

The Kingsclere Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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HAVE YOU EVER HELPED WITH THE TOWER?

'Tower Team' members past and present are cordially invited to the 50 year celebration of The Tower to be held on Sunday 28 June. If you ever delivered or helped put together our magazine and would like to attend, please contact Les Wallace for details and to RSVP. It would be wonderful to meet our predecessors and celebrate together.

The Editors

Help Wanted ** Help Wanted ** Help Wanted

VOLUNTEER URGENTLY NEEDED TO DELIVER THE TOWER MAGAZINE, (SHORT or LONG TERM) 18 x Magazines in UNION LANE.

We also are still looking for reserve volunteers, to deliver in any area of the village to cover regulars holidays etc.

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To all "Tower" Contributors

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Kingsclere Parish Council

KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL RETIREMENTS

Following the recent uncontested Parish Council Elections, we have seen three highly experienced Councillors Janet Bond; Alan Denness and Tony Savin, retire. This council came into office in difficult times, but thanks to the hard work and goodwill of all councillors, helped by the steady work and experience of our Clerk, we end our term with substantial progress to look back on and with plans for the future.

Much of this has been down to the excellent work of our former Chairman, Alan Denness, a man who has always promoted the best interests of the whole village, thanks to his instinctive sense of community and superb interpersonal skills. Alan has always got a project on the go, his latest being the transfer of responsibility for the library from Hampshire County Council to the community. This has needed all of his tenacity and powers of persuasion, but is now running strongly following the formal launch on May 9th. I personally have benefitted from his extensive knowledge and understanding of the work of the council and indeed of the village generally. I would like to thank him for his generous help and wish him all the best in what he claims is going to be his retirement.

I would also like to thank Janet Bond and Tony Savin for the work they have done on the council over many years.

Janet has taken a special interest in the environment of the village, especially the wild flower meadow, and her work on the GP committee has been stalwart. Even over recent months with the establishment of the Allotments group and the Speedwatch scheme, Janet has shown no signs of slowing up!

I also appreciate the work that Tony has undertaken, particularly the community bus, even though his circumstances have sometimes made it very difficult. I have particularly welcomed their work on the recruitment of a new Clerk. People like Janet and Tony, in their quiet and undemonstrative ways keep the wheels of Parish Councils turning and their experience, support and initiative will be missed. I would like to thank them both, and am only sorry that I cannot do so personally and in public.

Cllr John Sawyer, Vice Chairman

GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days for June are: 10th and 24th

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARISH CLERK

As most of you know, our Clerk of 10 years, Sheila Thompson, is retiring this year and will be leaving us on 4th July. Following a very strong field of Candidates, we are pleased to announce that Louise Porton, a long-time resident of Kingsclere, has been appointed as your new Parish Clerk. Many of you will know Louise as she has been very active in many village clubs and organisations. I am sure you will all join us in welcoming Louise to her new post.

VACANT ALLOTMENT PLOTS

We have two vacant plots at the Longcroft Road Allotment Gardens. Anyone living in Kingsclere wishing to rent one is asked to contact the Clerk on 298634 who can provide more details, or email clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 29th June 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 given the opportunity to do so.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR

We are looking for any known relatives of a Frederick Seymour who was listed in the 1901 Census as residing at No:1 Wellington Terrace (on Newbury Road) in Kingsclere.

It has recently been discovered that Frederick was killed during the first World War at the age of 21. He was never married. His name does not appear on the War Memorial on the Square and we have checked with the War Office that his name is not recorded on any other memorial and that he has a right to have his name added to our cross in the Square and this is something we would like to do.

We are now asking if anyone has any knowledge of the family or know of the whereabouts of any descendants, in order that we may contact them regarding this matter. Please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office on 298634

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

 [@kingsclerepc](https://twitter.com/kingsclerepc)  facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

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KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

During April we met with Bewley Homes to discuss an additional potential site at Yew Tree Farm. A report of the meeting can be found on our web site. Discussions have also continued regarding the actual plot of land available at Porch Farm as the original site offered was withdrawn. Both these two 'late entries' to the list of potential sites have resulted in several weeks delay in progressing our plan as both have to be considered and evaluated. At our May meeting, the NP group agreed to give notice that as from 15th June we will no longer consider any new sites offered for development. We have sufficient sites to enable us to meet our obligation for approximately 50 homes so now must draw a line on considering new plots.

Also at the May meeting the group agreed to apply for further grant funding so that we can engage our consultants, AECOM, to prepare the Strategic Environmental Assessment plus the draft pre-submission and supporting documentation. During May, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council will be holding a meeting for representatives of all 12 NP groups in the Borough. A report will appear on our web site in June.

For further information see www.kingsclere-np.org.uk or contact Sue Adams, 01635 299242, sueadams@madasafish.com, our Parish Clerk, Sheila Thompson, 01635 298634, clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk or give us your questions & comments on Facebook.

Tadley & District Citizens Advice Bureau

The CAB offers free, confidential and impartial information to all members of the public.

We are looking for volunteers for various roles in our office in Franklin Avenue, Tadley. We currently have vacancies for volunteer advisers during the day and evening. We provide all trainee advisers with a comprehensive accredited training programme that will give you the skills you need to deliver a high quality service to clients.

We also need volunteer admin staff who could work on reception one or two mornings a week from 9.30am - 1.15pm. Good basic computer skills would be needed but full training will be given.

If you are interested in either of these roles, please either phone the office on our admin line 0118 981 7567 or email us on admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk to discuss further.

Police Report

April Statistics for Kingsclere, Ashford Hill & Headley

Non Dwelling Burglary	5
Theft (General)	4
Theft from Vehicle	1
Criminal Damage	1
Other Crime	9
Total Crimes	20



There are 3 new policing priorities

1: Speeding/Traffic issues - Kingsclere have an existing Speedwatch scheme which remains very active.

2: Burglary (Non Dwelling) - This area has seen an increase in non dwelling type burglaries. There were 11 incidents in March and April in this area alone. We urge people to take steps to ensure garage and shed security.

3: Burglary (Dwelling) - Although this is uncommon in our area usually, we have seen 2 this March.

Incidents of note

Non Dwelling Burglaries - These are very widely spread, however we are seeing these occur at properties with bicycles, and gardening machinery. Please record all serial numbers of your property, consider the use of www.immobilise.com to create your own personal record of your goods.

4X4 thefts - We have seen a considerable number of thefts of vehicles across the area, many of which are Landrover Defenders. Frequently the victim states that unknown people had been making enquiries and offering to purchase vehicles just days before an attempt was made to take the vehicle.

13th - 14th - St Mary's road, Kingsclere, a vehicle window was smashed by an unknown offender who took a purse from within the vehicle.

In March we had 2 reports of vehicles targeted at Whitehill car park. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

Signs warning motorists to remove their valuables have been targeted by thieves. If you notice anyone tampering with these signs, take note of as many details as possible and contact police immediately.

PCSO 15097 Abbey CARPENTER

Contact your local neighbourhood policing team on 101
abbey.carpenter@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Kingsclere Village Club

Spring Clean- Thank you

A massive 'Thank You' to those who helped us spring clean at the end of April and to Fiona and Annette for the lovely cakes they provided to keep us going. The club is solely run by volunteers so it is lovely to receive some help every now and again. See more of you in the autumn.

Jazz Evening

An evening of Jazz, Blues, Funk and Soul with acclaimed singer Linley Weir and Kingsclere's own Jamie Howell on guitar. Linley's rich, powerful voice regularly graces the jazz clubs of London and festivals up and down the country. Jamie's trio, comprising of Hammond organ, drums and guitar, can move from subtle jazz textures to searing blues rock and everything in between.

The band will be supported by members of the newly formed Kingsclere Rock School.

Saturday 20th June, doors 7:30 for 8pm start. Tickets £12 from the village butchers. More information: info@jamiehowell.co.uk / www.linleyweir.com

For all village club info please look at our website: kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk

Emma Hartley

Ashford Hill & Headley Choir

Sunday 21st June 2015 at 4 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Ashford Hill & Headley Choir invite you to enjoy Jon Whitfield's Poetry, Music and have a go at doing something yourself.

Tea, coffee and cake to follow.

Georgie Selby and Vanessa Martin

Newnham Open Gardens – Sunday 7 June 2015

Do come and see some of our lovely village gardens in Newnham on Sunday 7 June between 1:30pm and 5pm. In addition to a wide range of gardens to view, we will have our ever-popular plant stall. Homemade cakes and teas will be available at the beautiful Manor Farm barn to complete the afternoon!

Tickets will be available from our information tent on the village green (RG27 9AH) and parking clearly marked from here. Entrance is £5, under 16s free.

Kingsclere Community Library

Our official launch on 9 May was a great success with over 60 people attending. The launch was opened by Alan Denness, former Parish Chairman who was so instrumental in getting the volunteer library established. Jo Baker, one of the volunteer coordinators thanked all of the library supporters, and Sir Tim Sainsbury cut the ribbon and Lady Sainsbury cut the cake and we were launched!



Everyone noted that the success was thanks to strong local support - from over 40 volunteers, the village club, parish council, Sainsbury Family Headley Trust, and other local residents who have stepped forward to help. This includes Peter Woodman who wrote the business plan to obtain funding, locksmith Mark Bassett, Nigel at the Village Butcher who is donating the 'bone money' each month and CakeyPigg Tea Room at Cottismore Garden Centre who donated the fabulous cake for the launch.

The library remains open to all local residents in Kingsclere and the surrounding villages the same hours as previously:

- Tues/Thurs 13:00 – 17:30
- Saturday 10:30 – 15:00.

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH REPORT

The Speedwatch Group has continued with its monitoring of driver's speeds through the village in the last month.

We are also pleased to advise that we have obtained an additional three volunteers. This will allow us to spread the roster. We thank them and others in the group for their help.

The group monitored locations in 30 & 40 MPH zones and recorded the following.

23/4/2015	(40 MPH Area)	8.30 - 9.30	5 offenders
23/5/2015	(30 MPH Area)	17.00 - 18.00	12 offenders
			+ 1 repeat offender
7/5/2015	(30 MPH Area)	08.00 - 08.30	4 offenders.

Detected speeds have been between 7 mph to 14 mph over signed limits. If you could spare 2 hrs a month to help us continue this project or have a suggested location please contact David Ainsworth for details: 01635 298816

Brian Elborn



Market at the Village Club

We hoped you enjoyed the early sunshine in April and you are now looking for products for the garden and the home. Why not come and explore your own Village Market? You could be pleasantly surprised by the range of goods on offer at very reasonable prices. Next market is on May 30th and the following is 27th June. Refreshments available.

Alan Gore 01635 299118

Royal British Legion. Kingsclere Branch.

Your local Branch have been busy recently.

Firstly we have welcomed eight New Members since November of last year and are always happy to see more people join us.

On April 25th we Commemorated the Gallipoli Campaign, whilst also remembering Australia and New Zealand on Anzac Day.

We commemorated Victory In Europe Day on May 8th, then our Chairman and friends were outside the Church on 9th giving away Freebies on behalf of the Legion. Although no payment was required some donations were received for the Poppy Appeal for 2014/2015 which goes on until September of this year before we start again for next year.

We would like to say Thank you to those members of the Public who came along to the War Memorial to support us on both occasions.

Many thanks also to the Bell Ringers who very kindly marked the occasion of VE Day both on the Friday evening and also on the Saturday morning.

We are aiming to hold some Social Events later in the year to which the Public will be invited, so please watch the Tower for further information.

A Coach will be going to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on Wednesday 2nd. September 2015.

Leaving Kingsclere at 8.15am.

Cost £20 per person. Payable on Booking. Cheques to be made payable to Mrs. W. Morgan. There is no charge for entry to the Arboretum.

If you would like to join us for this trip , please contact Wendy Morgan (Chairman) Telephone number 01635 297538

Maureen Martin(Secretary) 01635 299003

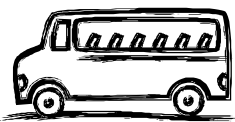
Nature Notes

Thank you to those who reported seeing hares in response to last month's notes in which we had commented on their apparent scarcity. Our meagre sightings ended whilst walking in the Ashmansworth area where we spotted ones and twos in various fields, however, on a hill top, where a cover crop had decayed, there was an abundance of them. The old maize crop had broken down to give a large expanse of perfect cover and from this patch sprang hares galore, hidden one moment then leaping into action, full of exuberance and the joys of Spring.



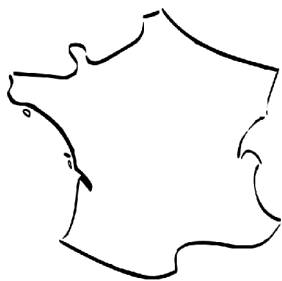
On an April walk at Crux Easton we passed a small paddock occupied by a little flock of burly, grey Herdwick sheep, native to the hills of Cumbria. Our attention was drawn to one ewe which seemed torn between approaching us yet drawn to be with her lamb. Suddenly we were aware of the cause of her behaviour. Her second lamb lay wedged between two overlapping pieces of fence. Having extracted the lamb we found that it could not stand and the mother stood afar off watching. Such a lovely sturdy black lamb but if it could not stand it could not suckle. One of us watched while the other went, unsuccessfully for help. Eventually the ewe got it to its feet and fed it. Probably a mixture of cramped legs and hunger caused the problem. She took the rescued lamb away to join its sibling.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred



Couch Outing from Kingsclere - Borde Hill Garden

Wednesday 24th June. The outing this month will be to Borde Hill Garden near Haywards Heath in West Sussex. Magnolia trees and rhododendron and azaleas are a feature at Borde Hill, whether any will still be in flower in June I do not know. There are many David Austen roses in the rose garden. At 2pm we will have a guided tour of the house. Coach fare £16.70 per person. Admittance to gardens and guided tour of house £9 per person. Coach will pick up at 9:00 am at King John Road, then the Square and Garrett Close. To book, please call Joseie Norton, 298059.



KINGSCLERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Twinning Association would like to wish The Kingsclere Tower a very happy 50th birthday!

DUCK RACE

Our next duck race will be held on Saturday 27 June after the school fete. Tickets are £2 each or 3 for £5 and prizes will be awarded. The tickets will be available, together with duck goodies, at the top of Pope's Hill and in the Square. The race starts on the stream at Pope's Hill and goes under the road to Tower Hill.

NEXT TRIP TO CORMICY

Our next official visit to Cormicy is from Saturday 24 – Monday 26 October 2015. From your feedback, the proposed programme at present is:-

Saturday afternoon – trip to Reims

Sunday morning – visit the museum at Chemin des Dames, or a walk around Cormicy

Sunday afternoon – Champagne tour

Monday morning (on the way home) – visit Laon or Lille – these are ideas as most people will be travelling in cars so may prefer to visit other towns en route

As this trip coincides with half-term, it is suggested that you book the ferry or shuttle as soon as possible, if you are taking your own car. There is still the possibility of travelling by minibus, or sharing a car – please let us know your preference if you are coming to Cormicy.

CONTACT DETAILS

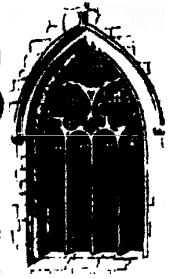
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Telephone: Sue Watson 01635 298940

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The Church Pages



Magna Carta

The 15th June is the 800th Anniversary of Magna Carta (The Great Charter), signed during the reign of King John. It deserves reflection, especially as Kingsclere Village has links with John through the vane on Saint Mary's Church!

The crisis in 1215 arose from the loss of Normandy, increasing taxation for the French war and accusations that the king had murdered his nephew. Over forty barons rebelled, seizing London. The king and the rebels met at Runnymede, near Windsor, close to civil war.

Two remarkable men emerged to find a peaceful resolution - Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, and William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke and Lord of Leinster. Langton understood the grievances, but was a mediator, Marshall was loyal to John, but a man of outstanding integrity.

The Charter of Liberties, which actually did not receive acceptance until 1225, as the result of Marshall's efforts, declared first the independence of the English Church, still protected in English Law. Sections 39 and 40 declared the right of trial by jury and that of due process in law.

Civil war and a forgotten French invasion of England followed the early collapse of the agreement, but the essential ideas of the Charter endured in the hearts of many. Those ideas became established in English law after John's death, in his son's reign.

Still quoted in Parliament and in courts throughout the world, their existence should remind us of the rights of ordinary citizens over Governments of whatever political outlook.

The Reverend Patrick Tansey

Reminder: St Mary's Church Fete

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August, 2015, 12 Noon until 4pm

Can you spare an hour or two on the day to help run a stall, set up or pack away? If you can please contact Rev Lucy Thirtle on 01635 299489 or lucythirtle@btinternet.com

www.facebook.com/KingsclereChurchFete

Services in June 2015

Sunday 7 th June Trinity 1 / Proper 5	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 14 th June Trinity 2 / Proper 6	8am	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Second Sunday Service - St Marys, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 21 st June Trinity 3 / Proper 7	8am	Holy Communion - St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 28 th June Trinity 4 / SS Peter & Paul	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	All-Age Worship with Baptism - St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 5 th July Trinity 5 / Proper 9	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere

Holy Communion (BCP) every Weds in St Mary's Kingsclere at 10am

ABC services Monday 15th and 29th June, 9.30 am – St Mary's

St. Mary's Church		(See also back cover)
Vicar	Rev. Lucy Thirtle, lucythirtle@btinternet.com	☎ 299489
Churchwarden	Janet Sturgess	☎ 298079
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	☎ 42962
Methodist Chapel		(See also back cover)
Steward	Christine Westcombe	☎ 298518
Secretary and Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585

From the Registers of St Mary's

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

3 May Bailey Daniel Geden-Tysoe

Weddings *Those whom God has joined together*

2 May Kristina Gergo & Gareth Jones

9 May Eliza Pollard and Harry Lesinski

Shaping 'Church' for now and the future.....

Where do we want to go next?

After Rev Lucy's careful and wise guidance over the past 10 years, we now have the opportunity to shape our future together.

What do you want that future to look like?

COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Listen and share meetings arranged for:

- Sunday May 31 6pm Kingsmill Room, St Mary's, Kingsclere.
- Wednesday 17 June 7pm Village Club, Kingsclere.
- Thursday 18 June. 7.30pm. The Ship, Ashford Hill
- Tuesday 23 June 7pm Community Shop, Headley

Please come to all or any of the events.

We really want to hear from you!

Come and talk, listen, share

Or fill in a questionnaire on line at:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/shaping-church-7729/shaping-church-questionnaire---st-marys-kingsclere>

The 'Shaping Church' team : Steve Jaques (Chair), Sarah Mussett, Maggy Wallace;

Ali Goodyer Georgie Selby, Susie Sainsbury, with Rev Lucy.

Speak to any of the above for further information.

Methodist Notes

Sunday Services 9:30

June preachers are not yet printed so please watch our notice boards for names and dates of preachers.

While in hospital recently, each Sunday I was able to have communion in the ward with others who joined me. I would like to thank those who sent me cards or visited me in hospital, it was greatly appreciated.

Watch this space next month for details of preachers.

Margaret Ingram

Messy Church

Our second Messy Church for 2015 will be on Tuesday, June 16th from 3:20-5:30pm at Kingsclere Primary School. The theme is "God the Father" where we will look at Lord's prayer, all very timely as it's near to Father's day.

Come and enjoy various activities, hear more about the Lord's prayer and then tuck into a home cooked hot meal. All are invited...adults, teenagers, children, carers, families, partners, grandparents.....Everyone is welcome! You do not have to be a pupil at Kingsclere Primary School to attend, all children are welcome.

Future Messy Church dates for 2015 are:

- September 22nd
- November 24th

If you have any queries or would like to know more please contact Sarah Mussett on 291900 or sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk

St. Mary's Guild

Myself and the Committee of St. Mary's Guild would like to say a personal 'thank you' to everyone, who donated cakes, raffle prizes, etc., and to those who worked so hard to make our recent Coffee Morning in aid of Naomi House Children's Hospice such a success. The event was very well attended and we raised the grand sum of £410.00. We added monies to this amount from our general funds and were able to pass on a cheque in the sum of £700.00 to a representative of Naomi House at our meeting on 27th May.

At our April Meeting, Frances Penney revealed her knowledge of flowers and plants when she won the Quiz. Well done Frances.

Our Meeting on 24th June will be a Garden Party at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of Revd. Lucy and David Goodfellow. Usual start time of 2.15 pm. (In the Kingsmill Room if wet).

Pam Kitch (Chairman), 01635 299743

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 St Mary's 200 Club Winner April 2015 No 116 Jenny Jones
 Well done, Jenny

Lighting up St. Mary's

2nd June Bramble, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge on 7th April to be with her brother Oscar. Love always Mum, Dad and Winston

6th June For David Miles on his birthday with love forever.

6th June 70th Anniversary D Day.

10th June In loving memories of Sam. In our hearts on your birthday from Anna, Heidi, Uwe and Family

21st June Our dad, our hero one of a kind, to us the best dad you could ever hope to find. Your strength and guidance we treasure, the happy memories too, but nothing can stop us missing you. Forever close and loved Tiggy and Jim xxxxxx

21st June Mick happy Fathers Day to a very special friend. Forever in our thoughts Carla, Nick, Ellie and Lucy x

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 July Tower is June 10th.

Kin^{treble}sc^{treble}lere Sin^{treble}gers

Kingsclere Singers brings you two performances this summer with a variety of music selections - Fun for the entire family! With special guest singers from the local communities.

We invite you to join us for *Encore!* 2015

Saturday 11th July. 7pm at St Mary the Virgin in Silchester, tickets £10

Sunday 12th July, 6pm at St Mary's Kingsclere, tickets £7.50

Children FREE!

Tickets for Kingsclere will be sold in advance at The Village Butcher in Kingsclere or from any choir member - tickets will also be sold on the door.

We look forward to seeing you July!

www.kingsclere-singers.co.uk

Follow us on Facebook!

****PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR KINGSCLERE FROM MAY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Living Paintings

Volunteer needed for local blind charity

Living Paintings is a UK blind charity based in Kingsclere. We create and publish tactile and audio books for people who are blind and partially sighted of all ages. We distribute these books via our free postal library to 10,000 members.

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our happy team, to help us in the production room and library. Full training and support will be given and no experience is required, just a willingness to get stuck in with any task and a confidence with performing hands-on creative work.

We also have a vacancy for a summer intern, suitable for college and university leavers.

For further information please contact Sasha Robaczynski, Volunteer Co-ordinator sashar@livingpaintings.org or telephone 01635 299 771.

www.livingpaintings.org



Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

Spring is well and truly here, and our growing number of Bunnies have been enjoying the garden this month. Nicky has been keeping them busy with a range of Spring-themed arts and crafts, and Rita continues to bring song time alive with her guitar.

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.

Sue Elliott - 298047



Kingsclere Film Club

Saturday, 13 June at 7.30pm at the Village Club, George Street

Enemy at the Gates

(2001 – 15 –131 minutes)

A Russian sniper and a German sniper play a game of cat-and-mouse during the Battle of Stalingrad.

Next month: Saturday, 11th July - Strangers on a train

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



Enquiries 01256-892019 or www.andovercats.org.uk

Stories of rescued cats: adrianne.major@hotmail.co.uk

Fund-raising/volunteers adrianne.major@hotmail.co.uk

Items for resale 01256-892773

Now that summer is here most cats are keen to be out and about during the warm nights. Please try to keep them in if possible. I know it is being a spoilsport but the hours of darkness are the time when a cat is most likely to meet with a road accident. If you really can't keep the cat in make sure that it is microchipped then at least you can be contacted if it is taken to a vet.

We are very short of volunteers, both for fostering and fundraising. If you think you can help please email our Fundraising officer, Adrienne.

We shall be providing teas, as usual, for the open garden at Bere Mill, Whitchurch on the weekend of 6th/7th June. The garden, situated on the River Test, is magnificent, well worth a visit and our home made cake will not disappoint you.

GARDEN CLUB

Outing to Weir Cottage, Old Alresford on Thursday June 18th by car. Leave the Square at 6.30pm. Contact Sylvia Pennington to book. If in need of a lift she will arrange transport. The cost is £5.00.

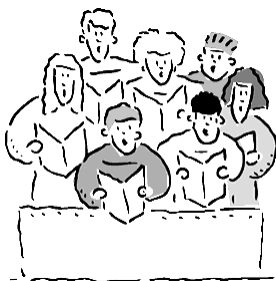


The following Thursday, June 25th, we will have a trip around Pitthall Farm by tractor and trailer with Tim May. We are meeting at The Vine Public House at Hannington at 6.30pm.

Once again tell Sylvia if you wish to join us. We will be joined by a small group from Overton. After the trip return to the pub where a room will be available to talk/discuss if you wish. The cost will be around £3.00 but still to be decided.

July 4th show at Fieldgate.

John Eckton 01256 850017



Basingstoke Choral Society

Basingstoke Choral Society hopes you will be able to join us at the Anvil, Basingstoke on 14th June to our concert at The Anvil, Basingstoke, which steps into a modern, exciting style of choral singing.

Mass in Blue is an upbeat jazz setting of the traditional Latin mass composed in 2003. As its title implies, it is a vibrant work full of jazz, gospel and blues-style numbers, to lift the spirit.

Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein is a thrilling, beautiful work. It was commissioned by Chichester Cathedral for its Southern Cathedrals Festival, although it was first performed in New York. The work was written with an all-male choir in mind and the first performance in the UK was given in Chichester Cathedral in the presence of Leonard Bernstein.

Tickets available from The Anvil Box Office 01256 884244, or www.anvilarts.org.uk



THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Come along to The School Summer Fair which will be held at Kingsclere Primary School on Saturday 27th June from 12- 3 pm. This year's event will have something for everyone including go - karts, bouncy castle, face painting, traditional stalls, a raffle & lots of fun games to play with fantastic prizes to be won. There'll be dance displays and competitions to enter. Stalls from local companies will provide some great shopping. Plus a licensed bar and food will be available. So come along, grab a bite to eat and enjoy all the fun of the fair at this fantastic village event, whilst raising vital funds for your local school. Money raised will be put into exciting projects including new playground equipment.

If you'd like to book a stall to sell products or are able to offer any help on the day with setting up/running a game or stall/clearing up please contact – Rachael Knight, knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 268160

For Information - FKS are holding a 'Camp Out' for pupils and their families only on 18th July in the school field where a band will be playing from 6.30-8.30pm. A letter will be sent to homes close to the school field with more detailed info.

Volunteers' Week



Volunteers' Week is fast approaching and is an annual celebration of the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK – and it's taking place from the 1-7 June 2015. To mark this occasion The

Volunteer Centre will once again be holding our 'Celebration of Volunteering' on the 2nd June. This is your chance to nominate your 'Superstar' volunteer. For further details and a nomination form, please visit the volunteer centre page on the Basingstoke Voluntary Action website.

Vicki Harty, Volunteer Centre Administrator, 01256 423850

Public Events in June

Entertainment in June:

SATURDAY 13th JUNE at 8.00 p.m

For the very best SUMMERTIME BLUES the iconic A.B.B. ,formerly The Average Blues Band will be on stage at the Field Gate.

Tickets will on sale in advance £5.00 from The Village Butcher, Bill Cooper(01635 299293), and the Fieldgate Centre. Tickets will also be available on the door @ £7.50.

A.B.B.,is one of the finest exponents of contemporary music with its roots firmly in the blues.



The Fieldgate Centre

19th June

Laughter and Lyrics – Comedy provided by Stewart Masters and songs by Will Rawlings. Tickets available by calling: 07792 100352 or at: www.laughterandlyrics.eventbrite.co.uk.

4th July – Kingsclere Gardening Association Summer Show

Summer Streetz

Once again Summer Streetz will be taking place at The Fieldgate Centre. This is a programme of activities for 11 – 16 year olds taking place in the evenings from 28th July – 27th August. Look out for further details.

Volunteers Needed!

Streetz is staffed largely by volunteers from the community for a full five weeks during the summer holidays. There is a big need for activities for youngsters during the school holidays and we rely on local people volunteering their time to help out. If you can spare just one evening during the summer, it would be much appreciated. Anyone can help out in just a supervising capacity – you don't have to run an activity or to have been checked. If you think that you may be able to help please contact The Fieldgate Centre or Kingsclere Youth Club.

We have some booking times available for regular users and individual bookings.

Enquiries: 01635 298497 e-mail: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com Follow us on Facebook or see www.TheFieldgateCentre.co.uk The office is open 10am – 2.00pm on Monday, Wednesday

Fund Raising for St. Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke

From the 1st-30th June is House 2 House collecting in Kingsclere. As I said in the May Tower I need collectors urgently in the following roads:

1. Anchor Rd and Anchor Yard
2. Larch Drive, St. Mary's Drive and Brimpton Hill Court
3. Longcroft Road
4. Hook Road

If you would like to help raise money for the hospice in this way please ring.

Josie Norton 298059



COFFEE MORNING – SATURDAY, 6TH JUNE

VILLAGE CLUB - 10AM – 12 NOON

IN AID OF ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

PLEASE come along for coffee and cake. Refreshments on the sunny patio weather permitting! Lots of stalls – household items, books, jams/preserves, eggs, tombola, crafts and more..... for all ages!

Sarah Melling



1st Kingsclere Guides

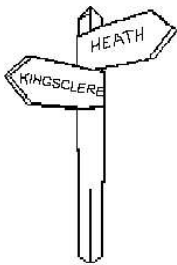
This term we are going indoor climbing at the Dolphin Centre, Newbury: we are having a Geocaching treasure hunt around Kingsclere; having a mini Olympics and an inter patrol cooking competition. During half term 6 Guides are having a 3 night stay at PGL on the Isle of Wight, and five Guides will make and sleep in a bivouac as part of our Midsummer challenge. In August, 8 Guides and 2 leaders join the Division on a 10 day trip to Switzerland.

To help finance these events we will be holding a cake & coffee morning in the Kingsmill Room on Saturday 20th June, 9.30 - midday. Please pop in and support your local Guides.

We are still looking for a small group of women to take over the running of our Guides from 2016. Please don't let our Guides close! 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

If any girls age 10 – 14 are interested in joining Guides contact

Sue Adams sueadams@madasafish.com 01635 299242



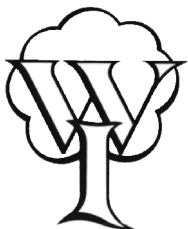
Kingsclere Parish Paths Working Group

We had a productive morning on April 26th and cleared many paths within the village and across the by-pass. Thank you to those volunteers who helped. Next work day is June 28th, 9.45am at the Village Club. New volunteers always welcome! I will continue to run the Group until August 30th, mainly to help the new Parish Council and the new Clerk. After that, I hope a new leader will have come forward.

As proposed by the Hampshire County council Rights of Way department, we would like to replace some stiles with gates, (similar to the one on Fox's Lane/FP 84) and will shortly be approaching the relevant landowners about this project.

We still have the Parish Paths map available from me or the Parish Council office (open Monday and Wednesday mornings, Tel. 298634).

Heath Denness 298376



Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands WI

We meet at the Village Club on the second Wednesday of most months @ 1:45 pm

Our next meeting will be on June 10th. Our Speaker will be Lynda Warren telling us about "A Century of Women in the WI".

You are very welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat. More detail from Nova Saunderson 01635 299570

Bell ringing

On Saturday 25th April a quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung by Simon Lipscombe and friends, one of 10 quarter peals in a day for the Ecchinswell bell restoration trust and teenage and adults cancer service at the Royal Surrey hospital.

On Friday 8th May a quarter peal of 1320 Doubles in 2 methods Plain Bob and Grandsire with 7,6,8 covering was rung for the 70th anniversary of VE Day, and also on the 9th May a quarter peal of 1260 Original Singles was rung for VE Day.

The bells will be rung on Sunday 14th June to remember Maureen Weedy on what would have been her 60th birthday and 40th wedding anniversary. Maureen was a one-time bell-ringer at St Mary's.

Helen Piper

Ecchinswell Bell Restoration

The Ecchinswell Bell Restoration Trust was set up in 2012 following visits from two bell-hanging companies whose brief had been to consider how St. Lawrence's bell tower could be improved for the benefit of the church and local community which includes a primary school. It was decided to approach the PCC with the idea of removing the existing ring of 3 heavy bells and replacing them with a smaller and lighter peal of six, better suited to the size of the tower and most importantly, safer for teaching people of all ages the great art that is Change Ringing.

Trust members are made up of a small group of mostly bell-ringers and local people who show an interest in the project. We hold various fundraising events throughout the year. The required total has been estimated at approximately £25,000, the majority of which we hope will be met by grants for which the Trust has to apply.

We are hoping to raise the money needed in different ways and are always open to new ideas. If you'd like to help you can do so by:

Becoming a member or friend of the Trust * Attending and sponsoring our fundraising events * Sponsoring a particular item (e.g. I sponsor the tenor bell to be cast) * Holding an event for us * Making a pledge to the Trust * Holding a sponsored event with your company or organisation * Using one of our collection pots for a month or two in your company/organisation

If you'd like to become involved then please do contact us. ecchinswell-bells@yahoo.com

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank the 524 people who generously gave me their vote at the Borough Election on May 7th. Your support was very much appreciated.

I also wish to pass on my congratulations to Donald Sherlock who will now serve as Borough Councillor.

Thank you again.

John Rodway

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www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk				Dentist	0844 5769339

There is a more comprehensive list of local contact numbers on the
 Parish Council website: www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk/directory