live music throughout the day. Entry is free, but donations however large or small will be welcomed. Please keep an eye on our social media pages for event updates.

Suffering Suffragettes – Friday 22nd September, 19.00 – 21.00

Actor and historian Jane Glennie from Pedlars and Petticoats will entertain us with 'Suffering Suffragettes', a theatrical and interactive presentation set in 1913 about the Votes for Women activities locally. As part of the audience you'll get to travel back in time and discover how far you would have gone to achieve the right to vote. This event is a fundraiser for the Mill – tickets £20 including a welcome drink of sparkling wine.

What We Are Weaving

We are currently working on the 'The Hide', the next scarf in our previous owner's collection. The Hide family have played a vital part in the survival of the Mill to date. On 6 November 1886, the Mill was sold by auction at The White Hart Hotel in Whitchurch. It was bought by local shopkeeper and draper John Hide for his son James. In 1911 John Hide died, leaving James sole owner of the Mill. Throughout this period, the Mill wove silk for Burberry, producing 22 different colours of lining for their famous raincoats. James Hide remained the owner of the Mill until 1956 when Stephen Walters & Sons purchased it and continued the production of silk. To this day the Hide family remain connected with the Mill. Liz Hide, a relative of James, is one of the Trustees.

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