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There have been a number “proud to be British” moments this summer, which, among other things, have included the RAF’s centenary, 70 years of the NHS, and England’s football team torturing us for far longer than expected in the World Cup.

For me, however, the most incredible achievement was the rescue of 12 schoolboys, and their coach, who had spent 17 days trapped underground in a Thailand cave. Like many around the world, I was glued to this story, and hardly dared hope. Whilst, tragically, one of the rescue team died, it seems a miracle of determination and courage that the rescue was attempted and succeeded, against all the odds. I’m sure everyone feels incredibly proud that British divers were a key element of the operation’s success. Proof perhaps that real heroes don’t always wear capes.

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To all "Tower" Contributors

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS – We hope to be able to present the awards, to those residents who deserve a big public thank you for their commitment in helping to keep our community running, in January 2019. It is never too early to start thinking about nominations and once again we are asking you to help us recognise them by nominating people from your group or members of the community who you think deserve recognition for all that they do. There is no limit to the number of people you can nominate but we do need to know why you are putting them forward and how you feel they have gone “that extra mile” in order for them to be considered. For an application form please contact the clerk. Please include as much detail as you can on the application and return all nominations to the Parish Office by 15th October 2018. Thank you.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION – The Parish Council has submitted an entry, on behalf of Kingsclere, to the Hampshire Village of the Year competition. This is the competition we won in 2003. Thank you to the representatives of various village organisations who attended VOTY meetings earlier in the year, your input has been very helpful in drafting our submission. Kingsclere is a lovely village with a very strong community. Let’s hope the judges agree! Unfortunately, it does not look as if the national competition is taking place this year.

PARKING – The Parish Council is receiving a number of complaints about parking, not only in the village centre but also in residential streets. The Parish Council does not have any powers or authority to act on these issues. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council look at minor traffic management issues, predominantly parking related, on behalf of the highway authority, Hampshire County Council. The small budget that is provided to BDBC by HCC for the purpose of introducing new parking controls means that priority has to be given to sites that suffer from the worst road safety and/or traffic congestion. Whilst the cost of yellow lines may be minimal the legal process to make a traffic regulation order (to enable yellow lines to be implemented) is expensive and can take six to nine months to conclude. There are a number of factors that are considered when conducting an assessment of a road and/or area. These include whether the existing parking situation is

dangerous and/or impedes traffic flow, the characteristics of the road and the local environment, the likely cost of any solution and its effect on the environment, the level of enforcement to be expected, any links to other local initiatives and the level of local concern. Priority is generally given to schemes that would be beneficial to road safety and/or traffic flow and these are then considered for inclusion on the next annual works programme.

It should be noted that the Highway Code does state vehicles should not park within 10 metres of a junction, so regardless of yellow lines the Police could take action if the vehicle is causing an obstruction.

HCC CONSULTATION – HCC has launched a public consultation in relation to street lighting, supported passenger transport services and the concessionary travel scheme.

This more detailed consultation follows on from the main Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget consultation carried out last year and seeks views from interested parties and the wider public on the options for delivering the planned savings in respect of the services mentioned above.

The consultation closes at midnight on 5 August 2018. The questionnaire which is being used during the consultation process can either be completed on line or is available for download on the consultation website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting> along with other supporting information.

With 89% of bus journeys being provided on a commercial basis, not controlled or funded by the County Council, many public bus services will be outside the scope of this review. This consultation, therefore, only includes those public bus services which receive financial support from Hampshire County Council. It is recognised that some district councils additionally provide funding to subsidised public transport services in their area. These arrangements are of course outside the scope of the consultation relating to County Council funding. A list of the public bus and ferry services subsidised by Hampshire County Council which are within the scope of this review are available on the consultation website.

The County Council has taken the decision to protect the core funding which it provides to frontline community transport services (Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go and Minibus Group Hire Schemes) whilst at the same time wanting to look at how these services can be made more financially sustainable for the future.

It is worth noting that HCC's policy remains; that any community which currently has a transport service should still retain an essential transport link in the future.

If you require any further information about the above then please contact environment.bus.review@hants.gov.uk or Telephone 0300 555 1388.

BDBC CONSULTATION – People in Basingstoke and Deane are being asked to help shape what the borough will look like in the future as part of the Horizon 2050 project.

Basingstoke and Deane is a great place to live today thanks to the well-thought-out and bold long-term decisions taken in the 1960s, '70s and '80s, which planned our current infrastructure.

Through the Horizon 2050 initiative, the aim is to set an ambitious and aspirational shared vision to ensure that residents have high quality homes, jobs and leisure and community facilities for decades to come. This will drive and provide the foundations for far-reaching decisions about the future, setting the direction for the council and other partners' work.

The draft vision has been created through the Horizon 2050 project. This has seen lots of different organisations and residents contributing their ideas through workshops and events to help determine what is important and right for the future of the borough.

The vision has been broken down into key themes: economy and entrepreneurship transport, the homes we'll live in, education, sustainability, environment and healthy and resilient communities with influence. And residents are being asked to give their views on these to inform the development of the final vision, which is due to be adopted by the borough council and its partners in December.

This consultation is an opportunity for you to give your views on the outcome of this work to date, which is the draft vision for the borough to 2050. By having your say your feedback will inform the development of the final vision, which is due to be adopted by the borough council and its partners in December 2018.

The draft vision and a summary of information gained from the research and engagement events is available

An independent agency, Ipsos MORI, has been appointed to process responses to this consultation. You can complete your online consultation response by following the link at the above web address.

Alternatively, you can email your response directly to Ipsos MORI by emailing Horizon2050@Ipsos-MORI.com. If you have any queries about how to take part in this consultation or would like to request a paper response form, please contact the Ipsos MORI consultation helpline at Horizon2050@Ipsos-MORI.com or by Freephone 0800 1413968.

The consultation will run until Sunday 19 August 2018.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are 1st, 15th and 29th August.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 20th August 2018, in the Village Club, (unless otherwise notified). We welcome the attendance of all parishioners at our meetings and anyone who wishes to raise any matters of concern will be given the opportunity to do so.

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



@kingsclerepc



facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

The **Parish Paths** group met for a working party in July. A small group cleared an overgrown path near Fox Hall.

With excellent growing conditions there are a number of local paths that currently need attention so we would welcome any additional helpers.

We meet next on Sunday 19th August at the shed in the garden of the Village Club at 9.45am. For more details email kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com

Regards, Ian and Pam Norris

New class and other news from Kingsclere Village Club

Tai Chi for Health:



This beginner class is suitable for people with arthritis, MS, mild strokes, fibromyalgia and similar conditions, as well as anyone who wants to improve their balance, posture, co-ordination and strength.

£42 for 6 week course starting Tuesday August 6th at Kingsclere Village Club from 2pm – 2.45pm.

Please contact Paula Chandler on 07825 664296 or via email at pkkchandler@gmail.com for bookings and further details.

Other news: New hearing loop and PA system

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the Four Lanes Trust to make improvements to our hearing loop and PA systems, which includes training on how to use them. This will mean the system is more flexible and can be used to enable those with hearing loss to participate fully in meetings, lectures, sales, classes and productions. The system will be easy to use when you know how - and training is being offered at installation.

Anyone who would like to know how to use the system please contact chairman@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk to be added to the list of potential trainees.

With around 16% of the village experiencing the frustration and isolation of hearing loss this has the potential to be a valuable facility for the village and those running events, classes and meetings at the village club, but will rely on people using it.

Kingsclere Royal British Legion



We have had another busy month here in the village supporting a number of events and activities.

In late June we were most welcome at the school fete where we held a stall to advertise what we do as a branch and to raise some funds for the Poppy Appeal.

The monthly laying of a wreath remembering those from the village killed in action during WW1 during that particular month continues, with another wreath laid prior to our July meeting, joined by one of our Parish Councillors.

A further wreath was laid on the 1st July, to remember LCpl Frost, killed that day during the war. The memorial service was attended by a number of the relatives of LCpl Frost.

Planning is now underway to support the Bike Night at The Crown scheduled for the 31st July which will raise funds for the RBL and other worthy charities.

You may also see that each of our Commonwealth War Graves now has a rose planted alongside it and the scheme to lay flowers on the memorial throughout the year continues to gain momentum; if you are able to lay some flowers on the memorial from your garden, any support would be most welcome.

By the time the August edition of The Tower is published, the village Standard Bearer and Parade Marshal will have been and returned from Belgium after their participation in the "GP90" event; with over 2000 RBL standards marching through the Menin Gate; Kingsclere will be represented at this once in a generation event.

All our events and other information can be found on our Facebook site; just type in "Kingsclere Royal British Legion" and you will find us!

Mark Holden

Fieldgate Disco Night - Saturday 11th August



A reminder for disco lovers and anyone who likes to dance the night away; the bi-monthly 60s, 70s, & 80s Disco will be held on Saturday 11th August.

Doors open 7.30pm. Admission on the door £7.00.

This ever-popular event is gaining a reputation of being a not-to-be-missed great night out!

THE POPPY APPEAL 2018



As this is such a special year I would like to be very sure that I am able to fulfil all your requirements with regard to ordering Wreaths and other Tributes ready for Remembrance Sunday .

I shall shortly be placing my order with the Poppy Appeal Warehouse and it would be very helpful if you could let me have some idea as to what you will need this year. I appreciate that we are still a few months away from November but the demand will, I am sure, be even greater this year, and I would not want anyone to be disappointed .

Please contact me either by phone, 01635 297538
or e mail wendy.morgan1a@btinternet.com

Many thanks for your continued support for this very special and important cause ,
I truly appreciate it.

Wendy (Poppy Appeal Organiser)

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group



Summer Outing

We all enjoyed a visit to 4 Kingdoms in July. Spotting farm animals on the tractor ride was great fun and there was plenty to keep all of the children entertained from the toddlers to preschoolers. We all cooled down with a much-needed ice cream, a treat from Bunnies!

Summer Holidays

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for Bunnies opening over the summer. We will try to open throughout, but with summer holidays and older children off school, it is often more difficult for our committee members to lead the sessions. We are always looking for new committee members to help with this time of year and also to replace those leaving the committee with older children going to school. If you are interested, have a chat to one of the committee members during a session to find out more – we are a friendly bunch!

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.

villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com



*Second Saturday of the month
at 7.30pm at the
Village Club, George Street*

Saturday, 11 August, 2018

Lion

(2016 – Drama/Biography - 118min – PG)

True story of a 5 year old boy's loss, survival, growth to manhood and return to his roots. Set in India and Tasmania.

Saturday, 8 September – **A United Kingdom (2016)**

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

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

Kingsclere Tennis Club

Adult, Junior and Family memberships available at very reasonable rates.

ALL WELCOME!

To play socially on Thursday mornings, in organised 4s,
contact Daphne Snook on 07768 664347

For **Membership** or other information, check the website:
www.kingscleretennisclub.co.uk



St Michael's Hospice Coffee Morning

Saturday, 9th June

I am delighted to report that we raised a fantastic £614.16 for the hospice. It was a delightful morning that everyone enjoyed. A huge thank you goes to the local businesses who ran stalls, donated prizes and made delicious biscuits. Everyone who manned a stall or poured tea/coffee.....I couldn't have done it without you!

Please note that the next coffee morning will be on **Saturday, 10th November**. We hope to include some Christmas themed stalls. If you haven't been before why not pop in.... I think you'll be pleasantly surprised!



Sarah Melling

Police Report June 2018



In the month of June there were 22 incidents (20 in Kingsclere, 1 in Headley and 1 in Ashford Hill) which have been classified as crimes by the home office.

Traffic Incidents: 2 reported. Both were damage only road traffic collisions in Kingsclere (not the A339).

Theft from Vehicle: 2 reported. Entry was gained into 2 vehicles at the White Hill car park and a number of items stolen.

Theft: 6 reported. Of note, an old wash basin was stolen from a driveway in King John Road, a number of items were stolen from a skip on Coppice Road and there were three incidents of making off without payment at the West Kingsclere Filing Station.

Criminal Damage 3 reported. A stone was thrown at vehicle parked in Fawconer Road causing damage; another vehicle was damaged in Thorneley Road, and damage was caused to equipment at the Kingsclere Tennis Club.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) 5 reported. Of note, youths have been on the roof at Kingsclere Primary School, and there have been reports of speeding along Basingstoke Road. Please remember the speed limit for the majority of the road is 30mph.

Suspicious Incidents: 4 reported. Of note, a vehicle (DX51***) has been sighted acting suspiciously and driving at speed through Ibworth and Wootton St Lawrence.

Assault with injury 4 reported.

Assault without injury 1 reported.

Public Order 1 reported.

Other Crime 3 reports of shoplifting. One from McColls, and two from the Swan Street stores.

Helpful Crime Prevention Advice and Hampshire Alerts

Information can be found at: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/> and <https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/>

PCSO 16173 Emma PAGE

Overton, Steventon, Freefolk and Laverstoke Neighbourhood Policing Team

Tadley Police Station, Mulford's Hill, Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 3HZ

Email: emma.page@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Website: www.hampshire.police.uk

Fieldgate Centre



Events at The Fieldgate Centre During August

Wednesday 1 st	10am-2pm Play Day – FREE activities for children 4-12 years with parents/carers, including go-karts, soft play, food fun, music, and more!!
Saturday 4 th	1.30-4pm Ceroc afternoon workshop and Freestyle evening until late.
Tuesday 7 th	Kingsclere Youth Club Relaunch 6-8pm
Saturday 11 th	7.30pm 60s,70s,80s, Les Farr's Disco Night.

For your diary:

Saturday 22nd September Race Night with supper. More details to follow

The timetable table for regular classes changes over the summer holidays, so please check our website or phone the office for information.

Phone: 01635 298497 Website: www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk Email: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands W.I.

Village Club, 35 George Street, Kingsclere



The heat! The heat! Such a torrid summer calls for a seasonal break and that's exactly what's 'on the menu' for Wednesday 8 August. At our last meeting we drew our members' AND visitors' attention to the Lunch at an Outside Venue item already logged-in on our W.I.'s annual printed programme. And, we distributed mini-reminders at that July meeting advising choice of venue and other details to attendees. We asked interested members and visitors present to leave their names and luncheon selections on the forms provided nearby - all necessary early data when 'away' bookings have to be organised.

We'll be back to our regular pattern of meetings with speakers on Wednesday 12 September. Extra-early info: Speaker for 12 September will be Fiona Barker, award-winning author of children's books. Copies of this author's books will be for sale at discounted prices (Remember: Christmas is not that far away!). This meeting will be advertised again in the September edition of the Tower magazine.

POTENTIAL VISITORS PLEASE NOTE: We will be delighted to see you from September onwards at any of our monthly meetings. Just £2 per person at each of 2 visits - for an interesting talk each month PLUS tea & good company, a chance to win one of a variety of raffle prizes and the opportunity to purchase bargains from our 'bring 'n' buy table.

Nova Saunderson - 01635 29957

Reflections



As I sit writing this on a baking hot afternoon, I'm hoping that the summer will continue this way in spite of the challenge for us gardeners. Of course there are many reasons why I love the warm weather but at the moment I'm thinking about the roof of the church which was recently damaged during a storm. The weather has been extremely kind to us reducing the probability of damage to the inside of the building and I'm really grateful to God for his mercy in allowing it to happen now and not in a month of non-stop rain! Thanks also to those who've worked on getting it repaired and to those who've supported us so we are able to do it.

The weather will be an important factor on the 27th August, that's the summer bank holiday, as we'll be holding the annual Kingsclere Church Fete in the churchyard. We look forward to welcoming you for a great afternoon of entertainment, dog show and bric-a-brac, jams and cakes, music and puppet show, a hog roast and a drink to sustain us through the afternoon. We'll be running a Messy Church tent again this year, perhaps a way for you to see what goes on in our most informal service without having to step through the door. Thank you to all those who are organising and preparing for this and for those who supported it last year. We look forward to another great year.

The week before that (20th-24th August) will also be a really full-on week for us as we run a holiday club for the first time. The theme is 'Here comes the sun' and the club is for 5-11 year olds. A team from Pulse Ministries will be joining us (who have great experience in running holiday clubs) and helping us as we spend time playing games, singing songs, doing craft, avoiding (on my part at least, I hope!) the gunge tank, looking at Bible stories and praying together. I'm really looking forward to the week and if you haven't signed up yet, then please do as spaces are limited.

I hope you have a great August and pray that perhaps as we have a bit more freedom from the busyness, we might remember the good God, who, as the Bible puts it, *richly provides us with everything to enjoy*.

Blessings,

Ben.

**Services in the parishes of
Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley
August 2018**

Sunday 5 th August Trinity 10	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 12 th August Trinity 11	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	10.30am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 19 th August Trinity 12	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's Church, Headley
	9.15am	All Age Messy Worship– St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 26 th August Trinity 13	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	10.30am	Holy Communion with Baptism – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 2 nd September Trinity 14	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)

Please note ABC our service for pre-school children will not meet during August. We look forward to seeing you again in September!

St. MARY'S CHURCH:

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

From the Registers of St Mary's

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

17th June Eleanor Chapman

Funeral *I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord*

14th June William House aged 85



St Mary's will be hosting a holiday club for children aged 5-11 between 20-24th August.

The week will be full of fun activities including craft, prayer, bible stories, games and even a gunge tank! It is being run in conjunction with Pulse Ministries who have many years of experience with Christian holiday clubs around the country and are sending a team to help St Mary's run the event.

Cost is just £5 per child per day and places are filling up fast so if you haven't already registered please do contact us.

Lighting up St. Mary's



July

- 13th Maureen Smith Our Dear Mum, Nan and Grandma, Missed so much on your birthday, Forever in our Hearts and we Love you so much. From your Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxx

August

- 1st Thank you to the lovely people of Kingsclere! To friends, neighbours and dog walkers for your friendship, kindness and support over the years. Amanda and Rocket
- 5th For my beloved Mark. We love and think about you everyday, Always in our hearts. Amanda and Rocket.
- 5th Sanders, David, with much love on your Birthday, from all the family.
- 14th Michael Hopkins (Mick) Years pass, Love Stays forever Jac xxx
- 31st In loving memory of Janet Lavina Cox on your birthday. Always in our hearts and minds. Love from all the family.xx

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk. £12 per evening, discounts available for block bookings and business sponsorship. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome.

Deadline for September Tower is August 10th.

New Age Concern Volunteer

AGEconcern
Hampshire

Village Agents!

Hello! We can hopefully help you find information on a wide range of matters to assist you or loved ones to stay independent and supported as we grow older.

Why not call Yvonne or Bronia?

On 07813 368259 or 07813 369032

Or email: villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

Poppies for November

I am amazed and grateful to everyone who is knitting and crocheting, thank you so much. I plan to cut off by September 30th. If anyone needs me to collect please ring me.

Janet Bond, 297610

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

St Mary's 200 Club Winner July 2018, no 64, Ian Savin

Well done, Ian

Wedding Announcement

Jennie Turner is to marry **John Stafford** on the 27 August at Littlewick Green, Maidenhead attended by immediate family only.



She wants all her "gals" from 30 years of exercise classes, all friends and neighbours to know of this very happy event.

Thank you very much, Jennie - 07465 297778

Methodist Notes

Preachers for August

5th August Rev Dr Peter Howson

12th August Rosie Greenhalgh

19th August Local Arrangement / Alternative Worship

26th August Rev Roger Ducker Holy Communion

All Services begin at 10am

METHODIST CHURCH:

Chief Steward Wendy Morgan

297538

Secretary & Hire of Hall Jeanette Billington

297585

ROMAN CATHOLIC:

Rev Patrick Tansey

0118 981 4572

tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Kingsclere Community Library

Fancy Dress Competition!

Dress up as your favourite character from a book.
Competition & Parade at the Kingsclere Fete.
All children invited!



27th August, 1pm, St. Mary's, Kingsclere



Last year's fantastic entries

**The Summer Reading Challenge
had a successful launch on Saturday 14th July.
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!!**

Just pop into the library and read 6 books over summer.

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

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com

Dear Editors,

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Kingsclere Tower Committee for supporting our library with their very welcome donation!

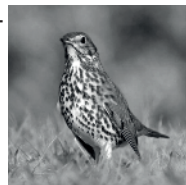
As a volunteer run and self-funded organisation, we are very grateful to any support we receive and this unexpected gift was a real boon.

Sincerely,

Management Committee & Volunteers, **Kingsclere Community Library**

Nature Notes

We walked in the New Forest recently keeping within the woodland as the day was hot. There were mares with their foals, always a delight, but the most rewarding sight was the good numbers of song thrushes which have been largely absent from our gardens in recent years. We found a fallen trunk as our picnic log (not difficult in the N.F) and while we sat munching our sandwiches, squirrels played tag around us. A small party of fallow deer drifted through the trees and stood watching us, used to humans and yet still a little wary, a few stragglers caught up with them at which point they evaporated away into the thicket. We are always surprised at how easy it is in the Forest to slide away from human noise despite the busyness of the area.



Our annual early morning walk along the Canal from Kintbury to Hungerford for breakfast always delights. This time we were pleased to watch a water vole cross from the tow path side to some tree roots opposite and then chug energetically back. It always surprises us to see how large water voles are compared with the commoner bank and field voles. Near Dun Mill Lock, a loud noise came from behind us and were surprised by two swans flying incredibly low over our heads. We have never been so close to flying swans. The last time we saw them the two tern chicks were thriving on the lake raft wearing their downy feathers of beach pebble colour. The parent birds were engaged in a David and Goliath confrontation with a red kite.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

The Garden Club



Regrettably our summer show was cancelled due to lack of entries, no doubt the weather had much to do with this. However we move on to August 22nd when our Annual Show will be held at the Fieldgate Centre.

Staging of exhibits from 9.30am until 12.00pm. Open to the public at 2.30pm prize giving at 4.0pm. This has become a major show for dahlia enthusiasts, they always give a great display.

All the other classes there, and hopefully a few tables with local craft people displaying and selling their handiwork.

Outing to Borde Hill on the 12th, ring Sylvia Penninton 01635 298880 to see if there are any seats left.

John Eckton 01256 850017



KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

PARISH REFERENDUM

THURSDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

See enclosed leaflet for further information

For the latest information see <http://www.kingsclere-np.org.uk/community/kingsclere-neighbourhood-plan-6471/about-us/> or <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/KNP>

For further information, contact Cllr. Sue Adams, 01635 299242, cllr.sue.adams@kingsclere-pc.org.uk, or our Parish Clerk, Louise Porton, 01635 298634, clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk



FKS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported Kingsfest on 7th/8th July. Lots of families enjoyed a lovely evening of music, a hog roast and then camping on the school field. A huge thanks to all the bands involved and to Sarah Mussett, Mary Gyselynck and Jamie Howell for organising this event. We'll let you know how much was raised soon.

Pupils had a great time at the end of term/leavers disco and the juniors were able to take home photos taken in the photo booth as a souvenir.

The K2K (Kingsclere 2 Kyankowe) challenge - is going well & we aim to “crowdercise” the total distance (7,250 miles) from our Ugandan link school Kyankowe to Kingsclere C of E Primary School. Money raised from K2K will be split between the two primary schools and used for sports and activity equipment.

Other dates for your 2018 diary

Fireworks - Sat 3rd Nov

**Rachael Knight, FKS Chairperson,
01635 268160, knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk**



Kingsclere Rugby Club



Kingsclere Rugby Club would like to invite you to come along and join us for the new 2018-19 season.

Rugby is a full-contact, team game, inclusive of all ages (17 to old!), shapes and sizes, where 20-stone bulldozers are valued just as highly as small, pacy whippets! Rugby's values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship are what define the game of rugby.

We welcome all new members both on and off the field.

We train with RFU qualified coaches from 7:00pm on Wednesdays at The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere RG20 5SQ and play our matches on Saturday afternoons.

Pre-season training starts Wednesday 18th July come along and join no matter what level of experience you have.

For further information please contact Aurie Woodley on 07733 367900 or alternatively please email fixtures@kingsclererc.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you all there!
Kingsclere Rugby Club

Find us on  Kingsclere RFC
Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship

CAMARADERIE IN AUGUST

There will be a meeting on

Wednesday 15th August

in the **Methodist Schoolroom at 2.30pm.**

You are invited for entertainment and tea, sandwiches and cakes.

£1.00 to include a free raffle.

TWINNING 2018 AGM



- The AGM will be held at in the Atkinson Room at the **Fieldgate Centre** on **Monday 10 September** at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

We always welcome new members. Why not consider joining in 2018-2019? Family membership is £5 per year and includes reduced admission prices to most of our events, free monthly French conversation/class (depending on confidence level), and the opportunity to visit Cormicy in the beautiful Champagne region of France. Please contact kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk or telephone Sue Watson on 01635 298940 for details regarding membership or if you would like to receive newsletters with details of future events.

KINGSCLERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

URGENT REQUEST FROM THE TOWER MAGAZINE TEAM

Due to volunteers retiring or stepping down due to work commitments the team requires two new delivery volunteers to help the distribution of the Tower Magazines in the following locations:

PENNY'S HATCH, LINK ROAD. (2 x Flats SOUTH ROAD)

Delivery: 34 Magazines.

The present volunteer wishes to step down within the next few months, but is willing to show the round to new volunteer to make the transfer and easier.

CEDAR DRIVE:

Delivery: 53 Magazines.

Assistance with taking on this round will be willingly given.

We are sure you have appreciated their dedication and wish them well for the future.

If you have offered your assistance previously, and are still in a position to help, we would be pleased to be contacted by you again. Any help you can offer us maintaining the delivery of the TOWER will be much appreciated, please contact Brian Elborn on the following:

Home: 01635 298704 Mobile: 07741075473 email: b.elborn345@btinternet.com

**Thanks on behalf of the Management Committee and Distribution Team.
Brian Elborn, Distribution**

The Tower - Helping Local Good Causes

Our village magazine relies on selling advertising to pay for the production and printing each month so we can deliver a copy to every household in the village, free of charge.

Historically we needed to keep some financial reserves to enable us to repair or replace the equipment used in its production. As we now have it printed professionally we no longer need to keep as much in reserve. After consultation we decided, with the permission of St Mary's PCC (who began the magazine), to distribute some of our surplus funds to local (Kingsclere) charities and good causes:

Kingsclere Community Library: a village facility which, a couple of years ago, we were in danger of losing without financial help and lots of willing volunteers.

Bus of Hope: a bus fitted out for young people, which has so far made three visits to Kingsclere. It has been successful in attracting lots of youngsters (who otherwise might have been wandering about the village with nothing to do!) and 'entertaining' them. On its last visit a cricket match took place on the Holding field which involved Ben (The Vicar) and a number of teenagers.

We hope that in the future we may be able to make more contributions to Kingsclere-based community projects, putting back something into our village making it a great place to live.

The Tower Management Committee

We need volunteers to support families in the Community- YOU can make a difference to someone's life

This voluntary work is unpaid but is highly rewarding and out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed. Volunteers are required to attend a 40 hour preparation course spread over 7 weeks which starts on Thursday 27 September 2018, at 9.30am - 2.30pm!

INTERESTED – WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Tel: 01256 405988

Email: info@homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk

Website: www.homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk



**Basingstoke Festival of Choirs
 ‘Voices Together’ Concert
 at The Anvil, Basingstoke
 Sunday 30th September at 7:00pm**

Under the banner of the “Basingstoke Festival of Choirs” hundreds of enthusiastic local singers will be joining forces to present a programme of music to suit all tastes and ages. They will be accompanied by the Heritage Light Orchestra. Special guests *Vocal Point* and *St Mary's CE Junior School Choir* will be displaying the very best of the Borough's young talent.

The programme will include the music of Carl Orff, Karl Jenkins, Gilbert and Sullivan, Verdi and more, all guaranteed to lift the spirits and ensure a joyous evening of music making.

Tickets cost £16.00 (under 16s £8) and are now available from <http://www.anvilarts.org.uk/> or by phoning 01256 844244, or by visiting the Anvil box office.

Overton Art Group Annual Exhibition and Sale

The Recreation Centre, Bridge Street, Overton RG25 3HD

August Bank Holiday Weekend 25th 26th 27th
 from 10.00 – 5.00. Free Entry.

An Exhibition and Sale of local artist work completed in various mediums. Please feel free to come along and browse a catalogue is available to purchase and most artwork is for sale.

We have free parking available and due to our opening times the exhibition is not affected by Car Fest traffic. We have a covered seating area outside where you can purchase a drink and homemade cakes.

So if you are interested in owning a piece of original art or you are looking for an early Xmas present or that special gift, come along and have a look the exhibition is suitable for children. We accept cheques or cash.



Homing Enquiries 0345 260 1501 or andover.cats.org.uk
 Fund-raising and volunteers 07733 242196 or
 email coord@andovercats.org.uk
 Items for resale 01256 892773

In this very hot weather it is important that your cat does not get dehydrated and there are ways of encouraging your cat to drink. Water bowls should be placed away from food bowls and should not be plastic as this taints the taste of the water. Many cats prefer running water so try a fountain and if your cat eats tinned food try mixing a little water with it. If you suspect your cat of being dehydrated it is important to seek veterinary advice immediately.

We found a home for Scrumpy, our bad-tempered ginger, and she seems to be behaving herself, thank goodness. Zion and Smudge have also found a home with a couple who saw them advertised in their Parish Magazine and fell in love with them.

Basingstoke Disability ConneXions

Monthly get-together for anyone affected by any type of disability

Come for a chat and enjoy FREE tea/coffee and biscuits
 Meet new people and talk about issues that are important to you

Sessions

First Tuesday monthly from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
 Discovery Centre (public library in Festival Place)

Guest Speaker Topics

7 August: Seated Tai Chi for all,
 followed by Universal Credits information

4 September: Instruction on how to use a defibrillator
 and a talk by Helping Hands for the Blind

All Welcome - no booking needed

For more information please contact us:

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

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Bas & Deane	01256 844844	Cub Scouts	298413
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Trains	0845 748 4950	Kingsclere Library	0300 555 1387
Gas Emergency	0800 11999	Swan Street P O	297035
S.Electric	0845 770 8090	Vet	29557 or 40565
S.Water	0845 278 0845	Dentist	299981
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