

The Kingsclere Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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Dear Friends

It was lovely to receive the October edition of the Tower in the post and David and I will look forward to keeping in touch with the village's news and goings on via future editions.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all those of you who sent cards, letters, gifts and greetings of various kinds to us as we left Kingsclere and settled here into Islip. Despite the long run-up to our move, there were still people to whom we didn't manage to say a personal good-bye before we left the village and we can only say sorry for that. We are not so very far away and are already discovering many connections between people here and in Kingsclere so we may well find that our paths are crossing again somewhere or another.

With love and continuing prayers for you all.

Rev Lucy

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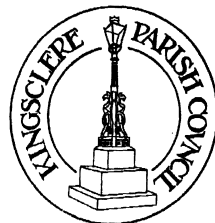
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KEEP FAT AND WET WIPES OUT OF PIPES

Thames Water have been spending a lot of time in the village clearing drains. Our drains are elderly and delicate and cannot cope with excess fat and baby wipes. Sewers are only designed to carry water, toilet roll and human waste. Anything else can collect in pipes causing nasty blockages that prevent sewage from flowing and can cause it to back up into homes, streets and rivers.

What can I do to help?

- Leave cooking fat to cool and then scrape it into the bin with other food waste;
- Don't flush wet wipes – even if they say they're flushable they still block pipes as they can take years to disintegrate;
- Put sanitary products, nappes and cotton buds in the bin;
- Take chemicals, solvents and engine oil to your local refuse site for safe disposal.

DOG FOULING

Once again we regret having to remind people to pick up after their dogs. The problem of dog fouling in Kingsclere is growing again and we would like to remind people that it is an OFFENCE not to clear up after your dog. To prevent any prosecutions and to help us keep the village clean and safe please clean up after your dogs. Dog waste can be disposed of in all the public litter bins all around the village. Thank you.

ALERTS FROM TRADING STANDARDS

Wrong Council Tax Bracket - Fraudsters have been phoning victims telling them that they are calling to let them know that they have been placed in the wrong council tax bracket for a number of years and that they are entitled to a rebate, they normally say that this rebate should be worth £7000. Since mid July Action Fraud has received 16 reports.

Once the victim is convinced, the fraudster tells them that in order to receive the rebate they will need to pay an administration fee in advance; the payment they ask for varies between £60-350. The victim provides the details and makes the payment, but then is no longer able to make contact with the person they spoke to on the phone.

When they phone their council about the rebate and the fact that they are in the wrong tax bracket, the council will confirm that they know nothing about it and that they have been contacted by fraudsters.

The fraudsters have mainly been targeting both male and female victims who are aged 60 and over and live in the Sussex area, but it is likely that the fraudsters will also start to target victims in other areas.

How to protect yourself:

- Never respond to unsolicited phone calls
- Your local council won't ever phone out-of-the-blue to discuss a council tax rebate, if you receive a call of this nature, put the phone down straight away.
- No legitimate organisation will ask you to pay an advanced fee in order to receive money; so

GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days for November are: 11th and 25th

never give them your card details.

- If you think you have been a victim of fraud, hang up the phone and wait five minutes to clear the line as fraudsters sometimes keep the line open. Then call your bank or card issuer to report the fraud. Where it is possible use a different phone line to make the phone call.

To report a fraud and receive a police crime reference number, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or use the online fraud reporting tool.

Suspicious Telephone call being received by Hampshire residents - The caller, who may suggest links with Hampshire County Council or mention the Governments Green Deal initiative, states that cavity wall or loft insulation previously installed by the consumer may be faulty and requires remedial work. They then try to arrange an appointment to visit the consumer.

- Any person receiving an unsolicited telephone call of this type is advised not to agree to a visit.
- If a visit has already been arranged, we would advise that the appointment is cancelled.

Please report these calls to Trading Standards though our partners in the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06 (If possible, with the name and/or telephone number of the caller).

Trading Standards would advise consumers not to agree to work instigated as a result of a cold call. Consumers should obtain at least 3 written quotes from reputable businesses or traders who are either members of the Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Buy With Confidence Scheme or a recognised trade association.

Members of the Buy With Confidence scheme are fully audited to ensure their trading practices are legal, honest and fair. All members have been checked for trustworthiness and compliance with consumer protection laws. Details can be obtained by telephoning 01962 833620, emailing buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk or via the website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

Traders who agree work at the home of an individual or at a place other than their usual business premises are required by law to provide consumers with a Notice of Right to Cancel, which gives consumers a 14 day cooling off period from the date the work starts. So, legally, you may have the right to cancel even though work has commenced.

VILLAGE DIARY – If you would like your event listed in the online village diary, please send the details to the clerk at the above email address.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 30th November 2015, 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 able to do so.

There will be a short presentation from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Area Manager, Kevin Evenett immediately preceding the meeting with an opportunity to ask questions about the proposals presented in the Fire Service Review.

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

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KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the time of writing it is a few days before the public meeting so by now many of you would know the outcome. Our consultants are currently working on the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment we are required to have and once this is complete, the NP group will take this into account along with views expressed by residents, before commencing work on drafting the final plan. Please keep checking the web site for updates and post your comments & questions on Facebook.

The site evaluation exercise we have undertaken has generated some interest amongst residents, and whilst the NP group are pleased that residents are taking an interest in the future of our village and welcome your input, nevertheless there has been some deliberate misinformation and rumor circulating. This is not helpful and only serves to alarm and upset people unnecessarily. If anyone is unclear about what we are doing or has any concerns then please contact your Neighbourhood Planning Group and get the correct up to date information.

For further information see www.kingsclere-np.org.uk or contact Sue Adams, 01635 299242, sueadams@madasafish.com, our Parish Clerk, Louise Porton, 01635 298634, clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk

Making a Difference Award

The Parish Council has decided to re-name the former Volunteer of the Year awards to reflect the nature of the awards that have been given recently. Obviously most of them have gone to volunteers, but some have also been awarded those who have ‘gone the extra mile’ in their working lives.

There are many in this village who make a big difference either to the whole community, to sections of it or to individuals and between us, we can give them the recognition that they deserve. We need your help to make these awards, as you will know those people far better than we do.

You may nominate someone from your group or organisation, or someone outside, that you would like to recognise. Their contribution may have been carried out over many years, or have been a huge extra effort for a special one-off event: you will know who they are, and we need you to tell us so that we can honour them.

You can nominate as many people as you wish

We do ask that you do not nominate anyone who has received an award in the past 5 years, so as to recognise as wide a range of villagers as possible. A list is held in the office if you aren’t sure.

Please contact me by email or at the office for a nomination form.

The awards will be presented at an event to be held in the late autumn in the Village Club, so would you please return your nominations to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your nominations.

Police Report for Kingsclere, Ashford Hill, Headley and Hannington

Total Crimes reported - 20

Incidents of note- There was a break to the Kingsclere Fire Station this month and an assortment of equipment was stolen from within. This incident is currently still under investigation and we

do ask that anyone with any information does come forward by contacting 101.

There have recently been a few issues with the youths hanging around at the Fieldgate Centre engaging in anti social behaviour and potential drug use; we do ask that as parents you are aware of where your children are after dark. If anyone sees anyone acting anti social in the area then we do ask that this is reported through 101.

Non- Dwelling Burglaries – The series of non-dwelling breaks seems to have increased slightly since last month, targeting sheds and outbuildings.

Theft from vehicle - We have had a few incidents in the Swan Street and George Street area, where cars have been entered and have had items stolen from within. However we are happy to report that figures are less than last months. The Neighbourhood Policing Teams are regularly checking the vehicles parked in these areas and will write to any owners who have left valuables on display.

PCOS Mel Kness

Speedwatch

Now the summer holidays are over, the SPEEDWATCH project has resumed in a new format, which it is hoped gain better results for analysis.

You may have noted that our Speed Indicating Device (SID) has been mounted 24/7 on the Basingstoke Road for the last few weeks. At first the device was not set to indicate vehicle speed so that we could gain an understanding of normal traffic speed. For the last 4 weeks the SID has been displaying speeds and we can confirm that the device is effective as average speeds have dropped almost 1mph. This may not sound a big improvement. However when you remember that the average speed is made up from every passing vehicle many of which observe the speed limit and therefore have no reason to slow down you can appreciate the difference.

Unfortunately there are a number of drivers who do not observe our speed limits at all, some (140 instances in 4 weeks) have been recorded travelling in excess of 50mph. The SID has been set up so that it does not display speeds above 50mph. Our local police have been provided with times and dates of all these occurrences in the hope that this helps with the identification of these individuals before the inevitable "accident" occurs.

The SID has now been located on the Newbury Road and will be moved on a regular basis to different locations around the village.



November 2015 at The Fieldgate Centre

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have offered help to keep the centre open. We have groups of people helping in the office; working on maintenance of the building; cleaning; developing the website; promoting the centre; applying for grants and fund-raising. Any more offers of help would be welcome.



The Fieldgate Centre

Kingsclere Community Association AGM

Wednesday November 4th 7.30pm in The Atkinson Room. All residents of Kingsclere are automatically members of KCA and are invited to attend and take part in electing a new committee of trustees. We still have space for more committee members.

Kingsclere Village Club.

A huge Thank You to all those who turned up to help the trustees with the autumn clean up. A lot of work was carried out in the garden and the kitchens.

Thank you to Maddy, Rob, Helen, Libby and Sian.

We hope to see more of you in the spring to help us maintain the village club, used by so many residents in the village.

KINGSCLERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who came to our AGM/chilli and quiz evening. The evening was great fun with the chilli and the quiz being much enjoyed.

It is not too late to join the Association or renew your membership - the cost is £5.00 per household per year and the benefits include reduced ticket prices to social events, free informal French conversation evenings with qualified French teachers (different levels catered for) and exchange visits to our twin town of Cormicy. Membership forms are available on our website www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER

The Mayor of Cormicy, with other representatives of the veterans of Cormicy, is coming to Kingsclere to take part in the Remembrance Sunday commemorations this year. They will be taking part in the parade and church service on Sunday 8 November, along with members of the Royal British Legion. Much of Cormicy was completely destroyed in the First World War, with many lives being lost, and as it's twin, we are joining together to remember our fallen.

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website:- www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning

Kingsclere Community Library

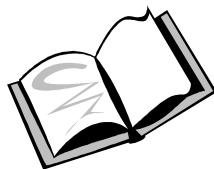
Lots of activities at YOUR local library! September saw Clare Balding entertaining children and adults (and passing her Olympic torch around, too) and October was the big used book sale. Keep your eyes on Facebook and Twitter for news of upcoming events, including more authors visiting! Rhyme Time with Rita is the second Tuesday every month at 2:30 until 3:00. Toddlers, bring your favourite adult with you to join the fun! We have books, DVDs, magazines and free Wifi. Don't forget you can order books online – even best sellers - for collection in Kingsclere.

Opening hours:

Tues & Thurs 1 – 5:30

Saturdays 10:30 – 3

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com



Dear Editors,

I would like to thank all the friends and neighbours who have rallied round to help and support me after the terrible loss of my beloved partner Mark Bassett. Thank you all so much.

Amanda Simpson. Garrett Close

Dear Editors,

I write to thank all those in the village and many other who have been so kind since Malcolm's death. I have had much support in so many ways. His funeral was a wonderful service of remembrance, where we were all able to both laugh and cry in his memory. Over £1000 was raised, in his name, for St Michael's Hospice. Thank you all.

Sue Scott



Village Market at the Village Club

November is the last market of 2015 On sale will be cakes, preserves (all hygiene certificated), hand made cards, craft items - wools, etc., home made dog treats, household products, xmas paper rolls, hand made bags and other products from time to time. So we have a wide range which will appeal to all ages. It was nice seeing new and regular customers at the last market. So come on the 28th November 10am-12md, refreshments with mince pies, etc entry is free, see you there.

Alan Gore 01635 299 118

Kingsclere Singers brings you...

YULE SING 3, A Christmas Carol Charity Event. Join the Kingsclere Singers for a night of festive Christmas carols. This family event is **FREE**, With local guest soloists. Kingsclere St Mary's, Saturday 12th December at 6pm Follow us on Facebook to find out more!

Hook Choral Society

14 November 2015, 7.30, St Johns Church, Hook.

The concert opens with a wonderful piece by Haydn – Missa Brevi: Sancti Joannis de Deo. The next part of the concert features Stanford's Three Motets. The first half of the concert will conclude with the introduction of two works by the contemporary Latvian composer – Eriks Esenvalds. He has taken the classic hymn Amazing Grace to provide a new and fresh interpretation of the much loved text. This is closely followed by his composition Stars that features a unique musical accompaniment. The wonderful Requiem by Fauré will conclude the evening.

Do come and help the choir celebrate these lovely pieces of music. Tickets are available from Trees Newsagent in Hook or by calling 01256 882067.

GREASE at The Haymarket, Basingstoke

Thurs 19 – Sat 28 November, 7:30 pm

Sat 21, 28 November, 2:30 pm

Following their sell-out production of Sister Act earlier this year, BATS draws on the creative talents of new director, Angus Jacobs and musical director Julie Dance for the 'electrifying' rock 'n roll show, Grease – featuring Danny and Sandy, the sassy Pink Ladies, super-cool Burger Palace Boys and the rest of the gang at Rydell High School.

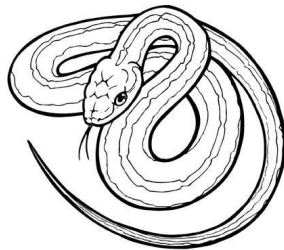
Grease is the original high-school musical, packed with explosive energy and dance routines and vibrant 1950s fashion and pop culture. BATS brings you the mega-mix classics: Summer Nights, Greased Lightning and We Go Together – as well as all of the songs from the original film: Grease (is the Word), Hopelessly Devoted to You, Sandy and You're The One That I Want.

Full ticket prices: £22.50 (adult) and £14 (Children 16 and under). All prices include Anvil Arts £1 booking fee per ticket. Concessions apply for all performances for over-60s, groups and full-time students.

Book your tickets online via www.bats.net, www.anvilarts.org.uk, call 01256 844244 or visit The Haymarket or Anvil box offices

Nature Notes

Among the hotchpotch of ducks on the local lake recently there was one with a very strange swimming action. One wing was carried awkwardly very high on its back suggesting damage and that the bird would be unable to fly. On the same side the foot was trailing uselessly and therefore all the swimming work was being done by the sound foot. The bird had adjusted to the problem but it had resulted in a rocking motion.



All birds love to bathe, some geese even roll on their backs but several ducks were behaving in a manner not noticed before. Despite being dabbling ducks they were performing shallow dives, disappearing from sight and then exploding upwards to the surface before carrying out the usual wallowing and preening.

In September we had an opportunity to see some temporarily captive slow worms rescued from an unfavourable habitat. It was fascinating to watch two adults emerge from the shelters constructed for them to deal with slugs as they were offered. It seemed almost as though they could “taste” the slugs by flicking their very sensory tongues. The hapless prey was firmly grasped in the middle and gradually munched. A surprise came with the arrival of ten tiny threadlike babies –wonderfully independent and able to tackle small prey. Their golden bodies had a dark stripe along the back ending with a tiny black dot, star, or v shape on the head, each pattern was slightly different. As sunlight reached them they emerged to bask. They will be released to hibernate.

Diana Tait & Rod Eldred

Kingsclere Heritage Association—Wallingford Castle

Little remains of this mighty castle although visitors to the charming town of Wallingford today can still visit Castle Meadows and see the remaining parts of the walls. Built for William the Conqueror and finally razed during the Civil War, as a key Royal Castle it played a very important part in our history for over 500 years. Judy Dewey, Curator of the Wallingford Museum will tell us the story and why we should visit Wallingford. 7:30 pm, Thursday 19th November Kingsclere Village Club

Peter Woodman peter@pwoodman.co.uk: 01635 297144

Kingsclere Heritage Association

100 years ago our local men were fighting in Europe and at sea.

Although it seems a long time ago, some were uncles and fathers of local people around today. Many local women were working or volunteering in the war hospital (Kingsclere House), caring for up to 50 soldiers at a time. 11 KHA members are involved with a village WW1 project, and are planning an Exhibition and special 'Bedbug Recorder' magazine for next year. Although we have some information, we would like to see a lot more! If you have any local information, stories, and especially photos related to Kingsclere men, women and children during WW1 that you could share with us then we would love to hear from you!

You can contact us as follows:-

Women at War, farming, general.	Peter Woodman 01635-297144
Kingsclere 'life' in WW1	Helen Gore 01635-299118
Servicemen / Roll of Honour	Richard Croft 01635-298114
War Hospital and Dell War Shrine	Gareth Martin 01635-299227

Or you could come along to one of our Monday afternoon archive sessions at the Village Club (2-4pm)

The KHA WW1 Team

Lest We Forget

Two Brothers Killed

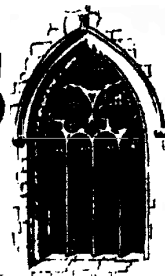
Second Lieutenant Eric Barnes was killed during the First Battle of Ypres, Belgium on Sunday, 1 November 1914 aged 20. He had left Sandhurst the previous May and was gazetted to the Lincolnshire Regiment. With his regiment he embarked for France in August in the British Expeditionary Force to support the French and Belgian armies. He is recorded on the Menin Gate.

Second Lieutenant Ralph Barnes was killed on Tuesday 30 October 1917 during the Third Battle of Ypres. The older brother of Eric, he trained as a solicitor and subsequently enlisted in the London Regiment [Post Office Rifles]. He is recorded on the Tyne Cot Memorial at Zonnebeke, Belgium. His father, John Barnes, who was Clerk to Kingsclere Rural District Council and held other offices in Kingsclere, outlived him by just six weeks.

As well as appearing on the Kingsclere War Memorial The two brothers are commemorated on a memorial stone just to the north of the west door in the churchyard.



The Church Pages



Vacancy update 2

We're off

Rev. Lucy has officially moved to her new parish - so the Vacancy process has now started, in line with church law. There are a number of things which now have to be completed against a specific time-frame. For details, why not have a look at the yellow posters on the church notice boards?

By the time you all read this, we will be finalising the package of information which will be available to any interested enquirer. The pack will contain a detailed role description of what we are hoping for in a new Vicar; what we are able to offer in return as a United Benefice; and information on the parishes themselves. There will be lots of pictures about life in Kingsclere, Ashford Hill and Headley and why we all like living in the area! Thank you to all those who have contributed to the document – your comments have been very helpful. Please visit www.clerewoodlands.org.uk/our-new-vicar/ for more information.

When do you see any changes?

Advertising will not start until the new year (leading up to Christmas is not a time when potential Vicars look for new jobs - they are too busy!!). It will be Easter before any decisions are made, assuming all goes well. We know this all sounds amazingly slow but we have no choice locally over the time-table... It starts with the Archbishop of Canterbury and works its way back to the individual benefice.

And in the meantime: Please be reassured - all the normal activities of a church continue during a Vacancy period. Regular services on Sundays and ones such as weddings and funerals will be taken by visiting priests. Local lay worship leaders will continue to take monthly Sunday and other special services. Pastoral support will continue to be available from the pastoral care team. Home communion will continue to be available. All other activities, such as Prayer Groups, Choirs, ABC and Messy Church, Christingle, Carol Concerts, will all continue. Details will be available on the Kingsclere Woodlands web-site at www.clerewoodlands.org.uk or on church notice boards and in the pew slips to be found in all three churches.

Keeping in touch with progress. Over the coming months, we will continue to keep you up-to-date with what is going on. If you have any queries in the meantime please do get in touch.

Maggy Wallace. mjwwatershipdown@msn.com or 01635 298794.

Services in November 2015

Sunday 1 st November All Saints	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 8 th November 3 rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
	10.50am	Service of Remembrance - St Mary’s, Kingsclere
	10.50am	Service of Remembrance – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	3pm	Service of Remembrance – St Peter’s, Headley
Sunday 15 th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	8am	Holy Communion - St Peter’s, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church and Baptism St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 22 nd November Christ the King / Sunday before Advent	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Parish Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	4pm	“In Loving Memory” commemoration service – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 29 th November Advent 1	10.30am	Benefice Communion – St Peter’s, Headley
	4pm	“Dress Up Sunday” – Walking toward Christmas – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
Sunday 6 th December Advent 2	8am	Parish Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary’s, Kingsclere

From the Registers of St Mary's

Baptism *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

20 Sept Hugo Briant-Evans

Wedding *Those whom God has joined together*

12 Sept James Goff and Amy Randall

Lighting Up St Mary's

October

9th For Louisa on your 18th birthday. With love from Mum, Dad and Jack.

November

11th Remembrance Day.

23rd Dearest Eileen, With Love and Remembrance, Anne, Bill and Graham xxx





24th Thinking of Jonny on his 27th birthday and always. We miss him dreadfully. The pain gets no less. He was a wonderful son and brother and friend to us all. He is always in our hearts and minds. God Bless. Tim, Sue, David, Lizzie and Andrew.

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 December and January Tower is November 10th. Any bookings for January after this date will appear in the February Tower.

ABC service for children and their carers 16th Nov 9:30 am – St Mary's



St. Mary's Church

(See also back cover)

Vicar	The vicarage phone has been disconnected. Please use details below.	
Churchwarden	Steve Jaques Steve.jaques@me.com	 07887 428145
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	 42962
Administrator	Emma Rivers administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk	 07790 934972

Methodist Chapel

(See also back cover)

Steward	Wendy Morgan	 297538
Secretary and Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	 297585

Methodist Notes

Sunday services 930

Preachers for November

- 1 Rev Elaine Rawlings
- 8 Remembrance Sunday with Rev Elaine Rawlings at the cenotaph 10:45. To be followed by service in St Mary's Church
- 15 Rev Jenny Ellis. Something Different and Holy Communion
- 22 Mrs. Dorothy Regan
- 29 Mr Tim Gardner

Coffee mornings every Thursday 10:30 until 12 noon. Everyone welcome. Why not look in when you are shopping for tea, coffee, or orange, apple or blackcurrant.

Harvest Supper

We had an enjoyable supper when our friends from the Roman Catholic Church and St Mary's joined us. I found it very pleasant when four from St Mary's joined me at my table. The Methodists provided the savouries and the other two churches brought the desserts. This was organised by our new chief steward Wendy Morgan. She also organises the food for the food bank at Andover.

Margaret Ingram 299152

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

The biennial Art Exhibition last month, organised by Linda Elvin and Jane Bakie, was a great success once again, and many people greatly enjoyed the wonderful range of excellent artwork on show. The organisers have again very kindly donated a considerable sum to FOSM as a result, for which we are extremely grateful.

The Friends' Annual General Meeting will be held in the Kingsmill Room on Wednesday 4th November; please note the revised start time of 7.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing as many Friends there as possible, and after the formal part of the meeting there will be a short presentation on the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan, concerning future development in the village.

Our next event will be a circular Village Walk, on the morning of Sunday 27th December, to recover from the preceding festivities. Everyone will be welcome to take part, along with children, dogs, lingering Christmas visitors, etc. Further details will be given in next month's Tower, and we hope that this may be the start of a new Kingsclere tradition.

Peter Turner, Chairman

ST MARY'S GUILD

We were well entertained at our October meeting, when Maggy Wallace came along and gave a talk on her work as Stock Watcher at Greenham Common. We learned some very interesting facts and were shown some lovely photos. Made us realise how lucky we are to have such a beautiful amenity on our doorstep.

Our Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 25th November, when Andrew Kitch will be presenting 'Southampton to San Francisco'. He will be recounting a recent cruise which docked in some exotic (and some not so exotic) places. He will show us lots of photos and hopefully have some interesting tales to tell. Please do come along and join us. Members free – guests £2.00. All meetings are held in the Kingsmill Room of St. Mary's Church and commence at 2.15 p.m. We always finish with a raffle, a chat and a slice of home-made cake.

On Saturday 7th November, we shall be holding a Coffee Morning and Craft Fair in the Kingsmill Room from 10 am to 12 Noon. There will be plenty of refreshments, a Cake Stall, Raffle, Jewellery stall, hand made crocheted and knitted items and general gifts. Please do come along to support us. All profits will be donated to St. Michael's Hospice. We would also be grateful to receive donations of cakes and raffle prizes.

December meeting will be a members only Christmas Meal. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

Pam Kitch, Chairman, 299743

Calendar for 2016 – Great for Christmas Presents

Tony Matthews and Gareth Martin of the Kingsclere Photo Club have put together a selection of their photographs for a calendar for 2016. This will be on sale in Swan Street Stores from the end of October, price £5.99. They have very kindly agreed that all profits will go to St Mary's Church

Can you help St Mary's?

We at St Mary's Church need a small amount of Tarmac to repair the path on the north side of the church where it floods whenever it rains. Unfortunately the amount is so small that we are finding it difficult to find a contractor to do the work. Are you having any Tarmac laid? Could we add our requirement to your order? If you think you can help could you please contact Nick Selsey on 01635 42962 or email selsey53@hotmail.com. Thankyou

A series of four Bible studies in The Gospel of John

On Tuesdays Nov.10th 17th, 24th and Dec. 1st at the home of Tom and Mary Sneyd, 18A, Swan Street, Kingsclere

And on Wednesdays Nov.11th, 18th, 25th and Dec.2nd at the Ship Inn, Ashford Hill, courtesy of Georgie Selby

All meetings will begin at 7.30 pm with dessert and coffee or tea. We will use a DVD of John's Gospel in which the narrator is Christopher Plummer of "Sound of Music" fame and in which the events told in the gospel are dramatised. Each evening should end around 9.15 pm.

Please RSVP to Neil and Jacqueline Britton at:

britton.neil.jacqueline@googlemail.com. 01635 297687

Afternoon Tea

Members of the Kingsclere **Catholic, Methodist and Anglican churches** invite you to afternoon tea in the Feilden Court meeting room on Wednesday 18 November at 3pm. Please come along and share your ideas on how our three churches can work together and support each other.

We look forward to seeing you. All welcome.

For further details please telephone one of the following:

Sarah Davis
299546

Wendy Morgan
297538

Janet Sturgess
298079

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

in the Kingsmill Room St Mary's Church

Back for it's third year, we will be hosting a traditional Christmas Lunch, on Christmas Day, for people and couples who are on their own this festive season.

This joyous event will be held in the Kingsmill Room from 12.45pm on 25th December, the cost is £7 per person and transport to/from your home in the village can be provided.

If you would like to spend Christmas Day in the company of others and would like to join us, or if you just have a query, please call Pippa Ashton on 01635 298448 /07775 903214 - there are also sign up sheets in the Kingsmill Room and at Rose Hodson Court.

Best wishes - The Ashton Family

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner October 2015 No 4 Diana Tait

Well done, Diana

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



Kingsclere Film Club

2015-2016 10th Anniversary Season

Saturday, 14 November at 7.30pm at the Village Club, George Street

Captain Phillips

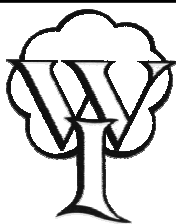
(2013 – 12A – 129 minutes – 3 Oscars)

A multi-layered examination of the true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the US-flagged MV Maersk Alabama, the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in two hundred years.

Next month: Saturday, 5 December- Christmas Social and *Paddington*

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



Kingsclere and Headley Woodland WI

Ladies, have you been to your WI recently, if not, why not come along and meet us, I'm sure you'll see many old friends and maybe, make some new ones.

Our next monthly meeting is on November 11th at 1.45pm in the Village Club in George Street when we will be welcoming Alick Brown with his talk about 'SSAFA - How a 19th Century Charity still works in the 21st Century'. We hear a lot in the news about Help for Heroes, but not much about the extensive work of other armed forces charities.

Please do come along and you will be warmly welcomed by both the committee and members of your local WI. Tea and biscuits are always available.

Margaret Geary (President)

GARDEN CLUB



Next meeting Thursday 12 November at 7:30pm at Kingsclere Village Club

Our November speaker is Hampton Court Flower Show 3-times medal winner Fran Lawton from Newbury. She studied garden design and landscape architecture at Capel Manor College and attained her MA at Greenwich University. Fran will give us an illustrated talk about roof gardens, in particular the Kensington Roof Gardens where she worked for 3 years and how this inspired one of her gardens at Hampton Court, and also modern roof gardens. Everybody is welcome – the talk is free to members and £2 for non-members. (please note, this is a change to the previously published programme).

Daffodil bulbs for our 2016 Spring Show on 10 April will be available, and the competition for the evening is a vase of flowers one kind or mixed, a single stem from the garden, a pair of vegetables, a pot plant, and a vase of flowers, foliage and/or berries.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

It is planned that our meeting on 3 December will consist of a talk by Les and Maggie Wallace about the Arctic Circle, a gardeners' question time – questions in advance to John on 01256 850017 or Denise on 01635 297966 please, refreshments including mince pies, mulled wine and apple juice, and a festive, interactive raffle with themed prizes.

Our popular social evening is being held on Saturday 30 January 2016 at Sandford Springs Golf Club. This consists of a 3-course meal – further details will be available nearer the time. Do come along – this is a good chance to meet up with friends and cheer up January.

Sue Earl 01635 298286

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THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kingsclere's firework and bonfire display

Saturday 7th November at the Fieldgate Centre

Gates open at 5.30pm, fire lit at 6pm & firework display at 6.30pm (no pets or sparklers allowed)

Refreshments include a BBQ (with vegetarian option) and bar.

Tickets for this fantastic community event from Swan Street Stores or Kingsclere School £5 adult /£3 under 16's in advance

Tickets on the gate are £7 adult/£4 under 16's

Pre school age children free

Don't miss this brilliant night out, get your tickets now and tell your family and friends to come along too!

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

The School Christmas Fair will be on Friday 4th Dec

Festive fun including a fantastic raffle, festive games & crafts, stalls, refreshments and Santa's Grotto. Plus we are hoping to have stalls selling gifts, arts and crafts so if you are interested in having a table please contact us.

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

THE WATERMILL THEATRE, NEWBURY

Forthcoming productions:

ALICE IN WONDERLAND by Lewis Carroll

Thursday 19 November 2015 to Sunday 3 January 2016

Join Alice in an enchanting world of talking animals, a bad-tempered Queen and a Mad Hatter for an unforgettable musical adventure.

TELL ME ON A SUNDAY with Jodie Prenger

Thursday 28 January 2016 to Saturday 20 February 2016

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's classic musical features Tell Me On A Sunday, Take That Look Off Your Face and Unexpected Song.

For further information ant to book online go to: www.watermill.org.uk

BOX OFFICE 01635 46044



Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

Autumn has rolled around and our Committee are busy with two projects: sourcing a set of musical instruments so that our Bunnies can join in at song time (thanks to a grant secured by our outgoing Chair), and planning our Christmas party! We have a few ideas in the pipeline, so watch out for more information on how to sign up.

We are a friendly group of parents, carers and mums-to-be who warmly welcome you to join us for a play and a natter over a cup of tea.

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.

Do search “Kingsclere Village Bunnies” to find us on Facebook – we also have a Preloved page on which you can buy, sell and give away items locally.

Claire Ellis - 297050

Foresters Friendly Society—Coach Trip

The Foresters will be visiting Oxford and its Christmas Market on Saturday 12th December 2015. The coach will leave The Square, Kingsclere at 8.45 a.m.



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

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in aid of St Michael's Hospice on Saturday 3rd October. The sun was shining and the Village Club was buzzing. The team of friends who manned stalls and served refreshments. Thank you! Everyone who came along to have a coffee, buy a cake or a pot of jam, try your luck on the tombola or raffle We managed to raise a fantastic £535.88!!

DATES FOR 2016: SATURDAY 11TH JUNE & SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER at the Village Club.



Sarah Melling



1st Kingsclere Guides

I've just returned from Wembley Arena where our Guides joined thousands of others for The Big Gig – a two & a half hour pop concert specifically for Guides. Acts included Ella Henderson and Nathan Sykes. My ears are still ringing but it was worth it – the girls had a great time. Activities for the rest of the term include a night time geocache hike, a cook-out, ice skating and a meal out at Giraffe, Basingstoke. We have vacancies in our unit so if your daughter is age 10+ and would like to come along and see what we do, please contact me – details below.

I am very pleased to announce that we have a new Guide Leader. Kirsty Gordon is an experienced Guide Leader who has recently moved to Headley. Welcome Kirsty. We are still looking for additional assistant leaders & unit helpers so if you are a woman aged 18+ and would like an interesting and rewarding voluntary job helping your daughters and our young girls, why not give it a go? For more information see www.girlguiding.org.uk

Sue Adams sueadams@madasafish.com 01635 299242



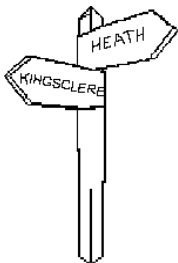
Kingsclere CE Primary School Open Day

“A Good School with Outstanding features” – Ofsted

Thursday 12th November 2015

Sessions at 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Please contact the School Office on 01635 298583 or email adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk to book



KINGSCLERE PARISH PATHS WORKING GROUP

On Thursday September 7th, seven of our group helped Hannington Parish council, the Ramblers association and HCC rights of way team to remove old stiles and erect kissing gates on the footpaths on Cottington Hill, below the mast. Also, much undergrowth and overgrown bushes were cleared back. This is now a much improved path, and it is possible to do a very pleasant circular walk, which also

links up with the Wayfarers Walk.

On Sunday September 27th, much work was done to improve the paths within the village and many thanks to those nine volunteers who helped; a very good "turn out"!

We worked on the footpath at the end of North Street to clear the mud off the path (more will be done there to improve the drainage) and also the path behind the allotments. This path is now well used because of the new houses at Longcroft.

We also went across the by-pass to clear the path at the side of Strokens farm and also at Nutkins Farm.

There are still plenty of our footpath maps available, with suggested walks in them, available from the Parish office in the Village club on George Street, or from me.

Last work day for this year should be on Sunday, November 29th, but please check with the Clerk if this is still correct. Tel. 298634. If not, see you next year on Sunday January 31st!

Heath Denness Tel.298376

British Legion Garden

We are told that when we see the sun shining or green grass that we feel brighter. This is certainly true for me. What a joy it is as late as October 11th to count at least eight species of flowers blooming in the little garden between the Crown Hotel and the road opposite the church. This was constructed earlier this year by the British Legion in memory of those who gave their lives so that we might have our freedom. I walk past this at least three times a week and it gives me so much pleasure. Do look at it when you pass to the surgery and thank you to those who planted it up and have kept it weeded. This is an asset to our village and I feel sure those who gave their lives and are remembered in this way would be proud to know they have not been forgotten.

Margaret Ingram

Kingsclere, Ashford Hill with Headley Care Group

Sad news.



After over 30 years of providing monthly lunches for hundreds of villagers, the Care Group is having to shut up shop on this aspect of our work.

Why is this? Our long-term organisers and producers of wonderful meals, Pam Kitch and Brenda Sharp, are hanging up their aprons after several years of cooking, carrying and serving meals, together with their dedicated band of helpers. We still have lots of helpers but no-one to organise things.

So - unless anyone comes forward as result of this piece, December 2015 will be the last Care Group lunch and the sad end of a much appreciated village tradition.

Please note: We will still be undertaking all our usual transport activity – for medical need to the health centre or hospitals.

For more detailsor even, possibly, offers of help...please ring either Pam Kitch on 01635 299743 or or Maggy Wallace on 01635 298794. Thank you.

Kingsclere PHOTO Club

****EXHIBITION RESULTS****

Thank you to everyone who came to our show, our best yet, and we hope you enjoyed the pictures!

The 'favourite' photo as voted by you was 'Red Kite 1' by Mark O'Leary (normally known for his fine portraits), followed by 'Purple Heron' by Tony Matthews and 'Jogging in the Rain' by David Osselton.

2016 CALENDAR

Unfortunately we are not producing a calendar this year, however a couple of members have, and are on sale at Swan Street Stores, proceeds to St Mary's Church.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS at the Village Club (Main Hall), George Street, 7.30 for 8.00pm start:

Weds 4th Nov Member's Petcha Kucha presentations – 20 slides, 20 seconds each!

Weds 2nd Dec AGM, 'Best Photo of 2015' competition and Xmas nibbles!

For more club information, see our website: www.kingsclerephoto.org or contact:-Gareth Martin (Treasurer/Darkroom) Tel. (01635) 299227

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