

The Kingsclere Tower

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Area events we could not fit in this month:

Concerts by The Group Sax, Saturday 11/10, St Mary The Virgin Church in Silchester; afternoon children's concert, plus an evening show. www.groupsass.co.uk, Richard Fletcher 0118 9700633

Basingstoke Festival of Art and Crafts in aid of local charities.
Saturday 11/10 (11 to 6) and Sunday 12/10 (11 to 5) in The Hampshire Court Hotel, Chineham, RG24 8FY. vbanddb@hotmail.com for information.

Basingstoke Ladies' and Basingstoke Male Voice Choirs, St Bede's RC Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke. Saturday 1st November at 6.30pm
Tickets £8 from Jan Hodges, (01256 781035/07771848437)
The Editors

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& home phone number/e-mail address.**

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The presentations will be made at a special ceremony to be held in the Village Club on the evening of Saturday 8th November. The awards will be presented by our MP Sir George Young who is retiring at the next Election so it will also be an opportunity for us to thank him for his support of Kingsclere over the many years he has represented us. In addition, there will be a presentation to Brian Dixon who recently retired from the Police Force and therefore as our Beat Bobby. Thank you to everyone who contributed to his retirement fund.

WORLD WAR ONE GRAVE & BLOOM 2

Looking at our commemorations for the WW1 anniversary years, some research was done on a grave in St Mary's Churchyard belonging to two brothers killed during the conflict. One at the very start of the War and one at the very end. The story of these brothers will be published but in uncovering it people have come forward with offers of help. We would particularly like to thank Clive Taylor for cleaning the stone and Titcombe & Murray Funeral Directors for providing a flower vase. Also to Vicky McNab of Bloom 2 who has very kindly offered to place fresh flowers on the grave over the next few months.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – Collection days for October are 1st, 15th and 29th.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – the next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Monday 27th October 2014 at 7:30pm in the Village Club. 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)

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KINGSLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



At the time of writing we are a few days before our next Neighbourhood Planning group meeting however work has continued during the summer, albeit at a slower pace due to the holiday period. At our September meeting we shall make plans for a full village meeting to share and discuss our work to date. This will be sometime towards the end of October or during November. Please keep a look out for the date on the notice boards, Facebook page or the web site and please make a note in your diary to come along. This will be an important meeting about the future of our village.

Shortly we shall be launching our own Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan web site so again, please check the notice boards and the Parish Council web site for more information. Do please use the web site and Facebook to keep informed and give the group your views.

For further information contact Sue Adams, 01635 299242, sueadams@madasafish.com or our Parish Clerk, Sheila Thompson, 01635 298634, clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk

Police Alert

There was an incident over the Bank Holiday weekend where a resident of Byfields Road had men call at his address claiming to check guttering. They took off the old guttering and then wanted £5,500 to replace it. The resident was quite forceful and they left without being given any money or fixing the damage they had caused.



Could I remind everyone to be on their guard if they get cold callers, do not agree to any work, do not let them in your house and to call the Police straight away. If you are able to take any details of vehicles they have used that will assist us greatly.

PC 1876 **Rich Cousins**
Kingsclere Parish Constable
Beat Office DDI: 01635 298771

For all constituents in NW Hampshire
How to contact your Member of Parliament
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E-mail: sirgeorge@sirgeorgeyoung.org.uk.
Web: www.sirgeorgeyoung.org.uk

Kingsclere Twinning Association



Stop Press! Family Scottish Ceilidh with Fish and Chip Supper

When: Sunday, October 26th
Where: Fieldgate Centre
Tickets: £10 Adults £5 Children – To include fish and chip supper
Time: 7.30p.m. onwards
 Tickets (in advance so that we know numbers for catering) available from Sue Watson, or by emailing us (see below).

Do come along and join us with our French visitors for a fun-packed family evening. (School holiday the next day). All welcome!

Duck Race

We are very sorry that we had to postpone the Duck Race because of the unfortunate weather. At present, a date for this event has not been set.

Visit from Cormicy

We are still expecting a large group of families from Cormicy to visit us on the week-end of the 25th – 27th October. Please contact us (details below) if you are able to offer accommodation.

World War 1 Commemorations

We have been invited to send representatives to Cormicy on November 11th to commemorate all those who died in the First World War. The Cormicy region was razed by fighting during the war and it forms a significant part of the history of the area. A small group of members of the Twinning Association is planning to go to Cormicy for this date and we would welcome anyone from Kingsclere who would like to join us particularly, but not necessarily, those with a World War 1 and/or military connection. If you would like to take part in this commemoration, please contact us as below.

Email address: kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk

Telephone Sue Watson: 01635 298940

Website: www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning. Follow us on Facebook

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



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The Friends of St Mary's
BARN DANCE
with
THE WYVERN DANCE BAND
— & BRING-YOUR-OWN-PICNIC! —



Saturday 11th October 2014, 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Kingsclere Primary School

Raffle! Prizes! Wine/Beer/Cider Bar!

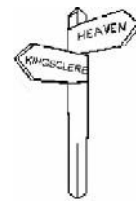
Tickets £12 from The Village Butcher

Our **AGM** will be held in the **Kingsmill Room** at **7.30pm on Tuesday 4th November**. All Friends – and anyone who wishes to join us – are most welcome. After the brief business of the meeting, we shall enjoy a glass of wine and hear from the **Rev. David Barlow** about his experiences serving as a naval chaplain on SS Uganda with the British Forces during the Falklands conflict in 1982. **THIS TALK IS OPEN TO ALL** and it promises to be most interesting. There will also be a display of photographs showing some of the restoration works to the Church funded by, or contributed to by, FOSM.

On Sunday **23rd November** we will be holding another **Friends' Lunch at Sasso's**, which gives Friends an opportunity to speak to Board members, as well as being a convivial social occasion. Further details will be given in next month's Tower, and again anyone wishing to join the Friends will be welcome to attend.

Peter Turner, Chairman

KINGSCLERE PARISH PATHS GROUP.



Rather a poor turnout of volunteers on Sunday August 31st, but nevertheless, even though there were only five of us, we managed to clear a few paths. As it was the week when the primary school pupils were returning after the summer holidays we concentrated on the paths to the school. Also the path near the allotments, and finished the path from the recreation ground to the Hannington bridleway, which we started last month.

Next work day is Sept. 28th, and then the 26th Oct.

For further information please call the Parish clerk (298634) or myself (298376)

Heath Denness



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.

Dates for your diary – 29th November 2014

brewnbake@live.co.uk

Enter your puddings, wine, beer, cider & spirits for Village Bunnies annual evening of our fruits of fortune.

Who will win the cup this year..? It could be you!

Bushes are full of fruits galore so get picking and brewing see you in November!

Raffle included and all profits to St Michael's Hospice.

For more info please contact Lizzie 07969 986477

Kingsclere Village Bunnies (Open group)



1st Kingsclere Guides Dragonfly Fashion Show 17th October



Following the success of last year's fundraising event, Kingsclere Guides have arranged for another fashion show and clothes sale on Friday 17th October, 7.00 pm at Cheam School. There will be High Street names such as M&S, Boden, White Stuff, Next, Fat Face, Laura Ashley and many more! Prices at least 50% less than you find in store! Come along and try & buy!

Tickets £5 in advance from Guide leaders and parents or £6 on the door. Children free. There will also be a raffle plus free refreshments. Please come along and support your local Guides – plus pick up a bargain or two!

If any girls age 10 – 14 are interested in joining Guides contact Sue Adams sueadams@madasafish.com 01635 299242

OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS



KINGSCLERE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Will your child be 4 years old between 1st September 2014
and 31st August 2015?**

We are holding two Open Day sessions on Tuesday 14th October 2014 for all parents whose children are due to start school in September 2015.

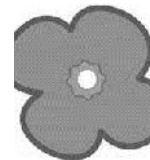
Session 1: 9.30 – 10.30 am

Session 2: 1.30 – 2.30 pm

These sessions are a great opportunity to see what Kingsclere C.E. Primary School can offer you and your child and will include a chance to look around the school.

If you would like to attend please contact Jan Doling in the School Office on 01635-298583 or email j.doling@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk to book an appointment.

Royal British Legion



Just a reminder that we are approaching Remembrance Sunday November 9th.

If you normally order Poppy Wreaths for this please phone Bob or Maureen asap on 01635 299003.

Remembrance Sunday is always poignant at any time but this year, whilst we are Commemorating the start of World War One, it will no doubt bring back a few memories to some who otherwise may just class it as normal to support a day of Remembrance.

If you have not laid a wreath before but feel that you would like to, please do not hesitate to phone us, and then come along to the War Memorial on Nov. 9th and join us in our Act of Remembrance.

The local Royal British Legion, Kingsclere Branch are holding their AGM on Monday 6th October, 7pm at the Fieldgate Centre. We have been pleased to welcome new Members lately but are always keen to recruit more.

If you would like to know more about Remembrance Sunday or about joining the Branch, please call the above number at any time.

Maureen Martin (Secretary)



The **FKS AGM** will take place at 7pm in the school hall on Thurs 2nd October when the committee will be elected. If you would like to join the committee or help at events over the course of the year your help is always needed and appreciated.

If your children have out-grown their uniform over the summer or have left the school please leave any unwanted uniform at the school office as we will have a **second hand uniform** sale soon.

Kingsclere's firework and bonfire display organised by FKS will take place on Saturday 8th November 2014 at the Fieldgate Centre. The gates open at 5.30pm, with a fantastic firework display at 6.30pm (no pets or sparklers allowed). Refreshments will be available and include a barbecue, with a vegetarian option. Great value tickets will be available from Swan Street Stores or Kingsclere Primary School. All proceeds from this event provide much needed support for Kingsclere Primary School supplying equipment and extra curricular opportunities for the children. **Don't miss out on this great community event, get your tickets soon & invite your family and friends to come along too!**

Dates for your Diary

October 2nd 2014

November 8th Nov 2014

November 18th Nov 2014

December 5th 2014

FKS AGM 7pm at School

Fireworks Display at The Fieldgate Centre

Bag 2 School collection 9am at School

School Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm at School

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

Kingsclere Village Club

Village Market

We are very lucky to live in a village which hosts so many events, one of these being your Village Market.

There will be a variety of stalls selling items from knitted garments to hand made cards; also household products, plants, jewellery, handmade dog treats, aloe vera skin products, wooden items, and more. The Market is open 10am to 12pm so come along on Saturday 25 Oct. Refreshments are available.



Alan Gore 01635 299118

Kingsclere Rugby Club Has A New Defibrillator Unit!!

On Saturday 6th September, Kingsclere Rugby Club held a dedication ceremony to officially present a new Automated External Defibrillator or AED unit at the Fieldgate Centre. The AED unit was purchased by KRFC in honour of a rugby player from Wheatley, Jason Laman, who passed away whilst playing at Wheatley's home ground last year.



Kingsclere and Wheatley competed against each other on many occasions and Jason was known to us. His death was obviously a shock and compelled us to put something in place that might help out in the event of a similar situation at our ground. The Parish Council had decided to install an AED at the fire station but we felt one was needed at the Fieldgate Centre for all sports groups and community users of the centre. The club purchased the £1000 unit from their own funds and is now in place at the Fieldgate Centre.

The dedication ceremony was held prior to the start of our annual "Chris Smith Memorial Charity Match", which this year was dedicated to member, ex-player and ex-treasurer Steve Clarke who sadly died this summer. The charity match is a current team 'Youngsters' vs an 'Old Boys' team. The match was well attended by lots of old friends.

The match was very entertaining & closer than expected with Youngsters winning 24 – 19. Tries were scored by Anders Hiscock, Liam Noonan & Matt Mavis for the youngsters and Shane Livingstone, Bert Vaughan & a penalty try for the Old Boys.

Plenty of drinking games then ensued after the match!! This year we raised around £1500 for Steve's chosen charity, the RNLI – Lifeboats organisation

The unveiling ceremony was attended by all the charity match players and officials from both KRFC and the Kingsclere Community Association. We were also honoured to have with us Jason's parents, Clive and Margaret Laman, as well as his daughter Abbie Laman, who officially unveiled the AED.

KRFC is proud to have been able to provide this unit and as put by Mr. Laman on the day, "hope you never need to use it".

Geoffrey Curtis



Kingsclere Library

Summer Reading Challenge: well done to all who took part!

Author of the Month: This month it will be a collection of World War1 fiction stories by various authors.

Collection: Mood Busting Books: Feeling down because the summer is nearly over, not happy? Then come into the library and choose a "pick-me-up" book from this collection of mood-boosting books!

Not just books! Remember that you can also browse the local newspapers, take out a magazine free for a week, get out a video at a small charge to watch as well as books on cassette or cd to make that journey a bit less boring!

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 603 5632

SPECIAL CHARITY CONCERT!

For
 St. Mary's Church and Basingstoke Foodbank

Saturday 15th November
7pm – 9.30pm
St. Mary's Church Kingsclere

A wonderful evening with a real variety of performances,
 the programme will be a surprise!
 Tickets £5 adults, children if accompanied by adults free
 Refreshments served in the interval
 Please come along and share this lovely evening

The Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke will be present
 Tickets can be purchased from Swan Street Stores
 and The Village Butcher
 also Vanessa Martin 01635 299227

Nature Notes

We stood on a weir over the Kennet looking into the upstream side where the water was deep and unbroken. There was a large fish patrolling near the surface and making circuits around the pool. It appeared to be a chub but what drew our attention was its extreme paleness with little colour on its back or fins making it very visible in the dark water, a great target for sea eagles if they existed in these parts.



We got talking to an angler who was fishing for barbel, several of which he had caught the day before in the same swim. We were sceptical of his account of their size until he showed us photographs of him with a fish in his arms which weighed over 13lbs. These powerful fish are native to the Thames and its tributaries, Hampshire Avon, Dorset Stour and river Trent but a hundred years ago they were introduced to the Severn where they thrived.

The many shallow, gravelly ponds or scrapes at the Greenham reserve are heavily infested with an alien plant called Australian stonecrop. This low, mat forming growth can survive on muddy pond margins but flourishes underwater reducing the volume of clear water for fish and wildlife. Out of control now and proliferating rapidly it was interesting to observe some of the resident Exmoor ponies nibbling the mats of growth at the water's edge. However it would take a large herd with a voracious appetite to make any inroads on this pernicious invader, as a wildlife reserve with grazing rights chemical control is ruled out. As an imported plant it has no predators in Europe and is readily introduced from one pond to another on the feet of birds and animals.

Diana Tait & Rod Eldred

St. Mary's Churchyard's Wild Flower Areas

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred now look after our churchyard wild flower areas which support 59 flowering species, as well as a possible nucleus of Common Blue butterflies, a colony of black ants, moles, and a host of small moths that should attract bats. Seven orchid species have flowered this year, including White Helleborine, Twayblade, Heath Spotted, Butterfly, Common Spotted, Bee and Pyramidal orchids in that sequence. New flower species this year included Hogweed, Red Bartsia, Smooth Hawksbeart and Marjoram. The local bio-diversity office now have a photograph recording the splendid spring display of the rare Meadow Saxifrage, as part of the national campaign to encourage all churchyards to support wild life areas.

Ralph Cook

METHODIST NOTES

Sunday Services commence at 9:30am

**Preachers for October**

5th Mrs Heather Norton
 12th Mr John Waterer
 16th Mrs Christine Thomas
 26th Rev John Beadle (Holy Communion)

Mid week Holy Communion Thursday 16th Rev John Beadle, 10am

Coffee Mornings every Thursday 10:30am- mid-day
 All Welcome

God's Youth Space -

In Kingsclere Methodist Church Upper Room
 Aimed at Secondary School aged people
 Every Sunday 6:30pm

*Apologies for the mix up in last month's Tower with the Methodist Notes.
 This was due to a technical error which we hope is now resolved!- The editors*

New – Women's Group at Kingsclere Methodist Church

Open to All – No Connection to the Church is necessary
 In the **Methodist School Room, October 8th, 7pm**
 Come and hear how Kerry makes lovely hats!

Followed by a discussion on how the Group will run in the future with Tea and Cake to help us think!

The aim is to form a mutually supportive group where members meet together for friendship and company.

Jenny Juniper 298975

Methodist Chapel

(see also Back Cover)

Steward	Christine Westcombe	☎ 298518
Secretary	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585
Hire of Hall	Philippa Clements	☎ 298897

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

Sunday 5 th October Trinity 16 / Proper 22	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church and Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child St Mary's, Kingsclere
	5pm	Harvest Worship followed by Supper St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 12 th October Trinity 17 / Proper 23	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 19 th October Trinity 18 / Proper 24	8am	Holy Communion - St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 26 th October Bible Sunday Bible Sunday	8am	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	All-Age Worship – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	5pm	Evening Prayer – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 2 nd Novem- ber All Saints/All Souls	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere

**Our ABC Service for pre-school aged children and their carers will be held in
St Mary's, Kingsclere
on October 20th at 9.30am**

St. Mary's Church		(see also Back Cover)
Vicar	Rev Lucy Thirtle, lucythirtle@btinternet.com	☎ 299489
Churchwarden	Janet Sturgess	☎ 298079
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	☎ 42962



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

What is Messy Church?

Children and their parents/carers join in with arts and crafts, enjoy fun activities and more all based around a theme.

We then finish with a story and some worship songs before sharing a meal together.

Where: Kingsclere Primary School

When: Tuesday, 21st October 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 Church Fete – Thanks raining down on you all!

Bank Holiday Monday saw a deluge of rain which was quite out of keeping from the beautiful weather we had experienced over the Summer generally, but as they say "The show must go on" and so with that in mind St Mary's Church Fete was fully up and running that day for all to enjoy. We would like to thank all the wonderful people that helped along the way who are too numerous to list and you know who you are and special thanks to all those that still supported us despite the weather and who made all our efforts worthwhile.

The fete was kindly opened by Steve Hewlett (Britain's Got Talent finalist) who brought a sunny smile to everyone's faces and although we were down on numbers this year it looks like we will still make a healthy profit of over £5000.

There were still winners aplenty with the Annual Dog Show - Best in Show being awarded to a Scottish Terrier called Katy, owned by Emma Pragnell and the Great Kingsclere Bake Off 2014 – Best in Show won by Amelia Pearce aged 8 for her 'Animal Fairy Cakes'.

The lucky winners in the raffle took away prizes generously donated by local businesses. The list of prizes featured a 3 course meal for 4 at The Crown, a Day out at Newbury Races, a year's subscription to Country Life and a £100 voucher from Longshot Inns to be used when the Swan emerges from its renovations.

We have been so lucky with the weather for so many years for this event and the whole team rose to the challenge of re-creating the event more inside than out this time around. It is a real community event and a chance to share our beautiful surroundings with our visitors. The funds raised continue to help to provide pastoral and ministerial support in and around the Kingsclere parish.

2015 DATE FOR THE DIARY: MONDAY AUGUST 31ST 2015

ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE

St Mary's Church Fete Committee

Lighting up St Mary's



October

6th For our dearest son and brother Terry Mark - who loved and lived his life to the full every day. From Mum, Dad, Sally and Charlotte.

Everyone Manages Pain And Time's Healing Yours

10th For Sheila Swaine. Mum, you were always there for us, and showed us always how much you cared. You gave your love so freely and never let us down. "That's what mums are there for" I can still hear you say. Thinking of you on your birthday, you remain in our hearts always, with all our love Tiggy and Jim xxxxxx

20th "Happy 21st Birthday Christopher."

21st Neil Westcombe. Remembering you on your birthday, tenderly we treasure the past with memories that always last. Love always Elaine, Christopher, Suzanna, Helen, Chris, Thomas and Oliver

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk Hand deliveries please use the black post box next to the front door. £12 per evening, discounts available for block bookings and business sponsorship. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for November Tower is October 10th.

Bellringing

On Wednesday 13th August a quarter peal of 1260 Doubles in 4 methods was rung to celebrate a special birthday for Rev. Trish Bancroft.

Helen Piper

From the Registers of St Mary's

Wedding	<i>Those whom God has joined together</i>
5 Sept	Ian McLaren & Alice Salmon
6 Sept	Paul Puffett & Lauren Wyard
6 Sept	Brian Martin & Phyllis Passow

Funeral	<i>I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord</i>
8 Sept	Mary Childs aged 81
10 Sept	Janet Bradley aged 77



The Garden Club

Our first meeting of the autumn is on Thursday October 9th in the Village Club. Our meetings start at 7.30pm, members free, others £2.00.

Our speaker is Mr Kevin Hobbs, director of Hilliers, the garden centre people. His talk is about plants introduced and bred by them. He will be bringing plants for sale, proceeds going to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Our speaker for November is Mr Marcus Dancer, he will speak about climbing plants for sun and shade. He has a nursery in Ferndown and has spoken to us before; once again he will bring plants for sale.

John Eckton secretary.01256 850017

KINGSLERE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



We commence our new programme on **THURSDAY OCTOBER 23rd** with our Annual General Meeting. This will be followed immediately by a presentation by Gareth Martin entitled " John Porter- Local Legend ". Gareth will provide a fascinating insight into the life of this most famous Victorian race horse trainer, his impact on the local and national racing scene and his place in the history of Kingsclere.

This and all our meetings commence at 7.30pm in the Village Club and non-members are always very welcome.

Michael Leah

St. Mary's Guild

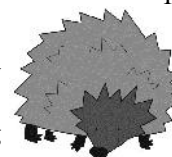
Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 22nd October – 2.15 pm in The Kingsmill Room of St. Mary's Church. Our Speaker will be Sue Watson from Kingsclere Twinning Association. Come along and hear what Sue has to tell us and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake. Everyone is welcome.

On Saturday, 1st November, we shall be hosting a Coffee Morning, again in the Kingsmill Room. 10 am to 12 Noon. Various stalls, raffle and refreshments. Do come along to support us. We would also be grateful for donations of raffle prizes and cakes to sell.

Pam Kitch Chairman 01635 299743

Hedgehog Study

We are ecologists based at the University of Reading, currently conducting a project examining the possible impact of road networks on hedgehog populations. It is estimated that hedgehog populations in some parts of the UK have declined by approximately 20% in the last 20 years, and one possible factor contributing to this decline is the fragmentation effect of major roads on hedgehog populations i.e. hedgehogs avoid crossing these major roads, leading to populations becoming more and more isolated from one another, which potentially makes them more vulnerable to other factors.



For this study, we are looking to obtain genetic samples from hedgehogs in a zone approximately 10 miles north and south of the M4 between Bristol and Reading. One source of these genetic samples is the bodies of hedgehogs that have been killed on the roads. As many hedgehogs now seem to be living in and around villages, we are hoping to enlist the help of people living in this study zone by getting them to report any sightings they have of dead hedgehogs so that we can collect the remains and take a small tissue sample for our analyses.

We are also looking for people who have hedgehogs visiting their gardens and who would be willing to help by e.g. putting out food for a few nights. The hedgehogs will then tend to poo nearby and we can collect it for the study.

As you may remember we contacted you last year and would be very grateful for your assistance again. If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact **Ben on b.williams@pgr.reading.ac.uk**

KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS WI



Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 8th

The Village Club 1.45pm

Our speaker will be Mark Kennedy whose subject will be "5 & 1/2 things you should know to prevent back pain." Sounds interesting!

We have a varied programme through the year meeting on the second Wednesday of every month, with different speakers on various subjects. Some are serious, some light-hearted, occasional trips out to somewhere of interest or a meal together, a visit to a theatre or cinema, coffee mornings, etc. etc.

If you would like to come along to see for yourself, and have a cup of tea with us, you will be very welcome.

More details from Betty Eckton--01256 850017



October at The Fieldgate

Welcome back to all our regular classes after the summer break.

Kingsclere Youth Club – now meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7.00-9.00pm

6th October Royal British Legion – New members welcome 8.00-9.00pm

26th October Twinning Association – Celidih Open to all. Details in twinning article.

29th October Tower Hill Association AGM 8.00–9.30pm

8th November FKS Annual Bonfire and Fireworks.

Halloween Howler – Help Kingsclere Kick Cancer into Touch! **31st October 7.30pm onwards all ages welcome**

A special Halloween event in aid of 3 cancer charities: Breast Cancer UK, Cancer Research and Macmillan

Disco in the Hall; “Spooky Room” for children in The Atkinson Room with games and activities; Bring a pumpkin which you have carved at home and enter it for a competition; Barbecue food available.

No entry fee but please be generous with your donations.

For further details contact: Mandy Osborne 07787715957 or Karen Green 07768937282

Room availability

We have some space for hirers during the week for both the hall and our two smaller rooms. Please contact Eileen if you have an idea for a class or club. Enquiries: 01635 298497 e-mail: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com Follow us on Facebook. 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.

Lesley Farey

St Mary's 200 Club Winner September 2014

Len Potts

Well done, Len

Entry drawn by Rev Trish Bancroft in The Star

Recruiting new members

New season starts October – Subscriptions due
AGM postponed to 1 November



Saturday, 4 October at 7.30pm in the Village Club, George Street

Love Actually

‘The Ultimate Romantic Comedy’

(2003 – Cert 15 – 135 minutes – All star cast)

Love Actually follows the lives of eight very different couples in dealing with their love lives in various loosely interrelated tales all set during a frantic month before Christmas in London.

Next month: Saturday, 1 November – AGM + *Some Like It Hot*

Kingsclere Film Club shows a range of films on the first Saturday of the month. Membership gives access to all films shown 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

Annual Photo Exhibition

Presented by Kingsclere Photo Club, in the spacious Village Club Main Hall.



Sat 11th October (10am – 5pm) & Sun 12th October (11am – 4pm) 2014

- 100+ pictures from members!
- Portrait sessions – email portrait@kingsclerephoto.org or just turn up!
- 2015 Calendar and picture sales!
- Display of pictures from Kingsclere Primary School!
- For more information see our website: www.kingsclerephoto.org

Free entry, enjoy the show! Any donations welcome.

Dear Editor

I am resigning as a Trustee of the Village Club at the AGM. I do this with regret but having served for over 20 years I feel I probably have done my share.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped, in whatever way over those years, to bring the Club back from the grave and to make it the excellent facility it is today

The Club was given to the people of Kingsclere by the Holding Family in 1921 and is a charity. It has played a full part in village life over its lifetime although it did more recently run into hard times and nearly closed. A lot of hard work has made it the quality facility it is today and I am pleased to say that it is in fine financial shape and providing a wide range of services to Kingsclere. All this does not happen by magic but by the hard graft of volunteers.

We now need more volunteers to maintain the momentum. If you would like to help, especially by joining the management committee, please see details at www.kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk or on the inside back cover of the Tower.

Thank You.

Peter Woodman

Dear Editor

For the past 30 years the view from our house has been enhanced day and night; in all seasons of the year; in all weather conditions by the presence of five beautiful; majestic limes along the Gaily Brook. The changing seasons measured by their progress; the stunning picture they made with vibrant sunlit foliage against stormy black skies; acid green leaves sparkling against a clear spring sky of vivid blue; black skeletal branches against a backdrop of the most perfect winter sunrise or the moon glimpsed slowly climbing the night sky. All this will be sadly missed. The view now is of a flat; even; totally unnatural straight line of tall hedging as the precious limes have been pruned into submission to conform to a standard.

Someone, somewhere must have a reason for topping these trees, and I am sure all the right permissions were sought. However, to me, they appear to be on Tower Hill Residents Association controlled land, and as a member of that Association, I was not aware of any work needing to be carried out on the limes. Were they considered just too tall? Were they responsible for keeping too much light from other houses? They appear to be perfectly healthy. I would be pleased to know the justification for this action. I will probably understand it too. But the view will never be the same. They might have only been "topped", and from the path beneath them you wouldn't even know that, but it will be far too many years before these majestic trees can be enjoyed in their full splendour again.

Gill Sendall



Two's Company our latest production, is now well into full rehearsal. Performances will take place at **The Village Club on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th October**. Doors open 7:00 p.m. for 7:45 p.m. start. Please note these dates in your diary.

Scenes from **"Calling Time"** by Derek Webb and **"Speed Dating"** by Brian Langtry take place in a pub setting between two people, with unexpected and sometimes sinister consequences; black comedy and bawdy humour suitable for an adult audience. We hope your evening will be as much fun as our rehearsals.

During the interval light bar snacks, which are included in the price of your ticket, will be served and our bar staff will be ready for brisk trade at the cash bar before the show starts and during the interval.

There is a large cast and many scenes as well as the pub to run so we are still looking for some help with front of house and back stage. If you are interested in Amateur Dramatics and would like to join a friendly group then send us an email kingsclereplayers@msn.com. We have regular play readings and social events.

Tickets are available from **The Village Butcher** or **Tel: 01635 299115**.

Mike Huxtable Director

St. Michael's Hospice Fund Raising COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER

VILLAGE CLUB

FROM 10AM ONWARDS

Bring a friend along for a coffee and cake! Lots of great stalls including:-

TOMBOLA

EGG STALL

HOUSEHOLD ACCESSORIES

JEWELLERY

CAKE STALL

TINNED FOOD

CANDLES

TOYS/GAMES

Donations of tombola prizes, non perishable foods, cakes very gratefully received.

ARCHER & PARRY

Your Apples, Your Juice.

More apples than you know what to do with? Pressed for time?

We offer an apple pressing service that transforms your apples into bottles of your very own pasteurised home grown juice, with bespoke labels.

Stop the (apple) rot and let the juice loose!

For more information please get in touch:

Will Parry and Tom Archer

Website: www.archerandparry.com

Tel: **07584300023**

Email: will@archerandparry.com



The Practice and Patient Group have decided to postpone our Health Fair until April next year. We hope to make this a truly local, interactive event so if you have ideas or you are a local group, please contact us at KingsclerePPG@Hotmail.com or call in at the Practice and let us know.

Please note that we are now booking flu vaccinations for our eligible patients, those over 65yrs or in one of the “at risk groups”, (pregnant women, people with diabetes, or chronic disease). Please call us or come in and book an appointment.

Win Harfield
Practice Manager
Kingsclere Medical Practice

Ancient & Modern"

**A Musical Evening at St. Paul's Church Ashford Hill
Sunday October 12th – 7.00pm
In aid of "Ashford Hill with Headley Church Fund"**

A Potpourri of music for all tastes played on the Ashford Hill Organ, 2 Violins, Double Bass & Piano including:
Eric Coates- Dambusters, Elgar – Sospiri, Love Theme from "Love Actually"
film, Bach – Concerto for 2 Violins, Chopin – Piano Waltz
Sailors' Hornpipe, Albinoni – Adagio. And a lot more surprises, adding to this relaxed and informal evening - with a glass of wine to help things along!
Performers:- Simon and Shawn Baggs, Rob Hutchinson, Martin and Hedley Thorne

Martin Thorne played the organ in this parish for over 40 years, and his nephew. Simon has lead the Chameleon Arts String Orchestra for 11 years and has guest led the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. He has toured in over 50 countries and appeared on 150 film tracks and over 5000 pop/light music tracks!

An Evening for Everyone to Enjoy!

Entry by programme: Adults £10. Under 16 free. In advance or at the door.
Apply to: Tom Sneyd tom@evib.net or Vanessa.martin@btinternet.com

Foresters Friendly Society

The Foresters will be visiting Bristol and its Christmas Market on Saturday 22nd November 2014.



The coach will leave The Square, Kingsclere at 9 a.m.

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

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

(see also Back Cover)

TIMES OF MASSES Swan St., Kingsclere

Sunday 11.15 am.

Confessions after Mass on request.

For details of Masses at St. Michael's, Tadley, contact Fr. Patrick Tansey

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