

The Kingsclere Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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Have you ever wondered how your Tower magazine gets to you? Having recently taken over the editorship, we were surprised to learn about the steps involved, and thought it might be interesting to share. The first part of each month is spent receiving “copy” – information about village-related events. Copy arrives mainly in electronic form, and a number of hand-written documents arrive too. Whilst Nicki and I edit the white pages, Les Wallace manages the yellow pages advertising section.

On the 12th of the month the complete contents are handed over to a member of the layout team, whose role it is to present the magazine as attractively as possible, squeezing in all the information in a busy month, or spreading it out in a quiet month!

After a final edit the magazine is ready to be printed... or, more accurately, photocopied! On the last Thursday and Friday of each month the Kingsmill room is transformed into a sweatshop, with the printing and assembly teams collating, stapling and overseeing the insertion of fliers.

Finally the distribution team get to deliver the magazine to the 1,700 homes in the village. There is an army of committed volunteers involved in producing the Tower, and we’re proud to find ourselves playing a small part in the process.

Neither the Editor, nor the Management Committee accept responsibility for the opinions expressed or the goods and services advertised in the Kingsclere Tower magazine.

To all “Tower” Contributors

COPY FOR October to the editors at 3 Blue Meadow, Garrett Close
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Copy MUST include name, address/phone number

Kingsclere Parish Council

KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

Chairman: Alan Denness (298376)
Clerk: Sheila Thompson (298634)
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Office: 37 George Street, Kingsclere RG20 5NH
Public Opening: Mon & Wed 9:30-11:30am



VACANCY FOR AN ASSISTANT PARISH CLERK

We are recruiting for an Assistant Parish Clerk, to work 4.5 hours per week with some flexibility, alongside the Parish Clerk running the busy office of our Quality Parish Council, specifically to act as Minute Secretary for all Parish Council and Committee meetings (minimum two evenings per month). The Assistant will also be expected to deputise for the Clerk in her absence and perform various other duties as required.

Applicants will need to have good computer skills and literacy and interpersonal skills are essential. Previous experience in local government is desirable. Starting rate is 9.25 per hour. Anyone interested should apply in the first instance by letter, enclosing their CV to: The Parish Clerk, Kingsclere Parish Office, 37 George Street, Kingsclere, Newbury. RG20 5NH. Tele: 01635 298634

CONSULTATION ON REQUEST FOR NEW STREETLIGHT IN CEDAR DRIVE

We have been asked if we can install an additional streetlight in Cedar Drive, in the location of the square near the parking bays, halfway between Cedar Drive and Byfields Road. All close residents are being sent consultation documents and will be able to respond on this proposal but anyone else wishing to find out more should contact the Parish Office on 01635 298634 or call into the office any Monday or Wednesday morning between 9:30 & 11:30 to view the plans. Or contact us by email at clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk and we can send you details.

AGE CONCERN NEW SERVICE

Age Concern are looking for volunteers to help with their Food and Friendship Service. This is a free service available to Meals On Wheels customers who would like a regular visit from a friendly volunteer around mealtimes. The volunteers would call on customers to provide company, chat about whatever interests them and let them know what is going on in the local community. Full training will be given to volunteers and this initiative is to help combat the growing problem of social isolation in rural areas. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should contact Age Concern direct on 01962 892455 or visit their website

GREEN WHEELY BINS and GLASS RECYCLING
Collection days for September are: 4th & 18th

on food&friendship@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk for more information.

SUBSIDISED HANDYPERSON SERVICE

Aster Living have been commissioned by Hampshire County Council to provide a trusted, subsidised handyman service across Hampshire for all people over the age of 55, disabled people and families with disabled children. They can help with all kinds of small jobs around the house that make life a little easier or carry out small repairs that need doing. To find out more please take a look at their website at www.asterliving.co.uk or give them a call on 0800 694 0303.

MYSTERY GARDENER

Once again our mystery gardener has been helping out by dead heading the roses in the flower bed on The Square. We don't know who you are but hope you will accept our thanks for your community spirited service, we appreciate your help. Thank you.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – the next Ordinary Meeting will be on Monday 30th September 2013. 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.

Kingsclere Parish Paths Working Group

On Sunday August 4th. we turned out again and cleared three footpaths; no. 56 at the side of Stokins Farm and also across the A339; no. 53 towards Nutkins farm and no. 81 at the side and the back of the old chicken farm. Thank you to all those who helped yet again; as well as Alan and myself, those who were working so hard were Diana Tait, Rod Eldred, Richard Firth, and Peter Evans. We were assisted by Jason and Jamie who are also members of our Kingsclere Volunteer Fire Service, so huge thanks to them, especially as they are younger than the rest of us!!

Next work day is Sunday September 1st. 9.45 am at the Village Club. We welcome all volunteers.

Heath Denness 298376

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

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

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County Councillor: **KEITH CHAPMAN** Tel 0118 9700831

email: keith.chapman@hants.gov.uk

Kingsclere Village Club

The new compact committee of the Kingsclere Village Club wish you all a happy enjoyable summer and safe return to school.

Classes

We are pleased to be able to offer new fitness and dance classes at the club including

- Tuesday 6.30 – 7.30 am Circuits (Follows Hampshire School Terms, £6 per session)
- Thursday 8.45-9.45am Bums and Tums (Follows Hampshire School Terms, £6 per session)
- Thursday 10.00-11.00 am Private Bums and Tums (Max 4 per class, £9 per session, Follows Cheam Terms)
- Friday 12.30 to 1.30 pm Beginners Ballroom – individuals and couples welcome (Follows Hampshire School Terms, £6 per session)

Space does not permit us to print our entire timetable of classes, please look at the diary on our website for the full programme and contacts

Building Project

Owing to feedback from some users, we are currently looking for funding to make acoustic improvements in the Main Hall. We are thankful to the film club for their kind donation. If you would like to contribute, please contact our clerk or one of our committee members.

Committee Vacancies

If you can spare a small number of hours each month to put something back into your community or enhance your CV please make contact with us. We are particularly interested to hear from people who are able (or who would like to learn how) to take minutes of meetings, help develop our presence on Facebook, maintain our website, help oversee building projects or help with administration and book keeping.

Eco Cafe

Don't forget the Eco café and book swap on the first Saturday of the month. Sit down and enjoy a coffee or pot of tea with a slice of fair trade cake and a chat before picking up your reading for the next month. 9.30-11.30 a.m

kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk

Nature Notes

At last, we have had a good year for butterflies. Not only are there more of them this year but there is a good range of species. The commonest coloured butterflies (in August) have been Peacocks with their bold eye patterns, followed by Small Tortoiseshells, a welcome come-back as we saw only two last year and a good spread of whites and browns. For much of the Summer Brimstones were common but it has definitely not been a Painted Lady year as only one bedraggled specimen seen.



Where topsoil had been stripped from a field in preparation for gravel extraction burdock had grown densely and to a height not seen before, some bushes to six feet. These are the familiar plants whose dried seed heads or burrs stick firmly to clothes, nature's Velcro. The average height is usually around three feet.

Some young flower plants belonging to the cabbage family had attracted small white butterflies intent on laying eggs. A cover of fine mesh chicken wire was put over the plants, no problem for the butterflies! They just folded their fragile wings and squeezed through, so strong is the urge to propagate.

As Ash is the latest on the list of diseased trees we were very heartened to note how vigorous some recently cut ones were. The plants in question were naturally seeded in a car park hedge. Ash now dominates the hedge and after radical pruning in April the new growth is abundant, healthy and about five feet tall.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

Kingsclere Village Club entertainment programme

As we approach autumn, looking for some entertaining nights out without having to go outside the village? Then pick up one of our entertainment programmes which will be available in most of the village shops.

We have a full programme of events starting on the 19th October with a musical comedy by Kate Bramley. Original songs and music by Sony award winner, Jez Lowe, "Eddie and the Goldtops" will be performed by Badapple Theatre Company from York.

This will be followed by Jazz from the F.B. Orchestra in November; a pantomime "Alice in Wonderland" in December; The Roving Crows in concert in January, followed by New Orleans Jazz from The Baker Boys in February. John Pilkington will be returning on April 1st.

An autumn and winter full of dates for your diary.

Bill Cooper

RETIRING EDITORS

As members of the Tower Team, but also as residents of Kingsclere, we would like to thank Fiona and Christine for their 10 years hard work as editors of the Tower Magazine.

The Tower is produced by a large group of people but it all starts with the editors. They receive the contributions and have to put them in some sort of order for the rest of the system to work. They made it so easy for the rest of us and it was done with the minimum of fuss.

Thank you from all of us and enjoy your 'retirement' which I'm sure will soon be channelled into other things.

Lucy Thirtle, Janet Sturgess, Les Wallace and Laurie Harris

September at The Fieldgate

Welcome back to all our regular hirers following the August break.

Slimming World Classes commence on Wednesday 4th September 6.30 – 9.00pm and thereafter every Wednesday evening.

We also have a “**Play Bus**” visiting our car park the first Wednesday afternoon each month for one hour. The bus caters for children of 5 years and under. This provides young children with an opportunity to play and for mums to meet up for a chat.

Events during September

5th September Ancient Order of Foresters 7.00pm

11th September AGM of Kingsclere Community Association 7.30pm

16th September Blood donors Sessions: 1.30 -3.30pm and 4.30 – 6.30pm

27th and 28th September **The Annual Beer Festival**

Friday 27th Quiz, cooked supper and beer/cider tasting organised in conjunction with St Mary's Church. Quiz plus supper tickets £10, available from The Village Butcher and Eileen Selsey (eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk)

Saturday 28th Beer festival official opening at 12.00. Available all afternoon: a wide selection of beers/ciders, the famous “Chinner's Chompers” and games including darts, pool, skittles and sumo suit wrestling.

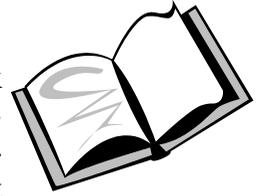
From 8.00pm Free band and dancing.

Nomination forms for membership of the KCA committee are available at The Fieldgate office. New members are always welcome. If you have only a little time to spare, you might consider working on individual events or projects. Ask at the centre for details.

Football and rugby matches resume in September.

Kingsclere Library

Summer Reading Challenge Not finished your six books yet in order to receive your certificate and medal? Do not worry the closing date is Saturday 15th September so there is plenty of time to finish. Missed out doing the Challenge? If you are a quick reader you still may have time to do it! Have you found the hidden creatures yet?



Celebratory Chefs This collection will be on display in September to tempt you to try out some new recipes; if you are really adventurous why not try one of the recipes in our secret lucky dip and give yourself a surprise!

Steam Punk Are you a SciFi reader and missing a good selection of books to choose from? Then this collection is for you!

Author of the Month: Harlan Coben He is an American author of mystery novels and thrillers. The plots of his novels often involve the resurfacing of unresolved or misinterpreted events in the past and have multiple plot twists. In his first books, Coben immersed himself in the exploits of sports agent Myron Bolitar. After seven books Coben wanted to try something different. In 2001 he released his first stand-alone thriller since the creation of the Myron Bolitar series in 1995, *Tell No One* which went on to be his best selling novel to date. Film director Guillaume Canet made the book into a French thriller, *Ne le dis à personne* in 2006. Coben followed *Tell No One* with nine more stand-alone novels.

Free use of the public internet computer This is being replaced with a completely new upgraded system called Go Online. To access it you will have to be a member as you will need your library card in order to use it. Do not have a card? It is quick and easy to obtain one from the counter and it is free. It also gives you access to all our other services.

The Library is situated within the Village Club on George Street Kingsclere. The opening hours are:

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

Rowena Hensman
Kingsclere Library Assistant 0845 6035631

1st Kingsclere Guides

At the end of June we went to Tree Runners in Andover where the Guides took to the trees walking over ropewalks and flying through the air on zip wires and rope swings. Back at Guides our meetings have included an international evening run by Guides working towards their Baden-Powell Award plus tracking around the village and a night hike. A BBQ was held for Stephanie Leete and Charlotte Cockle who were presented with their Baden Powell award on 28th June. Eleven of our girls joined over 400 others from across Hampshire North for our county camp from 3rd – 9th August at the Girlguiding site at Blackland Farm, East Grinstead. The weather was kind, everyone had a fantastic time and returned home extremely tired. Unfortunately our Family Car Treasure Hunt due to be held on 14th July was postponed as we clashed with the Newbury carnival. We aim to hold it sometime in the autumn along with other fundraising activities which will help subsidize our activities and future camps and holidays. At the time of writing we've yet to have our planning meeting for next term but one event has already been booked as we have been lucky enough to obtain tickets for the Big Gig at Wembley Arena in October. Big Gigs are exclusive pop concerts for Guides and are extremely popular and sell out very quickly so we are very excited to have got tickets! We have yet to be told who will top the bill but the acts are always big names. If your daughter is age 10-14 and would like to try Guides please give me a call. Further information can be found from the Girlguiding web site www.girlguiding.org.uk

Sue Adams, sueadams@madasafish.com, 299242

COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE – IT'S FOR MACMILLAN CANCER!

On Friday 27th September we will be holding a Big Coffee Morning at the Village Club, 10:30am – 12:30, in aid of Macmillan Cancer. Come along and treat yourself to some homemade cakes, tea and coffee, while supporting a very worthwhile cause. No admission fee, donations only. We will also have a raffle and a small quantity of homemade jam and chutney. If you could help with cakes, jam or raffle prizes please contact Marie Gundry on mariehelengundry@hotmail.co.uk or 'phone 07792-358805.

Marie Gundry and Irene Powers.

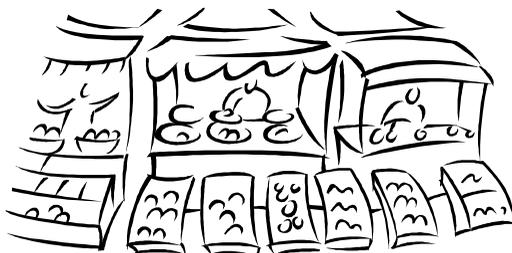
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CALL DARREN
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areasweep@btinternet.com



Kingsclere Market at the Village Club

Here we are in September, the children are back at school and the school runs again have to be organised, so come to the market on Saturday 28th September 10am -12 midday and see what we have to offer. Bring a friend, bring the family. Stalls include, wools, silks, needles etc, household products, eggs, bread, jams, pickles, cakes, cards, hand made jewellery. Gifts to suit all ages, ideal for xmas presents, rolls of xmas paper etc. So come and browse have a coffee, tea and a chat. Again, Saturday 28th September 10am ,see you there.

Alan Gore 299118.



Enquiries 01256-892019

www.andovercats.org.uk

Stories of rescued cats or Fund-raising/
volunteers: adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk

Items for resale 01256-892773

Has your cat been neutered?

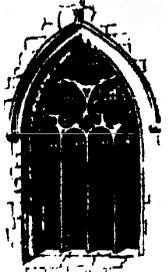
Each year, Cats Protection take into care many young cats as a direct result of owners not neutering. Often, mother and kittens are simply abandoned as the cost of many new furry mouths to feed becomes too much. What many owners are not aware of is that a female cat can be ready to breed from as early as four months old; five to eight months in most cases.

Neutering not only prevents unwanted pregnancies and a growing feral cat population, it can also improve your cat's long-term health. Neutered cats are less likely to wander, and are also less likely to spray if male. There is also a reduced chance of contracting some infectious cat diseases and tumours. Male cats in particular will improve in physical body condition and their urine will smell less pungent!

In 2011, Cats Protection spent over five million pounds either neutering cats in our care, or assisting owners to neuter if they matched certain financial criteria. If one of your cats still requires neutering, please do consult your vet.

This month we feature not one cat but two in search of a home, Mickey and his twin brother Rufus. They are about 10 months old and we would like them to be homed together. If you can offer them that home, please do get in touch on 01256 892019 or find us on Facebook: Andover & District Cats Protection.

The Church Pages



I'm writing this just a couple of days into being back on duty after my 3-month Sabbatical. It's been a special time, and felt like the most wonderful and generous gift from the Church at diocese and parish level. A huge thank you to those on whom the burden of my absence has particularly fallen – Rev Trish, the Churchwardens of both parishes and Emma, our Administrator. Thanks to them I have been able to return without an overwhelming email inbox or pile of paper to wade through. But thank you too to all of you who were so sensitive about not engaging me in 'shop' talk when you bumped into me, and generous in supporting me having this time 'off'.

It's been a varied 3 months and both David and I feel like we've done and learnt a great deal. There's far too much to put in a short space. But there have been holiday weeks on our own and with wider family, an adventurous 2 weeks in Israel, weekends in London, time in the garden trying to regain some kind of order after the last couple of wet summers, domestic projects undertaken and visits to friends not seen for years. William has now said goodbye to Busy Bees and been prepared for moving to 'big school'. Alongside all this, for me, have been the fascinating and inspiring visits and conversations with women clergy all around the country who are combining ministry with motherhood of young children, all of which has given me much to reflect on.

But coming back has been good too! It has been a welcome change to be able to be anonymous and without daily public responsibility but, in the longer term, there is no substitute for being in a place which we know and where we are known. We are thankful that Kingsclere is a place where we feel, at this stage in our lives, we belong. With September promising to be full of village activities, I hope we will all appreciate the value of our local community.

Rev Lucy

Services in September 2013

Sunday 1st September Trinity 14/Proper 17	08:00:00	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 8th September Trinity 15/Proper 18	08:00:00	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Holy Communion - St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Second Sunday at St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 15th September Trinity 16/Proper 19	08:00:00	Holy Communion - St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 22nd September Trinity 17/Proper 20	08:00:00	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	All-Age Harvest Celebration - St Peter's, Headley
	12.30pm	Kingsclere Churches shared Harvest Lunch at the Methodist Church
Sunday 29th September Trinity 18/Proper 21 St Michael & All-Angels	10.30am	Harvest Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	18:00:00	Café Style Harvest Worship & Supper – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 6th October Trinity 19/Proper 22	08:00:00	Holy Communion – St Paul's. Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere

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

ABC services Monday 16th and 30th September 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	☎ 269180
Churchwarden	Janet Sturgess	☎ 298079
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	☎ 42962

From the Registers of St Mary's**Wedding** *Those whom God has joined together*

26 July Claire Lundy & Anthony Wickens

10 August Stephanie May & Richard Moore

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

7 August Rev. David John Carter aged 76 of Sandford Close

Methodist Notes

All Sunday services at 9:30am.

Preachers for September:

1st Mrs Christine Thomas

8th Mrs Helen Watson (Holy Communion)

14th Saturday 4:30pm. Rev. Maree Farrimond

22nd Harvest Festival: Rev. John Beadle

29th Local arrangements

Mid-week Communion Thursday 12th at 10am: Rev. John Beadle

Ecumenical Harvest Faith Lunch:

In Kingsclere Methodist Hall, Sunday 22nd September at 12 noon

Just bring a plate of food per person to share. We look forward to seeing you.

Junior Church: meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in each month.**Coffee Mornings:** every Thursday at 10:30am.

Thanks to those on the rota who have kept the Thursday coffee mornings going during August. Also thanks to the young mums who make the delicious cakes.

Margaret Ingram 299152**Bell Ringing**

On Monday 29th July a quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the birth of George, Prince of Cambridge.

On Wednesday 7th August a quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung in thanksgiving for the life of Reverend David Carter on the evening of his funeral.

Helen Piper**Methodist Chapel**

(See also back cover)

Steward Keith Williams

☎ 299894

**Secretary and
Hire of Hall** Jeanette Billington

☎ 297585

Lighting up St Mary's

August

14th Lovingly remembering Mick on his birthday. Love Jackie, Carla, Nick, Ellie and Lucy.

17th Henrietta Legge and Matt Robinson's wedding.

September

3rd Congratulations to Alistair and Natalie Green on your 2nd Wedding Anniversary.

5th Treasured memories of George Dykes on his birthday, still sadly missed after 27 years.

12th In loving memory of a dear father Austin Henry Phippen. So many years have passed but you are never forgotten. Love Pat, Marie, Karen and families xx

15th Battle of Britain. The Royal British Legion.

16th Neil Westcombe, another year slowly fades, but memories you left behind will be with us forever. Love always, Elaine, Christopher, Helen, Chris, Thomas and Suzanna.

23rd Happy Birthday Frederick Simon Gee.

29th For Bob Swaine. Birthdays are so special, and bring happy memories of you dad. Thinking of you with love on your special day and always. Tiggy and Jim xxxx

For all bookings, messages, cheques and enquiries please contact Sarah and Andy Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. For hand deliveries please use the black post box next to the front door. Deadline for October Tower is 10th . £12 per evening, sliding scale for 5 or more bookings. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Also at www.clerewoodlands.org.uk

Chiropodist - Number Change:

Please note that Mrs C Tipple has recently moved house and has a new telephone number 01635 226838. This information will be updated in future yellow pages adverts.

St. Mary's Guild

The next meeting of St. Mary's Guild will be on Wednesday 25th September 2013. We shall be hosting our own version of Room 101. Members and Guests will be invited to tell us what really irritates or annoys them and we shall put the best or most original in a box and seal the lid!!! There will be a prize for the most original or unusual 'annoyance'.

We meet in the Kingsmill Room of St. Mary's Church on the last Wednesday of each month. Meetings commence at 2.15 pm and finish with a nice cup of tea and slice of cake. Everyone is welcome (Ladies and Gentlemen). Please come along and join in the fellowship and fun. Who knows - we may even publish what annoys parishioners.

Pam Kitch, Chairman, 299743

The Friends of St Mary's

Thank you to all who supported us at the Herb Farm Tour & Picnic on 17th August, and our very warm thanks to Jim & Charlotte Casson for giving us such an interesting day.

Our next event will be the Special Preview Evening of the Art Exhibition in St Mary's on Thursday 10th October. All Friends, and anyone who wishes to join the Friends on the evening, are most welcome. Come and browse the distinguished and varied artworks, -- bringing your cheque book just in case! -- and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles.

Other dates for the diary are an Evening at the Fieldgate Centre (format yet to be determined) on Friday 31st January, a Barn Dance on Saturday 5th April, and the annual Plant Sale on Saturday 17th May.

The FOSM Board recently had the opportunity of being taken round the Church by those responsible for organising and determining the sequence of the works programme, to see in detail what remedial work needs to be undertaken. This was a most useful and interesting exercise, and we look forward to contributing to essential fabric repairs as and when the appropriate phases are reached.

Peter Turner, Chairman

St Mary's 200 Club

August 2013 Ticket no: 107 Paul Freeman

Congratulations Paul

Entries drawn first Friday of each month - The Swan Hotel, Swan St.

Kingsclere Twinning Association

Please do visit us on *Facebook* and “like” us. Details of all our happenings are posted on there.

Events

We had a most enjoyable Bistro evening to celebrate Bastille Day in July. We enjoyed a wonderful meal cooked for us by Eddie George, pondered over a quiz with questions and photographs relating to both Kingsclere and France, played some French Bingo, were entertained by Trevor Pitman and took part in a raffle with the prize of a magnum of champagne. All in all, a very pleasant evening which raised just over £100.

By the time *The Tower* is published our Duck Race will be over. At present, we are hoping for enough water in the brook to allow the ducks to be carried along and for pleasant weather on the day.

Our AGM is on **Wednesday, 25th September at 7.00p.m.** at the Village Club. All are welcome.

We are planning a wine tasting event for October. These have proved very popular in the past. At the time of writing, we have not confirmed the date and final details but will display posters around the village and information on *Facebook*.

Pen Pals

A reminder that we are setting up a pen-pal programme with Cormicy. If you know of any young person (up to the age of 18 years) from Kingsclere who would be interested in communicating with someone of a similar age in Cormicy, please would you let us know on kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk, via Facebook or by telephone to Sue Watson on 01635 298940.

Membership

New members are always welcome. Family membership is £5 per year. This includes the opportunity to visit Cormicy, access to French conversation evenings, help with French translation when needed and reduced admission to our social events. To join, please contact us as above.

Headly 60's Friendship Club

To all ex members of the above club, join us on a free mystery tour with Tim on **September 17th**. Pick up in Kingsclere Square at 11am and finish at 3:30pm for a **Grand Tea at The George and Horn**. I do hope to see you all.

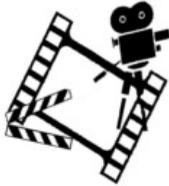
Margaret Armstrong. Ex Chairman

Do you enjoy films?

Did you know we have monthly screenings in Kingsclere? On the big screen? With a drink and nibbles? At the Village Club in George Street? On the first Saturday of the month?

It's cheap too!

£25 for six months membership averages out at only £4.16 per film. It is local too, no parking or travel costs. We may even be able to arrange a lift.

So why not join us?

Kingsclere Film Club

Forthcoming events...

Saturday, 7 September 2013 - **'The Help'** - 2011

Set in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, this much acclaimed film takes the African-American maids' view of their situation. Among numerous awards, 'The Help' won an Oscar in 2012 and had a further five nominations.

Saturday, 5 October 2013 - AGM followed by **'Quartet'** (tbc)

Please note this date in your diary. This is your opportunity to select films for the 2013-14 season, make suggestions for improvements and celebrate the on-going success of the Club. New members and guests (£7.50) always welcome.

More information:

John Sawyer (Chairman) 01635 297221

Diana Tait (Membership Secretary) 01635 298494

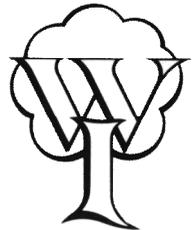
KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS WI

There will be no meeting at our usual venue (The Village Club) during September as we will instead have an outing to Mapledurham House

Travelling by car

This will take place on September 11th

There are a few places left so if you are interested in joining us please contact Janet Bond 01635 297610



GARDEN CLUB



Our only activity in September is the outing to Wisley Garden in Surrey. The coach will leave the square at 9.00am. The coach fare is all there is to pay. Contact Sylvia Pennington on 01635 298880 for more details and to book a seat. An added attraction that weekend is The National Dahlia Society Show. As I said in last month's Tower we decided not to go ahead with a meeting on September 14th as many of the committee have holidays or other commitments that month. The following weekend is Newbury Show. This year we will not have an entry in the village competition. Roger and Jackie, who have been so successful for us the last few years, are moving house soon.

Our first evening meeting of the autumn will be on October 19th in the village club. Our speaker's subject is Hardy Orchids.

There will be a few daffodil bulbs for sale then, also the bulbs for member' competition at our spring show.

John Eckton 01256 850017

The Basingstoke & Deane "Young at Heart" Over 55's Forum

are celebrating the

"International Day for Older People" by staging

"The Swinging Sixties Music & Comedy Show " (by Olde Tyme Player Promotions)

Saturday 28th September 2013, 2pm to 5pm

at Aldworth Science College, Western Way, Basingstoke.

Tickets are only £5 each.

There will be free refreshments and a Grand Draw.

People using the bus, should catch the No3 from the Bus Station which drops you in Pinkerton Road, at the back of Aldworth Science College.

Tickets can be purchased by post. Send a cheque payable to B & D Over 55s Forum together with a self-addressed envelope to Gerald.L.Merritt 30 Dartmouth Walk, Basingstoke, RG22 6QS.

Gerald.L.Merritt (Secretary), 01256-412119 or 07792-535116



The school year has got off to a great start and FKS have lots of exciting events planned for the forthcoming school year. The AGM will be held on 19th September 2013 at 2.30pm at the school. Happy's Circus will be coming to Kingsclere Primary School on Wednesday 16th October and tickets will be available from the school office. Many thanks to all those who made the School Summer Fair such a success back in July. We raised a fantastic £1,900.

Rachael Knight, 268160, knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk

KINGSCLERE RUGBY CLUB MINI TAG RUGBY

TAG rugby is a non-contact version of the game created for children; boys and girls. It uses velcro tags to replace tackling.

Training is based around fun games that teach the basic skills needed, but in a way that younger kids really enjoy.

We started training sessions in Nov 2012 and are now looking forward to a full season in 2013/14 consisting of training, friendly matches and tournaments. The first session starts on Sept 1st.

We have RFU approved TAG rugby coaches, an indoor training facility for really bad weather and coffee/tea for the parents (& maybe the odd bacon butty!).

Where: The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere

When: Every Sunday 10:30 to 11:30

Ages: Girls and Boys mixed, U7/8's which is Years 2 & 3 at school (also Year 1 if they have reached their 6th birthday)

What to bring: Trainers are fine for sessions where the weather/pitch is good and for inside. Appropriate clothing for the weather/running around, and a bottle of water.

For further information contact Geoff Curtis:

07919 308671 - geoffrey.curtis@vodafone.com

Memories: Blue Meadow, Garrett Close

The name Blue Meadow evokes happy memories of cattle driving as a youngster, from near where Rose Hodson Court has been built, crossing the A339 into Union Lane. Thankfully there was not a lot of traffic, nor a bypass.

My father, Arthur Foster, rented Blue Meadow from Mr Tom Garrett Senior, followed by his son, also Tom. This was the remains of Garrett's Farm. The family had this before the petrol pump and garage served the people around, before I was born.

Mrs Eddie Nash (née Wellman), when still a child, used to go from her home in North St to collect milk from Garrett's Farm, and deliver it to Headmaster Charles Stevens at the Schoolhouse, also on North St, (where the Medical Centre is now). Dad also rented a meadow in the marsh (Newbury Rd) from Mrs Alice Dollery who lived at Eastbourne Villa. This house was built in 1912 when her parents, Mr and Mrs Fisher, retired from The Star Inn. Mr and Mrs Dollery bought the meadow for £100 after winning a competition about gardening.

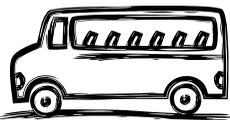
My father also rented a meadow from Mr William Ingram Drake (no relation), and later from Mrs Hardy. They both lived at Keeps Cottage, which Mr Drake had built when he retired about 1920.

Mrs Hardy found some dentures in the meadow and wondered if they were her dad's. Fortunately he had never lost his false teeth!

Later Gordon and I rented just one meadow from Hampshire Country Council, where later Rose Hodson Court was built, where we made hay for our steers.

At one time there was talk of building a middle school on the land. It was considered too far from the primary school in North St, where the pupils from the proposed middle school would share the swimming pool.

Margaret Ingram



Coach Outing from Kingsclere

On **Tuesday 24th September** we will be going to **Charlecote Park and House** near Warwick. The coach will pick up at King John Rd at 8:30am, then in the Square, and Garrett Close. This is a National Trust property so admission for members will be free. Admission for non-members is £8.50. Coach fare £15 per person. Money to me please no later than 12th Sept. Please book early.

Josie Norton 298059

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.

Diary Dates

5th September – AGM 8pm Village Club

October 2013 Brew `n` Bake

Following on from the success of last year's event, we will be back in October for another pudding filled evening, topped off with some lovely home-made brews. So dust off your demijohns and start foraging to enter your own brews this year. Date to be confirmed and more details to follow. So get brewing!

For more info please contact Felicity on felicity_bignell@yahoo.co.uk / 01635 298492.

■ Kingsclere Village Bunnies (Open group)



St Michael's Hospice Fund Raising

The total raised from the house-to-house collection in June raised £2,011.70. This is higher than we raised last year and I must thank the collectors who gave their time, and thank everyone in Kingsclere who donated to enable that amount to be raised.

The Loose Change boxes have also been collected and sent to the hospice to be counted. The total raised was £300.22, so again, many thanks to everyone who helped raise this amount.

If you would like to raise money for St Michael's in this way, please give me a ring and I will let you have a box.

The collecting tins from The George & Horn raised £31.28.

From Cottismore Garden Centre - £8.57

From a Kingsclere resident who has a box £65.27

Josie Norton 298059

Kingsclere Art Exhibition
The Kingsmill Room, St Mary's Church, Kingsclere
October 2013

Friday 11th
10am—6pm

Saturday 12th
10am—6pm

Sunday 13th
12 noon—6pm

Admission £1

School children: Free

Enquiries 268525 or 298483
Proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere

Kingsclere Photo Club Annual Exhibition 2013

Kingsclere Photo Club is proud to present an exhibition of more than 80 original photographs taken by our members.

Our new calendar for 2014 will also be available.

We will be holding our highly popular portrait sessions.

Club Members will be on hand to answer your questions, tell you more about our club or simply guide you around the exhibition.

Kingsclere Village Club

Saturday 12th Oct 10am to 5pm / Sunday 13th Oct 11am to 4pm

Details of the exhibition, calendar, portraits and club can be found on our website: www.kingsclerephoto.org

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Dear Editors,

I have been so very touched by all the messages of love and support that members of St. Mary's have shown to us over the last few months, for Michael's health and well being, and their general concern. I have, as he was, been made very aware of the power of prayer that helped us, once the diagnosis of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia was made at Christmas. Despite three different types of chemotherapy, his particular form was untreatable, and he died peacefully on June 15th at home, with his family around him. It made it very special, that, at his funeral in a packed church, there were two members of St. Mary's present!

The family have been asked if they would be happy to have a service of commemoration for him in Winchester later this year, and it has now been agreed that this service will take place in St. Lawrence Church, at 6pm on Sunday, September 29th, which, most appropriately is the Feast of St. Michael and all Angels, and will take the form of a Thanksgiving Evensong (BCP) with refreshments after. If anyone would like to come, I would be so pleased to see them and they would be made most welcome.

Elizabeth

Hedgehog Conservation Project

A team of ecologists based at the University of Reading are conducting a project examining the possible impact of road networks on hedgehog populations, following a decline of approximately 20% in numbers over the last 20 years.

The team are looking to obtain genetic samples from hedgehogs in an area 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, the team are hoping to enlist the help of people living in this study area by getting them to report any sightings they have of dead hedgehogs so the team can collect the remains and take a small tissue sample for analysis.

The team would like people living around Ashford Hill, Headley and Kingsclere to report any sightings of dead hedgehogs on local roads via email: hedgehogs@reading.ac.uk

If you would like any more information on the project you can contact Dr Ben Williams at b.williams@pgr.reading.ac.uk.

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