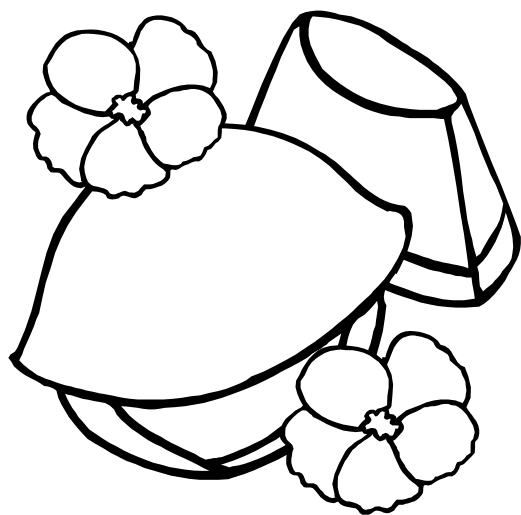


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This is YOUR Tower, so please feel free to drop the editors an email and let us know what you like, and what you'd like to see more - or less - of.

If you are a local organisation, whether a club, social group or other organisation, you are welcome to publicise your activities here. Tell Kingsclere what you are doing, and if you are looking for more people to join you they may find you here.

Some months are light on content and activities and others are packed - December is always one of our busiest months with all the holiday notices. So please understand if sometimes your notices may need to be shortened in order to fit as much in as possible. Priority is always given to local events for local people.

**Nicki (November editor)**

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## **To all "Tower" Contributors**

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# Kingsclere Parish Council

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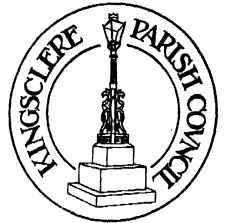
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**CLERK OF THE YEAR AWARD** - Congratulations to our Clerk, Mrs Sheila Thompson, who was voted runner up in the Hampshire Association Of Parish Councils (HALC) Clerk of the Year Award. A fully justified award after almost ten years as clerk.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**- Please note that the date of our Volunteer Of The Year Awards has been changed from NOVEMBER 8TH TO FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH.

**ANNUAL NEWS LETTER**- A copy of the Council's Annual News Letter has now been distributed to every household, thus maintaining our classification as a Quality Parish Council.

**VILLAGE LIBRARY**- Detailed discussions are continuing with Hampshire County concerning the future of our village library.

**SPEED WATCH TEAM** - Arrangements for the establishment of a village speed watch team are proceeding well.

**PARISH PATHS** - We had an excellent morning's work on September 28th, with 10 volunteers clearing many footpaths around the village, so many thanks to them. We welcomed another new member of our team, Rob Maddock who has recently come to live in Kingsclere, so welcome to our group and to the village. Next work day in November is Sunday 30th, 9.45am at the Village Club, George Street. For further information contact the Parish clerk or Heath Denness Tel. 298376.

**GREEN WHEELY BINS AND GLASS RECYCLING**.- Collection days for November are 12th and 26th.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** - General Purposes Committee Nov 3rd; Finance and Establishment Nov 10th and Ordinary Meeting Nov 24th. We welcome the attendance of parishioners at all of these meetings.

**GREEN WHEELY BINS** – Collection days for November are: 12th and 26th

## ADVICE CLINIC

Sir George Young MP will hold his final Advice Clinic in the Village Club, 35 George Street at 10 am on Saturday 29 October. He will see any constituents who wish to discuss issues with him but would prefer them to make a prior appointment. Please call his Andover office on 01264 401401

## Speed Watch

The Speedwatch Group for Kingsclere is now getting underway, and we have some very enthusiastic volunteers. However we could do with a few more people to look at the speeding problems in the Village and do a little work to help try to stop this. If you are interested please contact Janet Bond for a chat.

**Janet Bond 01635 297610**



**3rd Kingsclere Brownies**  
Coffee Morning  
&

Second Hand Toy Sale  
Saturday 15th November  
10am – 2pm

Scout Den – Strokens Road, Kingsclere  
Including Tombola, Raffle and Cake Sale  
Tables for Hire

Contact Colleen on 07919 550418



**The Parish Website [www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk](http://www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk)**

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email: [keith.chapman@hants.gov.uk](mailto:keith.chapman@hants.gov.uk)

## THE PRODUCERS Blues Band

**SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER**

**THE VILLAGE CLUB 8.00pm**

One of the most exciting and stylish new wave bands on the circuit, Bournemouth based The Producers, came to prominence throughout the 1990s, playing to packed venues on their farewell tour in 2001.

Having now reformed with original band members Harry Skinner and Dave Saunders, who have been joined by Ray Drury and Biff Smith, they have taken current Blues phenomenon by storm.

Their latest album, London Blues, is acclaimed and is great for both listening and dancing.

Hog the Limelight never disappoints with their musical acts and bands, and this UK award winning Blues Band is sure to please even the most discerning of critics.

TICKETS £12.00 from THE VILLAGE BUTCHER or BILL COOPER (01635 299293)



## Market at Village Club

Here we are: The last market of 2014 and what a year it has been! In April we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the village market. It continues to attract new customers and stalls due to consistent quality of products sold each month. The usual stalls will be there: Preserves, wools, hand made cards, craft items, household products, body lotions, hand-made dog treats, jewellery, handbags, and garden plants and bulbs. Plus there will be Christmas wreaths and trees to order.

Again, a big thank you to the stall holders and those who have supported us throughout the year. So come along on the 29th November 10am to 12 noon and enjoy the Christmas season with friends and family.

**Alan Gore 01635 299 118**

A big thank you to all of you who have supported the stall for St. Michaels Hospice. It has been a great success but I am unable to continue.

**Janet Jones**

## Kingsclere Twinning Association

As I write, we are busy preparing for the visit of our friends from Cormicy on October 25th. I am sure a very enjoyable weekend will be had by all. We are hoping for good or, at least, reasonable weather for the visit which will include a trip to Oxford.

## World War 1 Commemorations

A small group of members of the Twinning Association is planning to go to Cormicy on November 10th and 11th to take part in commemoration ceremonies linked to World War 1. On November 10th, we will visit the cemetery at Hermoville where English soldiers are buried and will place poppy crosses in their memory. On November 11th, we intend to lay a poppy wreath at the memorial in Cormicy as part of the village's commemorations.

Cormicy was very much involved in the World War 1, with much of the village being completely destroyed as the front passed through, and many villagers were lost.

Email address: [kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk) Telephone Sue Watson: 01635 298940

Website: [www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning](http://www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning). Follow us on Facebook

## St Mary's 200 Club Winner October 2014

No 67: Chris Green

Well done, Chris

Entry drawn by Don Freeman at St Mary's

Fitness **Pilates Class**, Monday evenings 6:40-7:45 in the Village Hall, suitable for all levels.  
Contact Paula on 07825 664296



The Fieldgate Centre

## November at The Fieldgate

Below is an up-dated version of our week day regular bookings. For sports fixtures see websites and Facebook pages of the clubs.

Monday	Lynden school of Dance Brian Manning	4.30 – 7.30pm 7.45 – 8.45pm
Tuesday	Penwood Badminton Youth Club (The Atkinson Room)	10.00 – 11.30am 7.00 – 9.00pm
Wednesday	Booiaka Tea Dance Slimming World Rugby Training Darts	10.00 – 11.00am 1.30 – 4.00pm 7.30 – 9.00pm 7.00 – 9.00pm
Thursday	Julie Upshall Aerobics Fieldgate Woods (Short mat bowls) Feel the Beat (7-11 years) Feel the Beat (12 and above)	10.00 – 11.15am 2.00 – 4.00pm 5.30 – 6.30pm 6.30 – 7.30pm

## Other Public Events

- 6th Nov Ancient Order of Foresters Meeting 7.00 – 8.00pm
- 8th Nov Friends of Kingsclere School Annual Bonfire and Fireworks  
From 5.30pm. REAL ALE BAR AVAILABLE
- 15th Nov Rugby away to Overton 2.00pm
- 22nd Nov Rugby Home v Fawley 2.00pm
- 6th Dec Rugby away to Southampton 2.00pm
- 18th Dec Arborflora Group Annual Show. Visitors welcome from 2.00pm

## Children's Christmas Party

We are intending to run a party for children in December. Keep a look out for details!

Enquiries: 01635 298497 e-mail: [fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com](mailto:fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com) Follow us on Facebook or see [www.TheFieldgateCentre.co.uk](http://www.TheFieldgateCentre.co.uk) The office is open 10am – 2.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please leave a message on the answer phone when the office is closed and we will get back to you.

## Kingsclere Library

Author of the Month: Kathy Reichs is a forensic anthropologist for the Offices of the Chief Medical Examiner, State of North Carolina, and for the Laboratoire de Sciences Judiciaires et de Médecine Légale for the province of Quebec. A professor of anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, she divides her time between Charlotte and Montreal and is a frequent expert witness in criminal trials. In addition to technical books Reichs has written 19 novels to date, which have been translated into 30 languages. Her first novel, *Déjà Dead*, won the 1997 Arthur Ellis Award for Best First Novel

The fictional heroine in her novels, Temperance "Tempe" Brennan, is also a forensic anthropologist. Her lifestyle closely mimics that of her creator with Reichs stating that Brennan and she "have the same CV" and that "Some of Tempe's personality traits are also mine but there are differences in their personal lives". A good portion of the novels are based on real life science, and Reichs has stated that she is "fastidiously conscientious about getting the science right" She has used experience from her career in her novels, and said about *Déjà Dead* that "Everything I describe in the book, I actually did". In the novel *Grave Secrets*, she uses her experience from her visit to Guatemala.

**Tadley Library Closure:** Tadley library will be closed on Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th of November to allow for the installation of new window blinds. You can return any books you have from Tadley library to the library here in Kingsclere.

**Basingstoke & Deane Revised Pre-Submission Local Plan 2011-2029:** This is available in the library for all to consult.

**Display: Winter Comforts** – Winter is arriving, shut the doors, light the fire and close the curtains! Curl up with a good book, knit some winter warmers and cook hot, tasty, comforting food!

**Kingsclere 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 603 5631**



## KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Good news – we have finally launched our own Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan web site. See [www.kingsclere-np.org.uk](http://www.kingsclere-np.org.uk) The site is much easier to navigate and will contain much more information about the development of our village and progress on our Neighbourhood Plan. Do log on and give us your views.

Despite delivering 140 personal invitations our meeting for the Kingsclere business community held on 24th September was poorly attended. Nevertheless some constructive contributions were forthcoming which we can work on. Thanks to everyone who took the trouble to attend.

We have received the draft report from URS, the consultancy engaged to undertake analysis of proposed sites for development. At the time of writing we are waiting for URS to respond to our questions and comments. Once the report has been finalised it will be posted on the web for everyone to view.

### VILLAGE MEETING

There will be a village meeting on Friday November 14th commencing 7.30 pm in the Fieldgate Centre. The Kingsclere Neighbourhood Planning Group will update the village on work to date and what happens next plus a representative from URS will present their report and conclusions on possible sites for development. If you care about the future of Kingsclere then do please come along and take part in this important meeting.

For further information contact Sue Adams, 01635 299242, [sueadams@madasafish.com](mailto:sueadams@madasafish.com), our Parish Clerk, Sheila Thompson, 01635 298634, [clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk) or give us your questions & comments on Facebook.

## KINGSCLERE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 20th November when Tony Cross, a local historian with many years of experience at the Curtis Museum, Alton, will be our speaker.

Tony's talk will be entitled " The Great War- a Local Perspective " promising material so very much topical in this the first year of the four year World War 1 commemorative period.

We meet at the Village Club at 7.30pm and non-members are always very welcome.

**Michael Leah, 297403**

## Nature Notes

The local lakes always provide something of interest all the year around, a visit recently was no exception. There were more great crested grebes there than we have ever seen many of which were birds of the year, now independent of their parents. They occupied a bay of the lake and for once even outnumbered the pesty coots. At Hosehill Lake there were also good numbers and some still in family groups the parents of which were still diving for fish to feed their downy but nearly full grown chicks. (September 18th) Also busily fishing were cormorants numbering 40+. Since turning from the sea for the easy fishing that lakes and rivers provide they are causing anglers and water owners serious concern.

A walk around some old flooded gravel pits on a fine sunny autumn day meant our binoculars were ready to identify anything of interest. A number of derelict willows jutted from the swampy margins and snags of wood lay above the water. Something odd about one such snag proved to be a large terrapin basking in the sun. An introduced and probably released pet, it had grown to soup plate size with a smooth gray shell. With an abundant supply of food and no predators its existence was pretty secure. The era of the T.V. Ninja turtles caused an interest resulting in the import of a variety of aquarium/pond turtles and terrapins which resulted in a number of animals being released into the wild as the interest waned or they grew too big

**Diana Tait and Rod Eldred**

## Charity Concert

For Basingstoke Foodbank and St. Mary's Church

Charity Concert, Saturday 15th Nov., 7pm – 9.30pm

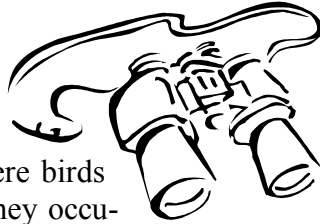
At St. Mary's Church Kingsclere

It will be a wonderful musical evening with lots of surprises! Please come if you can and share this with us. Refreshments during interval.

Tickets adults £5 and children accompanied by adults free

Tickets from Swan Street Stores/Village Butcher or

Vanessa Martin 01635 299227



## The Workhouse at Kingsclere

For over 100 years a very large dark building loomed over the fields to the north of the village. This was the Kingsclere Poor Law Union Hospital better known as the Workhouse. In 1833 the new poor law divided the country into Unions with the aim of giving broader support to poor people known as paupers. There was a lot of poverty in the countryside at that time, especially in the South of England.

In 1836 the Guardians of the Poor built the Workhouse at the junction of Newbury Road and Plaistow Lane (now Union Lane). The site is now the paddock, used to store gravel and other road materials, between the A399 and the business park. It housed 300 people—men, women and children.

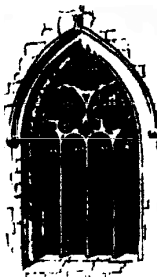
The Guardians did their best to keep families together and to provide relief in the form of work, usually casual, but when all else failed people were taken into the Workhouse and families were split up as men, women and children were all accommodated in separate dormitories. All who could work were employed at the Workhouse on gardening, cooking and laundry work but as many were at the end of their lives they could not do much. Children might be boarded out and at 10 were usually apprenticed to work by the Guardians—to farms etc and many to chimney sweeps as chimney climbing boys, many of whom died of cancer.

One such was James (Sooty) Seaward who was born to an unmarried mother in the Workhouse and later boarded with his aunt in North Street until at 10 he was apprenticed to a sweep. When he was climbing the chimneys in the Rector at Eversley he became the interest of the Rev Charles Kingsley who used him as the model for Tom of the 'Water Babies'. Sooty lived to a ripe old age and became an alderman in Wokingham

Workhouse life was hard but various residents did their best to help by giving extras and paying for occasional special meals. When paupers died they were given the cheapest possible burial in an unmarked grave in the churchyard or in the Ecchinswell Road Burial Ground. In 2004 the Parish Council dedicated a memorial stone in the paupers area at the ground to honour all who had died.

The workhouses were all closed when the NHS started and the Kingsclere Workhouse became a hospital for elderly patients. It closed in 1996 when the North Hampshire Hospital was built and was then demolished.

# The Church Pages



## Reflections

### The Month of the Dead

In Catholic tradition, November is when the dead are specially remembered. Named 'The Month of the Holy Souls', prayers are regularly said for the souls in Purgatory. The Catholic belief in this state of purification after death is rejected by many Christians, and remains a point of debate in discussions about Christian Unity.

The belief argues that most of us will die not completely at one with God and our neighbour - arguments unresolved, hurts unforgiven, graces resisted, acts of charity refused. With sin and its effects with us in death, a perfect union with God demands a spiritual purification before entering Heaven.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (5th Century) expresses the belief in his 'Confessions' when writing of the death of his mother, Monica. Outlining her good life, he also recognises her failings. So he now prays to Jesus for her forgiveness, "who hung on the cross and now sits at your right hand and pleads for us, for he is the true medicine of our wounds." For: "All she wanted was that we should remember her at your altar, where she had been your servant day after day, without fail."

This coming Remembrance Sunday, many Catholic Christians will be praying for that complete union with God not only for those they love - but also, in accordance with Christ's teaching, for their enemies, so that our trespasses may be similarly forgiven.

**Father Patrick Tansy**

## Services in November 2014

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November All Saints/4 <sup>th</sup> Before Advent	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Before Advent / Remembrance	8am	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.50am	Service of Remembrance – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.50am	Service of Remembrance – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	3pm	Service of Remembrance – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2 <sup>nd</sup> Before Advent	8am	Holy Communion - St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November Christ the King	8am	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Baptism – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	5pm	"In Loving Memory" commemoration service – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November Advent 1	10.30am	Benefice Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	5pm	Family Praise – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	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*

<b>ABC services Monday 17th November, 9.30 am – St Mary's</b>		
<b>St. Mary's Church</b>		(See also back cover)
<b>Vicar</b>	Rev. Lucy Thirtle, lucythirtle@btinternet.com	☎ 299489
<b>Churchwarden</b>	Janet Sturgess	☎ 298079
<b>Churchwarden</b>	Eileen Selsey	☎ 42962



### In Loving Memory

A service to remember loved ones we have lost

St Mary's Church, Kingsclere

Sunday 23rd November at 5 pm

(Tea and cakes served in the Kingsmill Room from 4.15pm)

### Methodist Notes

Sunday Services in November. Services start at 9:30

- 2 Rev. Jenny Ellis
- 9 Remembrance Day at St. Mary's War Memorial 10:45, followed by service in St. Mary's Church
- 15 Saturday Service 4:30 Mr. Tim Gardner
- 23 Mrs Christine Thomas
- 30 Rev. John Beadle Holy Communion

**Mid week Holy Communion** Thursday 13th 10am

**God's Youth Space** every Sunday 6:30 in Methodist Upper Room, aimed at secondary school aged young people. Bring your friends along and discover what it is all about.

**Coffee mornings** every Thursday 10:30 - midday

**Harvest Lunch** - Once again the Harvest Lunch in the Methodist Hall was a great success with the three local churches. Everyone was asked to contribute a plateful of food. It was mentioned that God would provide and he did with help from his people contributing a wide variety of savouries and desserts. I sat with one Methodist, three from St. Mary's and at least four from St. Peter and St Paul at our table.

This was the second year we had been hosts. Maybe next year we will share our meal together again which was so enjoyable. Even if we have a different venue and hostesses. God bless you all for your support.

**Margaret Ingram**

### 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

**Wedding** *Those whom God has joined together*

11 Oct Danielle Casson and Alexander Hill

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

10 Oct Rose Ellen Thorpe of Rose Hodson Court



Fun for all ages, adults and children....

"I am the Light of the World"

In our December Messy Church, Children and their parents/carers can enjoy arts and crafts, fun activities and more all based around the theme of "light". We then finish with a story and some

worship songs before sharing a meal together.

**Where:** Kingsclere Primary School

**When:** Tuesday, 2nd December at 3:20pm

**Cost:** Free (suggested donation of £3 per family)

All are invited...adults, teenagers, children, carers, families, partners, grandparents.....

Everyone is welcome!

If you are a child, you do need to bring an adult with you though.

If you would like to know more then contact:  
sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk or emma.rivers@virgin.net

### ST. MARY'S GUILD

At our September meeting, Guild Members and guests were treated to a very interesting and informative talk by Sarah Musset on 'Staying Safe in the NHS'. Sarah gave us tips on how to help the NHS help us and also gave us an insight into what could go wrong. However, Sarah's statistics and information put some of the horror headlines into perspective and left us feeling that we are fortunate to have the NHS Service, particularly with our local health centres and hospitals. Thank you, Sarah.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th November. The theme for the meeting will be 'The Photo I Cannot Throw Away'. Members and guests will be asked to bring along a cherished photo and explain why it is so dear to them. As always, we will meet in the Kingsmill Room of St. Mary's Church at 2.15 pm. New members and Guests are always welcome, so please come along, join in the discussion and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake to round off the meeting.

**Pam Kitch (Chairman), 01635 299743**



## Lighting up St Marys

### November

23rd For Eileen Soper. Dearest Eileen, remembering you especially today on your birth date, Rest in Peace, With our love as always, Anne, Bill & Graham

24th Jonny Webborn - on your 26th birthday. Not an hour passes when we don't think of you. With all our love, Mum, Dad, David, Lizzie and Roo

27th Remembering our brave, thoughtful, humble son and brother, Jonny. We miss you and your lovely smile so much. All our love, Mum, Dad, David, Lizzie and Roo

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online [www.clerewoodlands.org.uk](http://www.clerewoodlands.org.uk) Hand deliveries please use the black post box next to the front door. £12 per evening, discounts available for block bookings and business sponsorship. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for December and January Tower is November 10th. Booking for January received after this date will appear in the February Tower.

## Christmas is coming

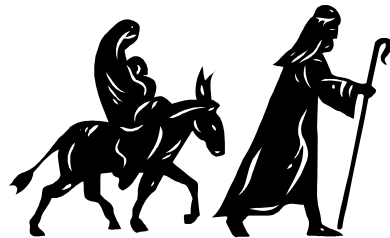
Time to celebrate Christ's birth

St Mary's Church is holding an exhibition of nativity scenes from around the world  
Saturday 29 Nov 10:30 - 4:00

Sunday 30 Nov 10:00- 2:00

The more the merrier – do you have one/some you could share? Please contact Maggy Wallace:

[mjwwatershipdown@msn.com](mailto:mjwwatershipdown@msn.com) or 01635 298794



## Methodist Church Women's Group

Following a very successful first meeting the Group will meet on November 19th at 7:30pm in the Methodist Church Hall when we hope to hear about Christmas flowers.

Everyone is welcome to the meeting and absolutely no connection to the Church is necessary



## KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS WI

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Club at 1-45pm. Our next speaker will be Tony Wright whose subject will be "Estate & Life Planning"

If you would like to come along and meet us, while enjoying a cup of tea/coffee we would love to see you as a visitor.

**Betty Eckton 01256 850017**

## From the Kingsclere Heritage Association

### The Kingsclere Fire Engine

The first Kingsclere Fire Engine was a hand pumper which was inherited from the Vestry in 1894 when the parish council was established. It was a wooden vehicle with a pumping engine worked by a rocker arm with a pole on each end which were raised or lowered by hand. It was stored over time at various locations in Swan St and George St. Before it could tackle a fire the two horses which drew it had to be caught and harnessed, not always easy. When the fire engine went to a fire it would be followed by village boys all keen to have a place on the pump handles. The parish council paid firemen a half crown [12.5p] attendance money and sixpence [2.5p] to any boys listed by the fire-master as employed pumping so there was always a race for a place. The pump was quite powerful and with a good supply of water at hand could send a jet over a house.

### Kingsclere Fire Brigade - the early years

For some reason Kingsclere provided fire-fighting support to Hannington. In the 1920s there were a series of false alarms from the village so the fire-master would saddle a fire horse and ride to the village to ensure that there was a genuine alarm at which he would ride back to call out the brigade.

When lorries began to appear, mainly as government surplus after the 1st World War, it was decided to modernise. One of Cook's coal lorries was fitted with a towing hitch to which the engine was attached and the fire-fighters rode to the fire in the back of the lorry, frequently sitting on sacks of coal.

Just before the 2nd World War the engine was replaced by a Coventry Climax fire pump trailer. This was a light but powerful motor fire pump [the Coventry Climax engine powered many small racing cars in post war years] and it could be towed by a car. It was stored in George St.



NEW SEASON - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Saturday, 1 November at 7.30pm in the Village Club, George Street,  
AGM followed at 7.45pm by

# PP SOME LIKE IT HOT

(1959 – PG – 120 minutes – 1 Oscar)

The classic comedy directed by Billy Wilder starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon.

AGM– Full attendance please (Thanks to all who have already renewed their subscriptions)

Next month: Saturday, 6 December – Scrooge – Christmas ‘Do’

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

## 2014-2015 programme

<b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Scrooge
<b>January 10<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>	Tom Jones
<b>February 7<sup>th</sup>*</b>	Philomena
<b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b>	No Country for Old Men
<b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Theatre of Blood
<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Il Postino
<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Enemy at the Gates
<b>July 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Strangers on a train
<b>August 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>To be confirmed</i>
<b>September 12<sup>th</sup></b>	The Grand Hotel Budapest
<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup>*</b>	Gravity (and AGM)

## GARDEN CLUB

Meeting on Thursday November 13th at the Village Club  
7.30pm

Our speaker will be Mr Marcus Dancer, a nurseryman from Fordingbridge who specialises in Clematis and other climbing plants. His subject this evening is Climbing Plants for sun and shade.

This will be his second visit to us, we well remember his talk on clematis which he will undoubtedly include this evening. He will be bringing plants with him to sell, his clematis were in the region of £8.00 each, quality excellent as many members will verify.

Sylvia has arranged a visit to Bristol University Botanic gardens for Saturday May 9th 2015. This can be coupled with Bristol Zoo so you have a choice of either gardens, zoo or both. Please keep this date free to join us and make successful trip. The cost will be around £30.00, but exact figures later.

Our October meeting was very well attended, around 40 people enjoyed Mr Hobbs talk about Hilliers. Pleased to have such a good audience.

The competition for November is a vase of flowers, a single stem from the garden, 2 of one kind of vegetable, a pot plant, a vase of mixed flowers, berries and foliage.

**John Eckton 01256 850017**



## Kingsclere village bunnies toddler group

We meet every Tuesday (including school holidays) from 9.15am to 11.15am at the Village Club, George Street, Kingsclere.

Join our friendly group of parents and carers with their babies and toddlers. We have indoor and outdoor play areas and weekly activities including arts and crafts and singing.

£2 per family which includes a healthy snack for children and tea or coffee for adults.

Recently some of the group took part in a toddle waddle to raise money for Meningitis Now. Luckily it was a sunny day and we walked around the village before heading back for a well earned snack.

Thank you to Swan Street Stores for providing Bunnies with fruit every week.

**Clare Gilbert 299199**





### THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A new committee was elected on 2nd Oct and we look forward to some great fundraising activities this school year!

Tickets now on sale for **Kingsclere's firework and bonfire display** organised by FKS. On Saturday 8th November at the Fieldgate Centre.

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

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

Get your great value tickets for this fantastic community event from Swan Street Stores or Kingsclere C of E Primary School. £5 adult /£3 under 16's in advance or tickets on the gate are £7 adult/£4 under 16's. Pre school age children free. Get your friends and family to come along too!

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

New Event! On Friday 28th Nov at 7.30pm Out The Box productions will be performing **It's a Wonderful Life** in the school hall. Tickets available from school office or contact [knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk) for more info.

The **School Christmas Fair** will be on Friday 5th Dec 3:30 - 5:30pm 2014 where they'll be lots of festive fun including a fantastic raffle, festive games & crafts, stalls, refreshments and Santa's Grotto. Entry free.

### Other Dates for your Diary

November 18th- bag 2 school collection 9am

**Rachael Knight FKS, Tel: 268160, e:[knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk)**

### The Robert Higham Educational and Apprenticing Charities

Students aged between 16 and 25 who are residents either of the Parish of Kingsclere, or of Ashford Hill With Headley, may be eligible for grants toward the cost of books, materials and transport whilst in receipt of University/College courses.

Telephone for a claim form: Clerk to the Trustees: Mr C R Forth 07796423108

### Kingsclere PHOTO Club

#### \*\*EXHIBITION RESULTS\*\*

The image voted by you as the 'favourite picture' was number 25 "Barn Owl at Sunset" by Tony Matthews (followed by "Hare in the Grass" also by Tony).

Thank you to everyone who came to our recent exhibition and voted, we hope you enjoyed the show!

2015 calendars are on sale, available from Swan Street Stores @ £5.99.

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

**Weds 5th Nov** Photographer Darren Nisbitt visits us with his wonderful urban explorer images.

**Weds 3rd Dec** AGM, 'Best Photo of 2014' competition and Xmas nibbles!

For more club information, see our website: [www.kingsclerephoto.org](http://www.kingsclerephoto.org) or contact:-

**Gareth Martin (Treasurer/Darkroom) Tel. 299227**

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

A very big thank you to everyone who gave up their time and helped us on Saturday 20th September, we could not have done it without you. Thank you to McCall's/Village Butcher and Chemist for donating raffle prizes and for all the lovely cakes kindly made for us. And everyone who turned up to support us on the day.

Together we made £461.68 - that beats last year's total by £60 so well done to everyone.

Thank you.

**Irene Powers & Marie Gundry**

### Dear Editors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who kindly attended Janet's funeral and all the good wishes expressed. Also for the cards of sympathy of which were too numerous to thank personally. I think Janet would have been amazed how popular she was. She will be missed so much by her family, friends and all those who knew her.

**John Bradley & Family**



### Fundraising for St. Michael's Hospice

If, at any time, you are cleaning out cupboards and wardrobes and finding items of clothing you no longer wear, could you please fill a black bin bag as these items can then be sold in the Hospice shops. Again, over a period of time you have thin tea towels, torn sheets, etc., again fill a black bin bag but put a label on the outside stating 'Rags'. The hospice is paid £7.50 for every bag of rags. Also, if you have unwanted china, glass or bric-a-brac, please wrap each piece in newspaper and place in a cardboard box. Finally, if you have any unwanted furniture, please give me a call and I will arrange collection. Also give me a call to collect black bin bags. All of this will bring in money to the hospice, as to keep it open and to provide the help they give to people who are ill, through fundraising they have to raise three million pounds, every year.

**Josie Norton, 298059**

### PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHESTER

#### "THE SINGER AND THE SONG"

An Evening with Robin Scott.

<< Come to a Concert in support of 'Children in Need' >>

Friday, 14th November at 7:30pm

Tickets £5 each, including a glass of wine / soft drink.

Enquiries/Tickets:-

Richard Fletcher, 0118 9700633

Ralph Atton, 0118 9700825

(Car parking available in the field behind the Church, subject to state of ground)

This Concert is also being given in memory of the late Valerie Hyde.

### Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society

THE WIZARD OF OZ - Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society

Thurs 20 – Sat 22 Nov, Wed 26 – Sat 29 Nov, 7:15 pm

Sat 22, Sun 23 and Sat 29 Nov, 2:15 pm

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Click your heels, make a wish and follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Haymarket for this evergreen family musical.

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the classic MGM film, BATS promises a lavish production with stunning costumes, magical stage effects and all the original songs.

Ruby slippers optional!

Tickets £20; concessions, family, and group booking rates available

For more information, visit the BATS website: [www.BATS.net](http://www.BATS.net)

### Mendelssohn's ELIJAH

New London Sinfonia  
Basingstoke Choral Society  
Conductor

David Gibson

7.45pm Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
The Anvil, Basingstoke

Tickets available from  
The Anvil Box Office 01256 884244  
or [www.anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk)



### Hook Choral Society

The choir have now returned from a well-earned break after a very successful year. We welcome any new members every Tuesday night at St John's Church in Hook, beginning at 8 pm. No audition necessary – just a desire to sing!

We have 2 concerts scheduled before the end of the year.

#### Autumn Concert

15th November 2014, St. John's Church, Hook

Mozart – Mass in C Minor

Bach – Coffee Cantata

and also

Mozart – Exulte Jubilate, Veni Sancte Spiritus and Ave Verum Corpus

Composed in Vienna in 1782/3 the Great Mass in C Minor is a truly remarkable work and rivals Mozart's Requiem in stature. Like the Requiem, this piece was also uncompleted and to this day is performed without an Agnus Dei. It was said to have been written for his fiancée Constanze to perform the Soprano part when he brought her to Salzburg as his wife.

Bach's Coffee Cantata is a humorous secular work whose alternative title is 'Be Still, Stop Chattering' and is a satirical comic opera in style. It was written between 1732 and 1735.

#### Christmas Concert

20th December 2014 at St. John's Church, Hook

Come and join us for this celebration of Christmas music with mulled wine and mince pies.

Our Chairwoman, Olly Barr, has stepped down after 4 fantastic years including guiding us through a wonderful 25th Anniversary year. We are very grateful to Olly for all she has done. We welcome Diana Charnell into the position who will undoubtedly keep us all in order and informed with the assistance of our very able committee.

#### Dear Editors,

May I, through the Tower, record my appreciation for the volunteers who run the 'Care Cars'? I recently contacted the organiser and was grateful for the help I received, and also for the patience of my driver who waited with me for the duration of my appointment.

I am sure there are many others who will join me in a heartfelt 'Thank you' to all concerned.

Maisie Lawrence

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