

The Kingsclere Tower

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In November Kingsclere lost one of its oldest residents, Doris Barron. I was saddened to hear this news as Doris was my neighbour when I arrived in the village in 1999. Within hours of the removal van disappearing she came to introduce herself. She was keen to hear about my hobbies and interests, and subsequently introduced me to a number of people.

Time spent in her company was entertaining owing to her spirit, enthusiasm and curiosity. Doris was always eager to know what everyone was up to, and what was going on in the village. Even as she became increasingly frail, she was determined not to miss out on anything.

I have an old birthday card on my wall with a slogan that makes me smile, "Life should not be a safe journey to the grave in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, champagne in one hand, strawberries in the other, screaming Woo-Hoo – what a ride!!!" Doris is a great example of someone who lived life to the full and immersed herself in the community. I'm sure many who knew Doris will raise a glass to her in May, on what would have been her 100th birthday to remember a formidable friend. **Editor Sarah**

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To all "Tower" Contributors

Copy for **March** to the Editor at 3 Blue Meadow, Garrett Close.
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NOT LATER THAN 12th February.

**Will ALL contributors please include full name
& home phone number/e-mail address.**

KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)**Chairman: Cllr Alan Denness (298376)****Clerk: Sheila Thompson (298634)****email: clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk****Office: 37 George Street, Kingsclere RG20 5NH****Public Opening: Mon & Wed 9:30-11:30am.****HEDGES AND VERGES**

It seems that the hedges are still growing despite the season and coupled with the strong winds of the last few weeks, that has caused access problems again in some areas of the village. The mild conditions have encouraged growth, making some of the boundary hedges top heavy, leaning over pathways and blocking access or making it difficult for people to use them. If you are responsible for a boundary hedge bordering a footpath, can you ensure that it is not impeding access for others please. Thank you.

VILLAGE DIARY



Please remember to use the VILLAGE DIARY which is available on the village website. Use of the diary can serve to advertise events to avoid clashes with others. Send your details to:- diary@kingsclere-pc.org.uk.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – Collection days for February are 12th and 26th.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – the next Ordinary Meeting will be on Monday 24th February 2014. 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

Sheila Thompson (Clerk)

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

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Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to the 242 residents who took the time to respond to the Questionnaire posted to households in October. The results are available to view on the Parish Council web site (follow the link from the Neighbourhood Planning tab) and the drop in centre at the Village Club. Even though the closing date for the questionnaire has passed, we continue to welcome views of all residents regarding the future development of our village. We would particularly welcome views from households with children – disappointingly only 26 returned the questionnaire!

Affordable private housing, social housing and senior citizen bungalows were the top three choices for future development. Other issues of concern were traffic & car parking, safety & security of residents, protecting our built environment, facilities for the elderly and children & young people and supporting existing businesses.

The NP group are now looking at potential sites for future development and will shortly be engaging professional help to assist us in our task. We continue to welcome anyone who would like to get involved with developing our Neighbourhood Plan. For more information contact the **Parish Clerk or Sue Adams sueadams@madasafish.com**

Defibrillators

I am delighted to say that enough money has been raised to purchase one of these machines. The grateful thanks of the village go to an anonymous donor, also Councillor Keith Chapman and Four Lanes Trust Charity for making this possible.

Arrangements are now under way to train responders and install this machine.

Thanks to everyone concerned, if a threat to life occurs we shall now in some circumstances have the means to avert the worst.

There will be a full explanation next month.

Janet Bond Kingsclere Parish Council

For all constituents in NW Hampshire
How to contact your Member of Parliament
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Kingsclere Village Bunnies Toddler Group

**We meet every Tuesday (including school holidays)
from 9.15am until 11.15am**

The Village Club, George Street, Kingsclere.

Join our friendly group of parents and carers with their babies and toddlers. We are open all year round.

We have a dedicated baby area complete with changing mat, baby toys and bouncy chairs. We have indoor and outdoor play areas for toddlers, weather permitting. Weekly activities include arts & crafts, physical play, story time and singing.

£2.00 per family
(healthy snacks for children and tea and coffee for adults)



Thank you to **Swan Street Stores** for providing our Bunnies with fruit every week to keep them healthy and happy.

Thank you to everyone's continued support, especially to Holly Latimer who has been producing some great arts and crafts for Bunnies, Charlotte De Souza, our newest committee member, who has been on hand throughout the session and is always the last one out and Sue Hart for her contribution in setting up, snack time and general helping hands.

Thank you to Felicity Sandiford who has chaired Village Bunnies for the last three and a half years – she's staying on the committee so it's not "Goodbye" yet!

Welcome to Lizzie Dillaway and Sean Dillaway to the new Chair and Treasurer team – great to have you with us!

For more info please contact Lizzie 07969 986477



Kingsclere Village Bunnies (Open group)



News from FKS

The Parent Teacher Association of Kingsclere Primary School
Registered charity no. 1099453

FKS have plenty of exciting fundraising events planned for this year to provide equipment, support and extra curricular activities for the children of Kingsclere Primary School so please support us. Forthcoming events include school discos, an Easter egg hunt and the annual School Summer fair as well as the Twist Kingsclere 5 mile run. We also plan to hold an exciting new event! See next months Tower for more details.

Future Dates for your Diary

19th April - Easter Egg hunt around the village - all welcome

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

Kingsclere Youth Football



Quiz night
7.30pm
Friday February 28th
Fieldgate Centre.Kingsclere
£2.00 per person.

Training continues, weather dependent. All new players always welcome.

Please see our website [www.clubwebsite.co.uk/
kingsclereyouthfootballclub](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/kingsclereyouthfootballclub)



Kingsclere Village Club

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY

7.30pm

THE BAKER BOYS,

A highly acclaimed young swing band based in London will be performing lively and fresh renditions from their New Orleans and Hot Club repertoire.

Join them for an intimate performance encompassing humorous storytelling, virtuosic musicianship to remember and familiar songs that will transport the audience to the riverboats of New Orleans and the dance halls of Montmartre

“Top Class! An exhilarating performance from this highly skilled ensemble, A truly memorable way to kick off our Autumn late night jazz series” THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

**TICKETS £12 from THE VILLAGE BUTCHER or Bill Cooper
01635 299293**

Village Market

How time flies. It is two years since I took on the task of upgrading the market, and what a grand number of quality stalls we have. This is not only because of products on offer, but you the customers who come back each month and purchase, have a coffee, tea and a chat. The jams, preserves, cakes, pies, bread etc are all hygiene-certificated; fresh eggs, household products, wools, silks, buttons, needles etc, hand-made cards, craft items, garden plants, flowers bulbs, body lotions. We also have a stall selling donated items on behalf of the North Hants hospice, organised by Janet Jones. So come and see what is on offer.

**The market on the 22nd Feb opens 10am-12noon,
free entry. Watch this space - April is coming?**

Alan Gore [01635 299 118](tel:01635299118)



Kingsclere Library

A Happy New year to you all.

A New Year – A New You:

Have you overindulged during the festive period? We have a collection of books that could help you get back into shape!

Author of the Month:

Nick Hornby (born 17 April 1957) is an English novelist, essayist, lyricist, and screenwriter. He is best known for the novels *High Fidelity* and *About a Boy*, as well as for the football memoir *Fever Pitch*. His work frequently touches upon music, sport, and the aimless and obsessive natures of his protagonists. His books have sold more than 5 million copies worldwide.

A Family Book Trail around Kingsclere:

Find the library books at various locations in the village! Starting on National Libraries Day on Saturday, 8th February and running during the half term until Saturday 22nd February. Collect your form at the library and see how many you can find whilst walking around the village. There will be a prize!

Magazines:

Did you know you can now borrow popular magazines **FREE** for a week from the library? Titles include Top Gear, Countryfile, Good Housekeeping, Slimming World and Mother & Baby amongst others.

The Library:

Is situated within the Village Club on George Street, Kingsclere and is open:

Tuesday	1 – 5.30pm
Thursday	1 – 5.30pm
Saturday	10.30 – 3pm

Rowena Hensman
Kingsclere Library Assistant
0845 6035631

1st Kingsclere Guides



Thank you to everyone who attended our Dragon-fly Fashion Show last November. We made over £455 for our camp/holiday fund. Plans are underway for a trip to Switzerland next year so we will be arranging several fundraising events throughout the year including another fashion show. This term we will be holding a concert at the Methodist Church on Sunday 2 March plus a coffee morning & cake sale in the Kingsmill Room on Saturday 5 April. Details to follow.

We have just planned our programme for the term. The Guides will be going to the Basingstoke Gang Show, celebrating Thinking Day (Guiding's international day), having a pancake night, a 'Happy Feet' evening, having a cook out, plus Patrols have chosen to work on Communicate and Peace Go for Its.

Guides are girls aged 10 to 14 and Senior Section members are age 14+. If interested in joining please give me a call.

Sue Adams sueadams@madasafish.com 01635 299242

Coach Outing from Kingsclere

Dates of outings for your diaries:-

Wed 16th April	Hever Castle, Kent. (HHA)
Wed 14th May	Waddesdon Manor, nr Aylesbury, Bucks (NT)
Wed 25th June	Coughton Court, Warwickshire (NT)
Wed 23rd July	Knightshayes Court, Tiverton, Devon (NT)
Wed 3rd Sept	Nymans, West Sussex (NT)

More details to follow in future Tower editions.

I would like to remind everyone that, once you have booked a place, if, for whatever reason, you have to cancel, I will have to charge you, whether you have paid me or not: the price covers the cost of the coach.

Josie Norton 298059

St. Michael's Hospice Fund Raising Brew 'n' Bake 2013 for St Michael's Hospice



A massive thank you to everyone that supported this year's Brew 'n' Bake. We raised over £900 for St Michael's Hospice!!! Again, hopefully we can get this matched to bring it to a whopping £1,800. The calibre of entries matched last year's very high standard, with 21 pudding entries, 2 beer and 9 wine entries. It was a very close competition across all the categories, but was won by Hannah Mitchelmore for her Chocolate Malt Cheesecake for the pudding class, Simon Smallwood for his Trumpers in the beer class, and joint winners for Stuart Boyd for his Lucas's Libation red wine and Beth Theobald for her Sloe Gin . It was a very hard job for all the voters, as there were so many amazing temptations.

I would also like to thank the people who, without their amazing generosity, we wouldn't have got anywhere close to the total we did. These include, in no particular order: Thruxton Racing, Newbury Racecourse, The Wellington Arms, The Crown, Sandford Springs Golf Club, The George and Horn, The Rowbarge, Andwells Brewery, Stone Circle, Berry Bros Rudd, Nelsons Diner, Wyatts Butchers, Bloom2, Amanda Bates, Feel the Beat, Celeste Purdie, Sam Cruickshank, Claire Ellis, Fi Smith Art, Life Venture, Nicki Peach, Jenna Burlington, Emma's Café, Slimming World, Mr Bignell, L Titcombe and P Murray Funeral Directors, Kingsclere Film Club and Tadley Shoe Repairs. Also a big thank you to all the people that helped on the night ☺

Next year we will be looking at a bigger venue!!

Sue Elliott

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

St. Michael's Hospice Stall - Village Market.

During the last year this stall raised £520 for our local Hospice. Thank you everybody for your continued support and donations. See you again next market.

Janet Jones 299950

Nature Notes



In late December rooks were seen at a rookery perched beside last year's nests. It is little short of miraculous that these twiggy structures have survived the extremely high winds and driving rain of this winter. Yet there they are, waiting to be claimed and refurbished for the new season's eggs. Some less expertly built nests will have collapsed though. Rooks nest early and dominant birds will occupy the safer central part of a rookery, lower status ones have to be content to build at the edges. Skirmishes occur as sticks are filched from neighbour's nests and it is interesting to watch rooks carrying sizeable sticks held in a variety of ways without impeding their flight.

A single lesser redpoll is visiting the nyger seed-hopefully more will follow. Up to six were seen in the garden last year.

On a recent walk we had to make frequent detours from the footpath due to ivy fall. The obstacles were huge and unyielding and revealed how vigorous and inter twined mature ivy can be. In some cases the tree or part had been brought down also. Ivy we know is not a parasite and so does not affect a tree directly but if the tree weakens then the weight of ivy growth can be a factor in its demise as can its bulk during high winds. The countryside would be poorer without it however as it gives nesting places for birds in the Spring, late flowers for bees, berries in Autumn and Winter and masses of rich, green colour in the barest part of the year.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

First World War Commemorations

There will be a meeting of the Steering Group for the commemorations on February 12th at 7.30 in the Holding Room of the Village Club. If you wish to contribute to the planning but haven't been contacted, would you please let me know.

Many thanks to those who have already contacted me with information and suggestions; do please come to the meeting if you are able.

**Fiona Sawyer (fmsawyer@hotmail.com)
01635 297221**

Church Pages

Something to make you smile

With the view to buying a pleasant country cottage, a young couple went to see the vicar of a small rural parish and asked him if such a cottage was available. The vicar, on behalf of the owners, showed them around a small cottage that was for sale. Later, on returning home, the couple remembered that they had not noticed a W.C. in the cottage, so the young man wrote to the vicar and enquired where this might be. The vicar thinking they meant the Wesleyan Chapel wrote this reply:

Dear Sir,

I was very pleased to receive your letter, but regret to inform you that the nearest W.C. is 50 miles away, which is most unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly.

It is a lovely little place situated in a beautiful valley amongst pine trees and it may interest you to know that many people make a day of it, setting off early in the morning and taking a picnic. Some travel by car or bus, others walk and arrive just in time. A bell rings 20 minutes before the W.C. opens and there is plenty of standing room for those who arrive late. Inside, everything is most appropriate with 80 plush seats and beautiful carvings on the walls. The children sit and sing during the procedure. Hymn sheets are found hanging behind the door, and there is an organ accompaniment.

I hope this information has been useful and that you will make it your business to attend often. I myself have not been for 5 months and you can imagine how this pains me very much.

Yours faithfully,

The Vicar.

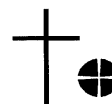
The moral I think to this tale is that communication is key; we can never take for granted that people know exactly what we mean, so clear communication is necessary, yet seeing the funny side when the wrong end of the stick has been grasped helps to sustain good relationships.

We also have to be prepared to acknowledge that, sometimes, we get the wrong end of the stick when it comes to listening to God, at times we will interpret God's will wrongly, and, for the less serious times, when we do I pray that God can see the funny side of our humanity.

I am convinced that God does because God is love and love is patient and kind.

Wishing you joy and peace throughout 2014

Rev Trish

METHODIST NOTES**Preachers for February.**

All Sunday services 9:30

2nd Rev Elaine Rawlings
 9th Mr Peter Castle
 15th Saturday 4:30pm Local arrangement
 23rd Mrs Joy Barrow

Mid week Communion Thursday 14th at 10am.

Junior Church will be on the second and fourth Sundays.

Coffee Mornings are every Thursday 10:30-midday.

All are welcome to services and events.

Care Lunches

May I take this opportunity of a new year to thank all those who cook, shop, prepare the vegetables and become waiters and waitresses in the Kingsmill room, or do the less glamorous job of simply washing-up at our monthly Care lunches. Diabetics are catered for. It is fun wondering what will be served today and we always have a choice of delicious desserts. What a joy it is not to have to cook for oneself or eat alone. It is one way of getting to know people quite well.

I am amazed how they can provide these good nutritious hot meals at so little cost to us. Well done to the team for these wonderful meals, and I am sure we all appreciate them, even if we don't say so.

Margaret Ingram 299152

Methodist Chapel

(see also Back Cover)

Steward Christine Westcombe
Secretary Jeanette Billington
Hire of Hall Philippa Clements

☎ 298518
☎ 297585
☎ 298897

**Services in the parishes of
Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley
February 2014**

Sunday 2 nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 9 th February 4 th before Lent	8am	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Holy Communion – St Peter’s, Headley
	10.30am	Second Sunday Service at St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 16 th February 3 rd before Lent	8am	Holy Communion - St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 23 rd February 2 nd before Lent	8am	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	All-Age Worship with Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
Sunday 2 nd March Sunday before Lent	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary’s, Kingsclere

**ABC Service this month will take place on
Monday 17th February – 9.30 am – St Mary’s**

St. Mary’s Church		(see also Back Cover)
Vicar	Rev Lucy Thirtle, lucythirtle@btinternet.com	☎ 299489
Curate	Rev. Trish Bancroft trishbancroft@aol.com	☎ 269180
Churchwarden	Janet Sturgess	☎ 298079
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	☎ 42962

Christingle Service

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Christingle service at St. Mary's Church. The service had a very special atmosphere with more than seventy adults and children making their own Christingle oranges (and eating any sweets left over!). A total of £198.80 (including £80.61 from AH & Headley) was raised for The Children's Society. Thanks also go to the team of volunteers, who did a brilliant job of ensuring that the service ran both safely and smoothly, and to Howe & Son for donating the oranges.

The Children's Society boxes are due to be opened at the end of January; could box holders please either give them to Rev Lucy Thirtle or telephone me to arrange collection. If you would like to donate money by keeping a collection box in your home I will be happy to provide you with more information.

www.childrenssociety.org. Sue Grove-White 297683

Village Christmas Day Lunch

If anyone was mystified by seeing two people pushing a steaming wheelbarrow along Swan Street around lunchtime on Christmas Day, it was only the roast potatoes for the lunch in the Kingsmill Room being delivered (thanks Tom and Mary!)

Thanks to their efforts and that of many others, 36 villagers ranging in age from 4 – 84 years sat down to enjoy a jolly Christmas Day lunch together. After sherry and nibbles, guests were served a meal of roast turkey, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots, peas, red cabbage and sprouts with all the trimmings. Entertainment was provided before and after the meal by Kate Izzard, the Freeman family and David

Goodfellow. Particular thanks are due to the organising supremo and master chef, Pippa Ashton, who was ably assisted by Mary Sneyd but many more people made the event possible by contributing in a range of different ways. Sincere and huge thanks to those who know who they are for generous donations of wine, food, table gifts, raffle prizes, crackers, and financial support as well as of practical help with decorating the room, providing transport, washing up etc.

A really happy time was had by all. So we hope to offer another one in two years' time but if this year's experience was anything to go on, those wishing to come will need to get their name down early!

Rev Lucy

VALENTINES DINNER & DANCE

15th February

7pm – 11.30pm

at Ashford Hill Church

live music from Peter Murray aka Paul Martin

www.paulmartinlive.co.uk

Tickets - £15 each to include reception drinks,
2 course meal and entertainment

From: The Village Butcher, Kingsclere

or by email from info@tmfunerals.co.uk

or eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk.

Sponsored by L Titcombe & P J Murray Independent Funeral Directors.
All proceeds to St. Mary's Kingsclere and Ashford Hill Churches.

St Mary's 200 Club

Winner December 2013 Ticket no: 5 Les Wallace

Congratulations Les

Winner January 2014

Janet Sturgess no 36

Well done Janet

Entries drawn first Friday of each month -

The Swan Hotel, Swan Street

From the Registers of St Mary's

Baptism	<i>We welcome you into the Lord's family</i>
4 Jan	Florence Mary and Matilda Rose Conway of Union Lane
Wedding	<i>Those whom God has joined together</i>
7 Dec	Katherine Keogh & Edward Hamilton
Funerals	<i>I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord</i>
14 Nov	Judy Smith
8 Jan	Alan Andrew

The Friends of St Mary's



For those of you who receive your copies of The Tower before the end of the month, there is still time to buy tickets for our **Quiz Night** at the Fieldgate Centre on **Friday 31st January**. Tickets, at £12 per head, include Ploughman's Supper and a glass of wine, and may be bought from The Village Butcher or by contacting me on 298434. These evenings are usually great fun, and don't be put off if you can't muster a full team – smaller numbers can be offered the chance of joining others on the night.

Thoughts are now turning to the next event in our calendar, which will be the popular **Plant Sale** in St Mary's Churchyard, on the morning of **Saturday 17th May**. If any of you are wrestling with separating water-logged perennials, and could spare one or two to swell the numbers at the Sale, they will be most gratefully received. Please contact Jane Royle on 297430.

Peter Turner
Chairman

St. Mary's Guild

Our Christmas Tea in December proved to be an entertaining afternoon. Father Christmas paid us a visit and, after checking that we had all behaved ourselves all year, presented us all with a little gift! After a hearty tea, provided by the Committee, Mrs. Doreen Cook played Carols and we all sang along. Very many thanks to Santa and to Doreen.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Lunch on February 26th – this year being held at Sasso's. This is a members only event. However, we would welcome new members to come along to our meeting on Wednesday 26th March, when Sheilah Openshaw will speak to us on 'Sunken Treasure – Our Heritage'.

Pam Kitch, Chairman 01635 299743

Lighting up St Mary's



- 14th December** In memory of Paul Clint
25th December Mick forever in our hearts and in our thoughts. Merry Christmas love Jackie, Carla, Nick, Ellie and Lucy x
- 15th February** For Debbie Swaine Another birthday Debs, and another year you're not here, but thoughts and memories of you we hold so dear, just wish we could have a laugh and a beer xx Missing you still, and loving you always. Tiggy and Jim xxxx
- 27th February** Oscar. It broke our hearts to lose you, but we had to let you go. Always in our hearts. Love you Mum, Dad, Bramble and all the family.
- 28th February** David John Carter. Thinking of you on your birthday. Forever in our thoughts, love Pauline, Helen, Jo, Nick, Kevin, Mark, Sam, Tom, Abbie and Elliot.

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Hand deliveries please use the black post box next to the front door or 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 March Tower is February 10th.

KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS WI



WE MEET AT THE VILLAGE CLUB EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY AT 1.45pm FOR A 2.00pm START

Our next meeting will be on February 12th
 The Speaker will be Gina Ireland telling us the history of greeting cards

New Members always welcome

More detail from Betty Eckton-----01256 850017

Kingsclere Twinning Association



The quiz and buffet night on the 6th December was an enjoyable and sociable event. Many thanks to those who attended and helped to make the evening a success.

Thanks also to those who came along to our French version of the Eco-cafe on the morning of the 7th December. We did a steady trade in croissants, pains au chocolat, brioche and a variety of hot drinks. We would like to thank Louise Porton for all her help with the morning.

This month the committee will start to plan for the visit by our friends from Cormicy which will be taking place on the week-end of the 5th and 6th July. We would be very grateful for any offers of accommodation for that week-end. We will be organising a programme of activities for our visitors but there will be opportunities to spend time with your guests if you wish. The group from Cormicy usually contains several children so this is a good opportunity for young people in Kingsclere to practise their French!

The promised wine-tasting evening has not been forgotten and we mean to get one organised as soon as possible. Details will follow.

Lesley Fairey 01635297159

KINGSCLERE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



Our next meeting will be on THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY when our speaker will be Gina Ireland.

Her talk will be entitled " Both Sides of the Wall " when Gina will give us an enthralling insight into her experiences as a female prison officer in male establishments.

We meet at the Village Club at 7.45pm and non-members are very welcome.

Michael Leah Chairman tel 297403



**Kingsclere
Film Club**

Saturday, 1 February 2014

Shakespeare's

Much Ado About Nothing

(1993) PG 111mins

Starring Emma Thompson and

Kenneth Branagh (who also directed)

Kingsclere Film Club shows films on the first Saturday of each month at 7.30pm on the big screen at the Village Club (now with improved acoustics).

Guests: £7.50 (subscription averages at £4.16 per view)

New members welcome.

<i>March 1st</i>	<i>The Well-digger's Daughter</i>
<i>More information: John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221 or Diana Tait (Membership Sec.) 298494</i>	

The Garden Club.



We wish you all a happy new gardening year and a warm welcome to our first talk this year.

Our speaker will be Mr Derek Dexter from Wokingham. His subject is "Fuchsias". Everyone likes them and everyone wants to know which ones are hardy so come along and find out from an expert.

The talk will be at the Village Club on Thursday February 13th, the meeting will start at 7.30pm. Members free, visitors £3.00.

Membership cards for this year should be ready at this meeting.

Remember you will get a 10% discount off purchases at Cottismore Garden Centre on production of your card.

For our March meeting Carol Watson returns with a talk on Ireland.

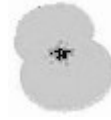
Table Hire: Available to village groups/persons for £2.50 per table.

Hirer arranges collection/return. A small increase on last year, but expenses rise for all of us.

Membership costs £7.00 or £5.00 for seniors. Contact Diana Tait 01635 298494 or join at our meetings. We are a friendly group who welcome new members.

John Eckton secretary. 01256 850017

Royal British Legion



We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal in November 2013. The total raised to date is £3,189.10 - an excellent result and up on the previous year.

We really appreciate all the support we receive and are pleased to pass this on to be used in supporting our Service Men and Women past and present.

If you feel that you would like to belong to the Royal British Legion and help us to help others then please get in touch for more details.

We are now meeting every three months at the Fieldgate Centre, on the first Monday at 7pm.

We would be very pleased to see you.

Maureen Martin (Secretary)

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes Operation Christmas Child.

I had a letter this morning thanking KINGSCLERE for 95 full shoe boxes -very well done!

I waited on the 28th of November but no one came. Luckily as it turned out as one more box arrived before they were collected on the following Monday.

I know some of you are following your box on the Internet to see where it goes.

Anyone contacting Operation Christmas child can have a free DVD to watch the children's delight and hear their stories- some will break your heart.

Thank you once again to individuals, families, the Methodist church and St Mary's church. You all gave an extra special Christmas gift to someone who can never thank you personally. I hope you will be able to help again next year.

Jane Freeman

February at The Fieldgate



Our Current Programme of Public Classes is:

Monday	The Lynden School of Dance	4.30-7.30pm
	Basingstoke Voluntary Services: Youth Hub – Drop in centre	
	The Atkinson Room	6.00-8.00pm
Tuesday	Weightwatchers	6.00-8.00pm
Wednesday	Booiaka (term time only)	10.00-11.00am
	Tea dance	1.30-4.00pm
	The Lynden School of Dance	4.30-6.30pm
	Slimming World	6.30-9.00pm
	Rugby Training	7.00-9.00pm
Thursday	Rosemary Conley	10.00-11.15am
	Fieldgate Woods	2.00-4.00 pm
	Feel the Beat Dance class for children of 7-11years	5.30-6.30pm
	Feel the Beat Dance classes for children of 12 years and above	6.30-7.30pm
Sunday am	Junior Tag Rugby	

The Play Bus comes to the car park on the first Wednesday afternoon each month for children of up to 5 years and their parents/carers.

Watch out for details of the first meeting of Kingsclere Youth Club which will be held in The Atkinson Room.

Future event:

Psychic evening on Sunday 2nd February. Begins 7.30pm.

Tickets £10 to include a chilli supper.

Available from The Fieldgate office: 01635 298497, the bar or

Karen Green 01635 298685 and 7768937282

Lesley Fairey 01635297159

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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for our 2013/2014 nominated charity:



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

Stories of rescued cats adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk

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

Items for resale 01256-892773



Fabulous February Felines

In our January update for Andover & District Cats Protection, we featured Dash, a lovely cat who had been with us for a little while. I'm glad to report that unusually for the start of January, Dash was one of three cats who have been found permanent homes.

As soon as one cat leaves our care however, another one or two arrive to take their place. This is in the home of one of our volunteer fosterers, or in one of our over-subscribed cat pens. This is why quite frequently you may see a new page or two of cats going up on our website, or new cats posted in our Facebook group.

If you are in a position to help, there are several ways you can get involved:

Consider becoming a fosterer for the charity. We cover all vets fees, and supply food and litter.

Come and support us directly at any of the events found at www.andovercats.org.uk/EventsPage.htm

Purchase one of our 'meals for cats' on our EBay site:

<http://myworld.ebay.co.uk/andovercatsprotection/>

This month, we are looking for a home for Matt, which might be with or without his sister Betty. Matt is a very large, five year old, friendly tabby. He comes from a multi-cat household so would be happy to be homed with his sister Betty or to move in with another friendly cat. If you can offer Matt a home, please do get in touch on Facebook, or by telephone: 01256 892019.

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