

The Kingsclere Tower

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KINGSLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The NP group have met again following the closure of the six-week public consultation. Thank you to the 25 residents who responded, the majority of whom were supportive of the draft plan. We also received detailed responses from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, English Heritage and Southern Water along with all the potential developers. Our next task is to prepare a consultation statement where we will respond to the points raised and, if necessary, amend the draft plan. We will also be meeting with the Planning Department at Basingstoke & Deane to discuss their concerns.

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NOT LATER THAN 12th April.

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

KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Advance notice of the APM which will be held on 15th May 2017 followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Please come along and support this event, this is your opportunity to come and meet everyone involved in the running of your community. There will be a presentation to the Post Office Counter Staff from George Street at the meeting.

SCHOOL PARKING

Extract from PCSO Freya Batchelor's Beat Report "Please can I politely remind parents who are picking up children from Kingsclere Primary School to be considerate with their parking when parking in Priors Close. We are getting a lot of complaints from residents that driveways are being blocked and I have witnessed members of the public parking too close to the junctions. Parking sensibly is important around a school as accidents are likely to happen if drivers cannot see to pull out of junctions; this is not just for the safety of you but also your children."

PARISH PATHS

The February Parish Paths working group met on Sunday 26th February and the weather was good. We had a very good turnout of 14 people and we split up into 3 smaller work groups. We were really pleased to welcome Kevin and Alison as new volunteers.

For anyone interested in walking the extensive network of footpaths around Kingsclere, there is a map with suggested walks, which is available from the clerk of the Parish Council and the village library at the cost of £1.50.

The next two Parish Paths working groups will be on Sunday 2nd and Sunday 30th April, meeting at 9.45am at the shed.

For more details email Kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com

Thanks, Ian and Pam

TADLEY CITIZENS ADVICE – ENERGY BEST SUPPORT

The Tadley CAB are working on a project to assist the community with their energy issues. To help people cut down on costs Citizens Advice Tadley is running Energy Best Deal sessions from January to September. Advisers at these sessions can help people compare their gas and electricity costs, negotiate with providers and reduce how much energy they use.

Anyone looking to cut their bills should contact Citizens Advice Tadley.

Tel: 0118 9817567 quoting Energy Best or

Email: admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT AIR AMBULANCE APPEALS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA) is urgently seeking volunteers to help promote its life saving service across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The charity currently has a loyal team of volunteers and hopes to begin recruiting new volunteers as soon as possible, in preparation for the busy summer event season.

Anyone interested in volunteering opportunities should ring the HIOWAA office on 02380 333377 or email enquiries@hiowaa.org.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are 12th and 26th April 2017.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 24th April 2017, in the Village Club, (unless otherwise notified). We welcome the attendance of all parishioners at our meetings and anyone who wishes to raise any matters of concern will be given the opportunity to do so.

A new Police Constable for Kingsclere

Following the retirement of PC Barbara Bradley, we now have a new police constable for Kingsclere: PC Martyn Evans. Martyn has been a police officer for nine years, serving first with Avon and Somerset and then Hampshire police, in a range of roles including response, CID, safeguarding and neighbourhood policing. He has taken on the duties of Acting Sergeant for lengthy periods.



Since February this year, he has been one of two constables, assisted by three PCSOs, responsible for policing the Basingstoke rural west sector, which covers the parishes of Kingsclere and Burghclere.

Louise Porton Tel 298 634

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



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POLICE REPORT – PCSO Freya Batchelor

For the parishes of Kingsclere, Headley, Ashford Hill and Hannington, including Wheathold and Little Knowle Hill



Crime summary for February 2017

Assault 4

burglary in a house 1

theft 3

theft from a vehicle 2

criminal damage 1

other 1

Total 12

Incidents in February 2017

House Burglary- On 09/02/2017 between 07:20 and 17:30 an unknown person or persons forced entry into the victim's conservatory in Cedar Drive, Kingsclere, and stole a fake Michael Kors watch, a gold chain with a St Christopher cross and a man's rotary watch. If you have any further information please contact 101, quoting reference: 44170051937.

Other offences - On 11/02/2017 between 14:00 and 16:30 a dog entered a field at Strokin's Farm, Kingsclere, and killed three sheep owned by the victim. If you have any further information please contact 101, quoting reference: 44170054375.

May I please take this opportunity to remind you to keep your dogs on leads especially when you are near to roads and farms, in order to prevent harm to both dogs and livestock.

Tadley Police Station

I am aware that many of you may have Tadley Police Station's telephone number and like to report incidents directly to the station. Although the police will take reports over the phone, this station is small and not open to the public. Consequently, there may be no officers available to respond. The best way to report incidents or crimes is to call 999 in an emergency or 101 for non-emergencies, as you will receive a quicker response.

PCSO Freya Batchelor freya.batchelor@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Kingsclere Post Office

Nicky Ross writes:

We would like to say a big thank-you for all the kindness, good wishes and support we have received throughout this difficult period. It was not our decision to close and move the basic postal services to the Swan Street Store. It has been forced upon us. But times change, and we have to go with the flow.



It has been our privilege to serve you and give assistance when needed, and we have made many good friends throughout the years. It feels like the end of an era and we will miss the fun and friendly chats we have had. I am sure you will see us around the village, so we can catch up with all the latest news.

So, to all our valued friends and customers we would like to bid a fond farewell send our warmest wishes for the future.

*From Nicky and all her lovely staff, past and present.
Tel. 298 748*

KINGSCLERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our next visit is from Thursday 13 – Sunday 16 July 2017. Please let us know if you are interested in joining us for this trip. Can you also please indicate whether you wish to travel by car or coach. We hope to arrange a coach if there are sufficient people to make this viable.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our next social event will be on Friday 12 May at the Village Club – further details to follow.

We will again be holding the annual duck race on Saturday 24 June after the school summer fair.

For any information, please email kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk, telephone Sue Watson on 01635 298940 or Sue Earl on 01635 298286

CONGRATULATIONS!

Beatrice Pollard

100years old

Beatrice Pollard, formerly of Swan Street, celebrated her 100th birthday on 9th March with a party at Rose Hodson Court where she now lives. All the residents were invited and enjoyed a morning of coffee and tea with champagne and chocolate cake. On Sunday 12th March she had a further celebration with friends and family, including eleven great grandchildren, where she was

serenaded by her family, several of whom are ex-members of St Mary's choir. Beatrice, who is the mother of the late Dr David Pollard of Kingsclere, has been a member of St Mary's congregation since she moved to the village over 20 years ago. She also worked as a volunteer at the Citizen's Advice Bureau in Reading for many years. She is pictured here holding her 100th birthday card from the Queen.



Busy Bees Pre-school (Kingsclere)



WOW! What a busy year we have had so far! So busy in fact, we missed the previous editions of the Tower; we will try to do better! The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing outside with our mud kitchen and climbing in, out and around the various sized tyres. We enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Lunch; thank you to Aliscakes for donating a fantastic Harvest Lunch cake for us to raffle. Belated thanks to Kit Malthouse MP, Councillors Ken Rhatigan and John Sawyer, Head Teacher Steve Wells, PCSO Melody Kness and the Reverend Ben for attending. Also, huge thanks to Jim Casson, Frith Farm for loaning their tractor for the day for the children to use. Chef Kelvin also came in to make pumpkin soup with the children and help carve some pumpkins – thank you all.

As we entered the New Year we have welcomed many new children and enjoyed finding out about each other in our All about Me topic. This Half Term we celebrated Pancake Day, World Book Day and we currently have some new visitors. We received an exciting delivery of eggs from Living Eggs and the children have marvelled at the experience of seeing them hatch and then learning how to care for them. We have lots more planned for the coming weeks including a Mad Hatters Easter Tea Party – watch this space.

Busy Bees Staff & Committee



News from FKS - The Parent Teacher Association of Kingsclere Primary School

reg charity no. 1099453

The FKS Easter egg hunt will be returning on **Sat 15th April**. It's a great family event following a map around the village, collecting answers and winning an egg at the end. The route is 'buggy friendly' and takes approx. 30 mins to complete. We hope you can come and join in the fun from **10am -12pm** at St Mary's Churchyard. There will also be a raffle, cake stall and refreshments in the Kingsmill Room within the church.

Tickets are £3 in advance (from Kingsclere Primary School Office) or £3.50 on the day.

All are welcome so invite your family, friends and neighbours too!

Can't make it? Then don't worry. We will be selling maps, question sheets and eggs from a stall on the playground from 3pm on Fri 7th April (last day of term). So if you are unable to make it to this fun event you can still take part any time you wish! All proceeds go to FKS.

The money we raise at FKS events goes directly into improving our school. Current FKS spending projects are as follows:

- Outdoor climbing wall on KS2 playground due to be installed during the Summer term
- Improvements to the current swimming pool changing area Improve-ments to the surrounding slab area around the swimming-pool
- Provide new laptops and a laptop trolley to enable class-based ICT lessons
- Provide plants for gardening club and school grounds
- Top up transport costs for school trips

Dates for your diary

Sat 15th April - Easter Egg hunt

Sat 24th June - School Summer Fair

Sat 15th July - School Campout

Rachael Knight FKS -tel 268160
knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group



Where: The Village Club, George St

When: every Tuesday, 9am-11am

Cost: first visit free. After that, £1 for bumps and unweaned babies.
£2 for first child (including snack donated by Swan St Stores)
and 50p for additional children.

Can you help Bunnies to continue?

We desperately need volunteers to join the Bunnies Committee, due to parents (and kids) leaving to move on to school. You don't need to be a Mum, Dad or Grandparent (although we would love help from them!), as we are looking for help from anyone who could spare a few hours to help maintain the baby and toddler group in the village. In order to ensure that Bunnies can continue we will need new committee members from September.

Rota duties are not more than once a month and you would be working with at least one other committee member.

Please contact me for more details.

Rachel Kirby rb7583@hotmail.com

Kingsclere Community Library

**April marks two years as a volunteer-run
Community Library.**

**Thank you to everyone for your support,
keeping our doors open for the local communities!**

Something for everyone – FREELY available!

Books, Audio Books, E-books, magazines

Rhymetime with Rita

On the second Tuesday of every month, 2:30

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

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com



Village Club

Learn a new skill and have fun at Kingsclere Village Club



There really is something for everyone at the Kingsclere Village Club!

Do you want to learn to draw and paint?

If so then sign up for a 12 week course, starting Monday April 24 with experienced artist Bethany.

Class time is 1:30pm - 3:30pm

For those who wish to extend to a 3-hour class, from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

The fee for the next 12- week course is £78.00 for 2-hour lessons or £117.00 for 3-hour lessons.

These prices work out at £6.50 and £9.75 per lesson respectively.

If you want to get fit we have some new Yoga and Pilates classes.

The new Pilates class will be £6 per session paid in advance for an 11-week term, £66 in total.

Classes will be on Friday mornings from 11.00 to 12 noon..

They are being taken by Liz Williams who is a certified Level 3 Pilates instructor. She teaches classical as well as equipment- based Pilates.

Classes are suitable for all ages and abilities.

Pilates is excellent for building the strength, flexibility and mobility needed for everyday life.

Yoga with Debbie Clarke is every Weds 11am-12 and 7-8pm.

The next term is for 13 weeks at £6 per session paid in advance. £72 in total.

This class is suitable for all levels.

Moo Music is starting on Thursday mornings in April.

These are interactive and fun music sessions for babies through to five-year-olds.

Come along and sing, 'moove', play and learn whilst having fun.

Times: 9.50 – 10.30 a.m. for toddlers up to five-year-olds,

and 10.45 – 11.25am for babies and non-walkers..

For more information contact Jodie on 07775 750831.

If you want to find out more information about any of our classes or you want to book please contact Tracey via education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk or 291248.

Clare Gilbert claregilbert99@hotmail.com

Kingsclere Heritage Association

Richard Goldsbrough, author of the recently published book *The Cavalry that Broke Napoleon*, was the guest speaker at the Kingsclere Heritage Association on the 16th of March. Before a good audience of members and guests he described the part played by the The King's Dragoon Guards at Waterloo.



The KDG was very much a Hampshire regiment and was the largest British cavalry regiment there. A remarkable fact was that six Kingsclere men were in the regiment at Waterloo and another 25 from neighbouring villages.

The sacrifice of the regiment was enormous. Of the 540 men who bravely fought there only 13 were left standing by the end of the day and 5 of the 6 Kingsclere men were dead.

This fascinating talk brought to an end this year's programme of talks. We are currently planning and looking forward to the next 'run' of presentations which will start with our AGM - scheduled for Thursday 19 October this year.

Nova Saunderson *Hon. Secretary, Kingsclere Heritage Association*
01635 299570

Nature Notes

A trip to the Recycling Centre was made carrying a car-load of green waste in large plastic bags. Helpful staff carried some of the bags, but on returning to the car for more, one helper froze and pointed inside. There, clinging to the side of a sack, was a beautiful yellow frog. Presumably it had snuggled between the sacks for shelter and moisture. It was lifted out without fuss and set free into the woodland behind the Centre. The garden pond is looking more promising this year and there are stirrings on the surface - a sign of frogs assembling (9/3/17). It is hoped that frogspawn will be in abundance after last year's failure.



A local tree, usually host to a rookery, was totally empty of even the remnants of last year's twiggy nests. In past years at least a few nests lasted into the following year and were then refurbished. Not a twig to be seen; then suddenly - action! A nest was started and in just three days a substantial creation of twigs evolved, which was then guarded by one proud owner on the lookout for twig raiders. Now the favoured tree, used for years, has a colony of seven completed nests and a few starter homes.

On a walk in February we rested on a sunny churchyard bench. A large vase of daffodils on a grave was being visited by honey bees, a bonus at a time when flowers are hard to find.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

Reflections



As I write this, the sun is streaming through the window, brightening up my day, and I trust it is doing the same for many of you in the village. I'm hoping that this might mean winter is over and we can enjoy the spring. As Christians, we are waiting for the coming of Easter and all around us is reflected the hope of resurrection, as new life comes from what appeared to be dead and gone. And this hope is something which sustains us when things are hard. We are reminded at Easter that God cares for us so much that He would send His Son to live, die and rise again, so that we would truly know that care, and so that we could meet with a God who cares.

The care of God is not just for the church but for everyone. God declared his love for the whole world when He sent His Son. So we, as a church, want others to know God's care and love. Because of this, and in response to what you shared with us in 2015, and the plan that was developed from those responses, we are joining with many other churches in Hampshire in an exciting initiative called 'Who Cares?' (www.whocareshampshire.org). As part of this initiative, in June and July of this year, we will be asking local people one question: 'What hurts the most?' This will help us to understand what people in our village find the most difficult thing to handle in life. This information will be collected anonymously and then, we, as a church, will work out how we might respond to these issues, hoping to show in our response that God cares about each of us as we face such challenges.

As Christians in this village, we are challenged by the example of Jesus Christ, whose selfless, compassionate care for all was shown in his life and death, and indeed in His resurrection. We hope that 'Who cares?' will enable us as a church to better follow His example and continue to grow into a body of people who care about the things which hurt each of us the most in this village.

May you experience something of the depth of God's love and care for you this Easter.

**Blessings,
Ben.**

Methodist Notes

Preachers and services for April

2 nd April	10.00am.	Terry Rowell
9 th April	10.30am.	Joint service at St Mary's
16 th April	6.00am.	Dawn Service on the downs at Whitehill
	10.00am.	Rev. Rachel Borgars
23 rd April	10.00am.	Peter Castle
30 th April	10.00am	Christine Thomas

Wendy Morgan Tel 297538

From the Registers of St Mary's

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

5th March Isabella Lawrence and Jack Newport-Locke

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tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Services in the parishes of
Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley
April 2017**

Sunday 2 nd April Lent 5	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Sunday 9 th April Palm Sunday	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Second Sunday Service – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Procession and Palm Sunday Service – St Peter’s, Headley
Wednesday 12 th April	6pm	Seder Meal – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
Thursday 13 th April	7.30pm	Service for Maundy Thursday – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
Friday 14 th April Good Friday	10am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness beginning at the Village Club, service in Churchyard at St Mary’s, with refreshments afterwards in Methodist Church
	2pm	Solemn Worship for Good Friday, St Peter’s, Headley
Sunday 16 th April Easter Day	8am	Easter Communion – St Peter’s, Headley
	9.30am	Easter Communion with Junior Church – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Easter Egg Hunt (10.30am) followed by Easter Communion (11am) - St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
Sunday 23 rd April Easter 2	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary’s, Kingsclere
	10.30am	Parish Worship – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
Sunday 7 th May Easter 4	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Baptism and Junior Church – St Mary’s, Kingsclere

**Due to the way in which Easter falls, there will be
no ABC service in April.
We look forward to seeing you again in May.**

CAMARADERIE

Together in friendship

On Wednesday 26 April at 2.30pm there will be a visit from Maggie Wallace and her Old English sheepdog, Baxter. Maggie will talk to us about the work of Pets as Therapy. Do join us at the Methodist church Hall for an afternoon of fun, friendship and an excellent tea. It only costs £1 and that includes a raffle ticket.

Sarah Davis 299546

RHYTHM/PERCUSSION/ DRUMMING SAMBA WORK- SHOPS

At St. Paul's Church Ashford Hill
RG19 8AZ

On Thursday 20th April 2017



Adrian Wiggins will run these inspiring workshops at 11.00am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm. Refreshments during the day provided. Very popular two years ago. Children Year 2 upwards to adults. The workshops will be between 40 – 60 mins.

SAMBA DRUMMING

This is your chance to learn one of the world's most dynamic drumming styles. Hailing all the way from the favelas of Rio De Janeiro and using authentic Brazilian instruments (including the Surdo bass drum, ago-go bells and snare drums), participants will experience the passion, energy and rhythms associated with Brazilian street drumming. It's incredibly easy to learn and fosters teamwork skills that will last a lifetime.

Classes usually fill quickly, it is best to book places in advance

Please ring: Vanessa Martin 01635 299227 if you would like to reserve a place, or email: Vanessa.martin24@btinternet.com

Lighting up St Mary's

February

14th Happy Birthday Lillums.



April

13th For Richard Five years have gone. Everyday we miss you and think of you. Love you. Mum and Dad xx

18th Congratulations Nicki on your pupillage starting today. We are all very proud of you. Love Mum, Dad, Catherine, Raz, Nanny & Grandad xxxx

23rd David. You are missed every minute of every day; with love Floss "shine bright"

25th "Happy Birthday" Aimee 27 today!! We all know you are so happy with your devoted Gran. Love you always and forever, Mum, Dad, Samuel, Willum, Meghan and Jude. xx.

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. [01635 299710](tel:01635299710).

Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk £12 per evening, block booking discounts. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for April May Tower is April 10th.



*Second Saturday of the month
at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)
at the Village Club, George
Street.*

Saturday, 8 April, 2017 - Vertigo (1958 - Certificate A - 128 minutes)
A San Francisco detective's obsession with woman he is investigating.
Alfred Hitchcock directs with James Stewart & Kim Novak

Saturday, 13 May, 2017 - Brooklyn

For further information about the Club or use of our equipment, please contact John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221 or Diana Tait (Membership Sec) 298494

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



**Are you creative?
Looking for a new and different local interest?
Love working with colour and design?
Enjoy making a difference?
Have some free time available?**

Then **WE NEED YOU** and invite you to join
our friendly team of volunteer flower arrangers at St Mary's

All are welcome. Our arrangers normally commit to doing one or two
arrangements during the year and often work in pairs.

No previous experience is necessary. We are here to help and give you the
confidence and opportunity to produce beautiful displays. You don't need to
be a regular churchgoer but we would hope that you like flowers!

Funding for arrangements is available.

We should love to hear from you.

**Please contact
Pam 01635 291977/Suzy 297234/Linda 298483**

KINGSLERE BOWLING CLUB

**William Holden Field
Ashford Hill Road
Kingsclere RG20 5NY**



Great news for all outdoor lawn bowlers!

The new summer season at Kingsclere (late April to mid-
September) starts with our **green opening ceremony** on **22nd April at 2:30
p.m.** We hope that all our members will come out of hibernation and re-join
all their friendly bowling colleagues.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to any members of the public
to attend and enjoy our facilities.

We hope you will be sufficiently inspired to come along to our **Open Days**
on **20th and 21st May from 2:30 p.m.** and have a go at this most enjoyable
and sociable game. Bowls will be provided for your use, tuition will be avail-
able, and all we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes. All this is **FREE!**

If you would like further information then please contact our Chairman,
Brian Watts, on 0118 981 6892 or email brian-watts@btconnect.com, or visit
www.kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk



The Fieldgate Community Centre



COMING SOON

Ricky and the Gamblers reunion tour Saturday 29th April

Remember the 1960s? When the Beatles and the Mersey Sound were making it big in the charts, a group of young teenagers, managed by the landlord of the Lion pub in Newbury, were attracting a lot of attention in the town and surrounding villages.

They were in big demand for dances and parties, and even performed at the Albert Hall – er, not *the* Albert Hall, but the long-gone one in Kingsclere!

For the next six decades, they have continued to play, either together or with other bands such as Blue Sunset, Stealer, and Rickie and Nickie. BBC Southern News featured them at the start of their reunion tour, performing 1960s hits in their old haunts. Having played to packed houses in Ecchinswell, Shaw and Chieveley, they are booked to appear at the Fieldgate Centre on Saturday 29th April.

Doors open at 8.30pm and the show will finish around 11.30pm.

Tickets £10 from Hogans Music (Tel 01635 378868)
or Bill Cooper (Tel. 01635 299 293)



KINGSCLERE GARDENING ASSOCIATION SPRING SHOW



SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2017 2:30PM
AT KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB

Schedules available from the Village Butcher and the Library. Staging from 9.30 to 12 noon.

Prizes given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all classes. Entry free to exhibitors, otherwise 50p.

Tombola. Refreshments available.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – OPEN GARDENS 2017 **SUNDAY 16 JULY**

There will be all sorts of different gardens to see – please contact us on the number below if you would like your garden to be included – large, small, informal – all gardens welcome.

Chris Earl 01635 298 286

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands W.I.



Next meeting: **Wednesday 12th April 2017**

Presenter: Bethany Milam - Subject:

“Explore Your Creativity”

Venue: Kingsclere Village Club, 35/37 George St.

Start: 1.30 p.m.

Bethany is convinced that creativity exists in all of us. How often have you heard someone say: “Art? I can’t even draw a straight line!” Really? Anyway, why is drawing a straight line generally regarded as a sign of creativity? After all, not many artists have made that their speciality.

Bethany Milam is a professional artist who believes that everyone could (and maybe should) attempt to cast aside their artistic inhibitions and explore their “inner territory” – in creative terms. She has been running a weekly creativity class in the Kingsclere Village Club for quite some time and now, at last, W.I. members will have the chance to find out what their fellow-users of the KVC have been getting up to.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - £2 per person

Join us for tea, talk, a sales-table of trinkets, and this time at least, a chance to release your own creative urges.

Nova Saunderson Tel. 01635 299570

IN MEMORIAM – BARRIE HISCOCK

Evelyn, Simon, Alison and families would sincerely like to thank everyone who came to the memorable thanksgiving service for the life of Barrie – a tireless worker for the community. A special thanks to the Kingsclere Medical Centre: doctors, nurses, palliative care nurses and Richard. The lovely cards and messages of sympathy are all much appreciated. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgment.

Oakley Sports Weekend

29–30 April 2017

FREE SPORTS ACTIVITIES!

For more information go to oaoakley.org.uk or come to Oakley Junior School on 29/30 April to sign in

Just turn up and take part!

- Football
- Orienteering
- Bowling
- Cycling
- Table Tennis

- Health Walks
- Bouncy Castle
- Cricket
- Archery

Some age restrictions apply

Oakley Fun Run

Saturday 29 April 2017

Three routes:

- 5km (age 7+)
- 10km (age 11+)
- 1km Kids Run (ideal for 4–7 year olds, but any age welcome)

Register online in advance at oaoakley.org.uk or from 10am onwards, 29 April at Oakley Junior School

5km/10km – start 2.00pm at Peter Houseman Recreation Ground

1km off-road Kids Run – start 3.30pm at the Junior School

For road runs, ages 7–13 must be accompanied. A responsible adult must be present for children taking part in the off-road Kids Run.

Adults £6; under 18s (5 & 10km) £3; £2 1km Kids Run

Discover a sport that suits you!



Separate off-road kids run!






Registered charity number 1165256

St Michael's Hospice Coffee Morning Saturday 1st October



FUND-RAISING FOR ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE, BASINGSTOKE

The loose-change boxes, and the blue and the yellow collecting-tins, were collected in January and returned to the hospice for counting. The total raised was £619.23, an increase on the July collection, so well done everyone and thank you all.

If you would like to help raise money for the hospice, please get in touch with me and I will arrange for a box to be delivered to you.

House- to-house collection from 1st January to 30th June

Collectors are urgently required in George Street and Basingstoke Road. The collection in Basingstoke Road could be done by one person in two evenings.

If you would like to help, please get in touch.

Coach outing from Kingsclere, Wednesday 26th April



The first outing this year will be to Exbury Gardens, near Lymington.

The coach will depart from Kingsclere at 9.00 a.m., picking people up first at the bottom of King John Road, then the Square and finally at the corner of Newbury Road and Garrett Close. We leave Exbury at 4.00 p.m.

Costs: coach fare - £15.50; admission to Exbury - £9.50.

There is an optional train-ride costing £3.50 if booked in advance, or £4.50 on the day.

If you would like to come on this trip, please phone me as soon as possible, as I have to book the train ride well in advance.

MONEY TO ME PLEASE, NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 18TH APRIL

Josie Norton Tel. 298059

Kingsclere PHOTO Club

“Forgotten Heritage” with Matt Emmett



Wednesday 5th April 2017

At The Village Club main hall

Doors open 7.30pm for 7.45pm start

Our speaker in April is Urbex photographer Matt Emmett who specialises in shooting abandoned buildings. He is generally described as an architectural and heritage photographer.

Late last year Matt published his first book entitled, "Forgotten Heritage". This was quickly followed by the news that Matt's image of a historic brick reservoir in London's Finsbury Park was named as the best architecture photograph at the Arcaid Images Architectural Photography Award 2016.

Matt Emmett's talk will not only interest photographers but also anyone with an interest in history, architecture and travel.

*Entry £2 members, £4 guests & visitors
Refreshments included, pay on the door*

For further info on club and programme see our website
www.kingsclerephoto.org or Facebook page
or call Gareth Martin on 01635 299227 (answerphone)

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Tadley and District Citizens Advice,
Franklin Avenue, Tadley, Hants RG26 4ET

VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDING SERVICE

We are looking for Volunteers in your Community

Could you be a 'Befriender'?

What will I be doing?

As a Volunteer Befriender your role will be to provide social companionship to patients who have a chronic or life limiting illness and who are isolated or lonely. Visiting patients in their own homes, you will help them to feel more supported and help to improve their emotional well-being and confidence.

How much time do I need to commit?

Just 2 hours a week, or less, can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community.

What support will I be given?

All relevant training will be given, as well as regular and on-going support and supervision.

Interested?

For further information contact Caroline Nash, Befriending Manager on:
01264 835293

Email: Caroline.Nash@hhft.nhs.uk

Interested volunteers will be invited to an informal interview and the role is subject to references, simple health checks and DBS clearance.

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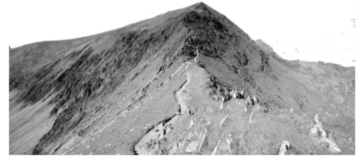
St Mary's 200 Club Winner March 2017, no. 42 Chryssie Green

Well done, Chryssie!

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

Dental team in Snowdon challenge to help cancer charity

The Imogen Dental team, which has practices in Kingsclere, and Benson (Oxfordshire), will be walking up Mount Snowdon in a sponsored challenge on Saturday 20th May 2017 – its goal is to raise **£3,000** for the Ark Cancer Centre charity that is helping to fund a unique local NHS cancer treatment centre in the Basingstoke area.



Dr Neel Tank, who founded Imogen Dental in 2005, explains: “Each year, we aim to fundraise for a deserving cause which will benefit our local community. We invite patients, friends and families to join us as a team, to help those fighting cancer and support their families

“Some of the Imogen Dental Team have been directly affected by the loss of loved ones to cancer and understand the need for the treatment centre that Ark Cancer Centre Charity is helping to fund.”

In a bid to maximise the funds raised, we will be working in conjunction with the match-funding Greenham Common Trust, so that whatever the team raises will be doubled. Collection buckets will also be available in the dental practices.

To sponsor the Imogen Dental team please go to:
<http://www.imogendental.co.uk/charity>.

The Ark Cancer Centre Charity’s £5m appeal aims to provide support services and complementary therapies alongside chemotherapy and radio-therapy treatments in a calm and uplifting environment.

The new centre is largely being funded by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT). It is earmarked for a location in the Basingstoke and Deane area, and if the preferred site near to Junction 7 of the M3 is approved, it will be easily accessible to everyone in the HHFT region.

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