

The Kingsclere Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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We'd like to thank everyone who contributes to The Tower with regular or occasional entries. This village magazine is for all of us, so it's great to have varied content with news of all the different village events and activities – there is a LOT going on in Kingsclere!

We really appreciate the effort everyone makes to get their copy in by the deadline, but there are a few things you can do to help us run more smoothly. If you understand how we work it may help. The editor for the month (we take turns) reads and edits each piece sometime between the 1st and the 12th of the month. During these 2 weeks we will also word process hand written copy and check the answer phone every few days. Articles are sent to the monthly layout person, and we all fit in our voluntary work for the Tower around our paid jobs and other commitments.

Recently we've received a lot of corrections and additions sent after the original submission, which can be time-consuming to deal with even if it's not yet been sent to layout. Please, will you re-read and double check your copy before sending it? It's also very helpful if contributors will put a specific title in the subject line of emails eg 'Concert in May' instead of 'Tower Copy' so we can easily pick out articles. Finally, minimal formatting, not using all caps, and sending everything in black and white will make life a lot easier for the layout team.

Thanks so much! Nicki & Sarah

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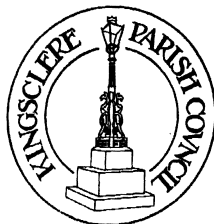
To all "Tower" Contributors

COPY FOR June 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)

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KINGSCLERE LIBRARY

On asking for a statement of clarity from Hampshire County Council regarding the proposal to close Kingsclere Library, we have received the following report which we wanted to pass on to you:

“As part of the need to reduce the budget of the Library Service, we are proposing to transfer our three smallest libraries (one of which is Kingsclere) to be run by their local communities. We have already set up two community libraries in Hampshire which are run by volunteers. Both have proved to be successful in terms of increased opening hours and book issues.

We have begun discussions with people who might be interested in taking over full responsibility for the running of Kingsclere Library.

If we find that the community do not want to take on the running of the library then we will try and provide a service to Kingsclere through a mobile library, visiting the village for half a day each week. This is dependent on a suitable location being found for the mobile library stop.

Why has Kingsclere Library been selected?

- On average only 25 items are issued per opening hour
- On average there are only 12 people visiting per opening hour, the lowest for any Hampshire Library
- Only 11% of the people who live in Kingsclere ward use the library
- On average only 190 people per month borrow items from the library
- It has low opening hours (13.5 hours per week) and there is no funding available to increase these
- The library needs improvements, but the limitations of the building (part of the Village Club) restrict what can be done, even if funding was available

Last month there was a public meeting in Kingsclere about the future of the library which was well attended and constructive. After the meeting closed, several people came forward to volunteer their services to be part of a com-

GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days for May are: 14th & 28th

munity run library which is encouraging.

By the end of March we had received about 40 emails, letters etc about Kingsclere library. The responses will be analysed and presented to Cllr Chapman as the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside for a decision on 16 September.”

LOCAL BUS AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICES

Hampshire County Council is undertaking a countywide review of its subsidised bus and community transport services and would like your help. In order for them to obtain as much information as possible could you please access their website and complete their questionnaire which can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/transportconsultation2014. Your help would be very much appreciated and it could help improve our services in Kingsclere. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet you can phone them on 0845 603 5633 to have one sent to you. Closure date for this consultation is 31st May 2014.

KINGSCLERE ANNUAL REPORT

We are busy putting together the Annual Report which is delivered to all households in Kingsclere. This newsletter is a way of letting everyone know what we have all been doing over the past year. It includes reports for all groups and organisations in the village that choose to contribute. If your organisation has not yet sent us your report but would like to be included, there is still time to get this in. We hope to be going to print in mid May so please send your reports to clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk as soon as possible.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – the next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Monday 19th May, 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.

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

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Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan

What kind of village would you like Kingsclere to be in 15 years time? Do we need enough affordable homes for families or more large developments such as the new build in Fox's Lane? We have an aging population. Do we need more homes for the elderly so that people can downsize and remain in the village? And what about social housing and starter homes for young people. If we want our village to keep it's shops, pubs & restaurants, how will the increase in traffic affect our village centre? All these questions need to be addressed through our Neighbourhood Plan which is why your views are important. Please give us your views on Facebook or use the drop in centre at the Village Club. We would also welcome an invite from any village organisation who would like us to talk to your group about the plan and what we are doing.

The Borough Council will shortly publish the second draft of their strategic Local Plan for the Borough. The consultation period commences 25th April and all comments must be received by 4.00pm on 13th June 2014. Copies of the plan will be available from the Council offices in Basingstoke plus it will be available on line. We will get a copy for our drop in centre. One of the changes we have already identified is the requirement for all new build within our existing settlement boundary to have a minimum of ten homes. This means smaller developments and 'infill' sites will not count towards our target of approximately 50 homes. If you have views on this &/or other aspects of the Borough's Local Plan, please contribute to the consultation – and let us know!

As for our group, we are still in the process of obtaining evidence to support, or otherwise, certain sites for development. We've met with the Borough Council and Sentinel plus had discussions with local estate agents for their views. We will shortly engage a consultancy to help us with our work.

URGENT - We need more volunteers, particularly younger people, to help us with this interesting task to keep our beautiful village a sustainable place for future generations. If you can spare some time to help we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please contact Sue Adams, 01635 299242, sueadams@madasafish.com
Or our Parish Clerk, Sheila Thompson, 01635 298634, clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk

Sue Adams, 299242

Library - To Be or not to Be

Councillor Keith Chapman [our county councillor and cabinet member for libraries etc] stated publicly that the decision to close the Kingsclere Library has not yet been made. This conflicts with statements by the library service but he has confirmed in writing that this is the case. The present consultation period therefore includes discussion on keeping it open.

The case for keeping it open must therefore include factors such as:

- The period before the matter was raised included the period when Rowena was sick.
- Kingsclere is 10 miles from Basingstoke main library [accessible by a regular bus service]. The other proposed closures are 3 - 4 miles from an alternative.
- The cost of travel to Basingstoke for a mother with children is prohibitive.
- We are told that only 11% use the library. How is this calculated and how does it compare with other libraries? Does Urban Basingstoke have more than ten thousand readers?

I am not hopeful that any arguments for the status quo will be successful but 'hope springs eternal' and the way is now clear for those who hoped to be able to argue that their case is still open. Councillor Chapman has agreed that an alternative option could be considered. I put this to him in the form:

That the county continues to meet the rental and basic running costs of the room provided a suitable group can be found to form a community library.

The arguments in favour of this revolve around our payment of our council tax to include library services and that the county can afford these costs [£3500 a year] in preference to a half day library van visit costing at least £4000 a year [itself a slow death].

As the next parish council meeting is end of April I am forwarding this to them for consideration as a submission. Do submit your views to the Library Service and/or Keith.

Peter Woodman

Blues at Fieldgate Centre, Saturday 14th June

The Fieldgate sees the return by popular demand of A.B.B., formally the Average Blues Band, six seasoned, accomplished musicians well respected in Blues music. Show starts at 8:30.



The Fieldgate Centre

Chris Williams in the sixties supported Hendrix and Fleetwood Mac with his Band ROOM and was the first British Rock band to tour Russia. John Holmes played with Paul Young. Dave Christopher is an in demand session player who has featured in dozens of recordings with many celebrities. Ade Millward, drummer has toured with Andy Fairweather Low. Mark Skerritt has played with Boogie Train and Andy Sheppard. Herbie Casey is former saxophonist for WINGS and the CLIFF RICHARD band A.B.B played three live sessions for B.B.C's Paul Jones show and have been regulars at major U.K. Blues and R. and B festivals. Their music is Blues based but diverse, and although considered a concert band they can rock it with the best of them and quickly fill a dance floor

Tickets £7 from Bill Cooper 299293 or The Village Butcher

May at The Fieldgate

1st May 7.00pm The Ancient Order of Foresters

1st May 7.30 – 8.30pm Booiaika with Jayne. NEW CLASS

6th and 20th May 7.00 – 8.00pm Youth Club Drop-in. The Atkinson Room. This is an interim arrangement until a new youth leader is appointed and will take place on alternate weeks. NEW

8th May 8.00pm Youth Football AGM

10th May 7.30pm KCA Race Night – This is to raise funds towards the cost of refurbishment of the centre. The toilets are one of our priorities at the moment. Tickets £5 to include supper.

11th and 18th 10.30am Rugby Club Minis. Open days.

12th May 1.30pm and 4.30pm Blood Donor Sessions

22nd May 7.00am – 10.00pm European Elections

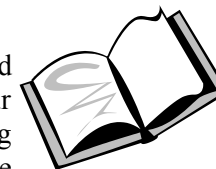
31st May 8.00am – 5.00pm Sale of Garden Furniture

Throughout May Premiership and Championship football will be shown on SKY TV.

Enquiries: 01635 298497 e-mail: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com Follow us on Facebook.

Kingsclere Library

Please support your local library. Do you have a library card but have not visited us recently? Do you want to support your local library but do not have a library card? Then come along to the library during the opening hours listed below and have your card re-activated or get your new one, no ID is needed. For those who cannot get in during the week please remember we are open on Saturdays.



The Library is situated in the Village Club and is open:

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

There is more to libraries than just books! As well as having both fiction & non-fiction books in ordinary print we also have a range in large Print and Audio (both CD & cassette format available for a small charge). There are copies of both the Newbury Weekly News & the Basingstoke Gazette to look at.

Love glossy magazines but they are too expensive to buy? We have a wide range of magazines to borrow free of charge for a week ranging from Top Gear, Countryfile, Good Housekeeping through to Simply Knitting and Mother & Baby We have rotating displays on various topics, recent titles included Historical Crime, Hampshire Authors & Art & Artists. There is also the Author of the Month to widen your choice and introduce you to new authors.

Fancy an evening curled up watching a DVD? You can rent one from the library from £1 - £2 for the week.

Need to use the internet? You are entitled to 1 hour free internet access with links to many other helpful websites such as Family History & Ancestry.

The children have their own separate area with books ranging from board books for babies to teen reads. There is always activity & colouring sheets to sit and do or take home. We have various competitions/events for them during the year. The big event for children is the Summer Reading Challenge held over the summer holiday to encourage children to keep reading – they collect stickers for each book read and receive a medal & certificate if they read 6! This year the theme is “Mystical Maze” and runs from 12th July – 13th September.

Author of the Month: Adele Parks was born in 1969 in north-east England and studied English at the University of Leicester. She has sold over a million copies of her novels in the UK and they have been translated into over 15 languages. Husbands has sold over a quarter of a million copies. Her other six novels, including Playing Away and The Other Woman's Shoes, have all been bestsellers.

Display: America. As it is getting warmer are you thinking about where to go on holiday? What about a visit to America? Looking for something nearer to home? We have a wide range of travel books to borrow as well as some brochures for various locations within the UK available to help you choose that perfect holiday.

Rowena Hensman, Kingsclere Library Assistant 0845 6035631



Village Market at the Village Club

The next market is on the 31st May. We hope you came on the 26th April when Lady Carnarvon opened the Village Market on it's 20th Anniversary. Many thanks to Josie Norton for starting the market all those years ago. In addition to the usual stalls we have: wools and silks, scented candles and various candle holders, and hand made jewellery.

Come along and grab a bargain.

Alan Gore



Enquiries 01256-892019 or www.andovercats.org.uk
 Stories of rescued cats: adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk
 Fund-raising/volunteers adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk
 Items for resale 01256-892773

The RSPCA announced recently that an explosion is taking place in the cat population and more cats should be neutered to prevent this worsening. More and more cats need to be taken into care and the charities just cannot cope. Andover Cats Protection have been offering free neutering for the cats of those on a low income since the Millennium but there are still people who cannot be bothered to get it done or believe that a female cat should have at least one litter of kittens. Neutered cats are healthier and happier. They are less likely to stray and will avoid life threatening diseases such as leukaemia and Feline Aids. Kittens can be castrated or spayed from 4 months of age.

We shall be at Hurstbourne Priors Fete on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May from 12 – 4pm.

We have been lucky in finding an excellent home for our March cat Billy but as yet no one has come forward for Nancy and Peggy. It is becoming very difficult to home mature cats as many prospective owners have a preference for kittens.

Whiskers is an elderly feline gentleman whose owner sadly died. He has been in care for some time now and is seeking a quiet retreat without children or other animals for his remaining years. He is currently in excellent health but Cats Protection would be willing to assist with any future veterinary expenses associated with his age.

Nature Notes

Considering that rats are so numerous in the countryside it is quite a rare sight to see them. Their presence is usually indicated by multiple holes in hedge banks and by runs through vegetation, such a bank was seen on a recent walk. What drew our attention was the huge numbers of maize cobs that lay outside rat city. The use of maize as a cover crop for game birds must be a bonanza for rats and it is easy to visualize an army of them creeping out on dark nights to bring back a feast to their burrows.

Bramblings formed part of a large mixed flock seen recently, others being chaffinches and a few yellowhammers. We suspected they were present but really struggled to get a positive sighting as typically the flock moved restlessly along the hedgerow or descended onto stubble where they all but disappeared. These 'orange chaffinches' are winter visitors and most will now be back in Scandinavia.

Although blackbirds will feed from bird tables most of their food is ground or bush based. However one individual has developed the skill of feeding from a hanging feeder. The feeder is one that has a shallow pan at the base of the hopper. The bird in question sits confidently on the rim of the pan as the feeder swings and enjoys a particular kind of crumbly commercial food. More and more birds are learning to access food this way—collared doves, hedge sparrows and robins are quite adept.

On a recent walk it was remarkable to see a lapwing vigorously defending territory against a red kite. Plovers appear as gentle inoffensive birds – this one re-wrote the description!

Diana Tait & Rod Eldred



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Call Bryan on: 07904 016927, email: bryandavies@highcleretravel.co.uk or visit: www.highcleretravel.co.uk

Help Needed!

The Tower Team urgently needs a volunteer to deliver 44 magazines in the Knowl Crescent/Garden Close area. If you enjoy reading this magazine please help us share it.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Brian Elborn

Tel: 298704 or: 07741075473 email: b.elborn345@btinternet.com

KINGSCLERE RUGBY CLUB – Summer 2014

Kingsclere Rugby Club youth section will be holding taster sessions for current school years 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Sundays 11th & 18th May. These are for children who wish to find out more about minis rugby, as well as children already playing rugby that may wish to play for Kingsclere in next seasons U10, 9, 8 or 7's sides.

Times are 10:30 till 12:00 at the Fieldgate Centre, followed by bacon butties after and a chance for parents to chat to coaches.

Our fourth summer Turn up and play Touch rugby tournament will start Wed 18th June at the Fieldgate Centre, running for 6 weeks. This tournament is open to men and women over 14 to simply turn up and join in, no experience needed and a friendly welcome guaranteed. It starts at 7.00pm each Wed. cost is £1 for adults and 50p for U18, with individual prizes awarded at the end of the tournament. Touch Rugby is a minimal contact and thoroughly enjoyable version of the game.

After the Touch tournament finishes, pre-season training starts Wed. 30th July, we are looking for new players, no matter what level of experience you have. Next season we have moved from the Berkshire league to Hampshire 2, so a great time to be part of fresh start in a new league.

More details on all this is available on the club website <http://www.kingsclererfc.co.uk/>.

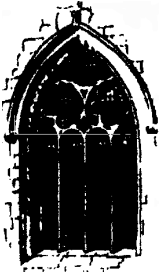
Kingsclere Bowls Club Open Day

Join Us at Kingsclere Bowls Club on Saturday 24th May at 2.30 pm onwards

Have fun bowling, all ages, families welcomed. Tuition given, just wear flat shoes or trainers. New members welcomed.

If you need more information phone Jill 01189 816671 or Pualine 01635 299665.

The Church Pages



Rumours Abound!

Over the last few months, I have been asked about the future of the Catholic chapel of Saints Peter and Paul in Kingsclere. Some have assumed that it is for sale! So it is important that all are aware of the true situation.

For some time, the Catholic Parish of Saint Michael, Tadley and Kingsclere, has had to consider whether or not to keep the chapel and the adjoining buildings. In April 2010, our Diocesan Trustees in Portsmouth required a report about the property and the size of the community. Following the policy of our last Bishop, a full Parish Consultation was initiated, with further discussion amongst the Parishes which are part of our Pastoral area of north-west Hampshire. The report was presented to the Trustees in December 2010, containing the pastoral area suggestion that "when the time is right to sell or develop the property."

During the last few years, the Parish Finance Committee on which the Kingsclere community is represented, has rightly expressed concern that Parish finances are unable to provide adequate disabled access, proper toilet facilities and better heating. Furthermore, the decline in attendance, from over 60 several years ago to the present core group of approximately 20, raises the long-term viability of a site only six miles distant from the large Parish Church in Tadley. On 21st November 2013, a further consultation for all interested parishioners was held. Following this, the Finance Committee, with the exception of one member, presented it's view based on pastoral and financial considerations, that the entire site should be sold with the agreement of our new Bishop and the Trustees.

A detailed report was sent to them in January 2014 to await their considered response. Bishop Philip has not had the opportunity to visit the chapel and site so far, and discussion by our Parish and Pastoral Area will probably take some time.

While this process is addressed, I ask your prayers for the Kingsclere community if you are part of our local Ecumenical relationship. The local Anglican and Methodist clergy have been very supportive of our difficult choices, and greatly appreciate the contribution of the small Catholic community to our joint Christian witness. I also express my thanks to all those in the village who are concerned about our future presence, and will keep you updated.

The Revered Patrick Tansey

Services in May 2014

Sunday 4 th May	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 11 th May	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 18 th May	8am	Holy Communion - St Peter's, Headley
	10.30am	Parish Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 25 th May	8am	Holy Communion - St Mary's, Kingsclere
	10.30am	All-Age Worship with Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Thursday 29 th May Ascension Day	7.30pm	Ascension Day Eucharist – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 1 st June	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere

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

ABC services Monday 16th December, 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
Methodist Chapel		(See also back cover)
Steward	Keith Williams	☎ 299894
Secretary and Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585

From the Registers of St Mary's

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

16 Mar Lara Camilla Rudland

16 Mar Darcie Amanda Rosier

13 April Lola & Alyssia Clayton-Brown

Wedding *Those whom God has joined together*

15 Mar Joanne Hedges & Karl Lucas

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

21 Mar Albert Bartlett aged 75 of Larch Drive

8 April Kenneth King aged 64 of Denton, Northants (formerly of Kingsclere)

Lighting up St Mary's

3rd May Celebrating the big Brownie birthday - 100 Years of Brownies.

4th May Loving memories of Moira on her birthday, five years on. Missing you.

13th May In loving memory of my special dad, Richard.

16th May Remembering Harry on his birthday 16th May, with our love from Molly, Shirley, Basil, Russell, Rachelle and Rhys

30th May Remembering Doris Baron on what would have been her 100th Birthday

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. 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 June Tower is May 10th.

The Friends of St Mary's, Kingsclere

Plant Sale

St Mary's Churchyard

from 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 17th May

Perennials, annuals, vegetables!

Plant donations gratefully received –please 'phone Jane Royle on 297430



Kingsclere Grand Garden Safari Sunday 22nd June 2014

Come on a Grand Garden Safari with us on Sunday 22nd June 2014 as the gardens of Kingsclere open their gates to visitors.

From 2pm – 6pm, enjoy a stroll through some of the loveliest gardens in the village, buy a raffle ticket and be in with the chance of winning a fantastic prize for your garden. Eat delicious homemade cakes and refreshments at a variety of locations around the village whilst listening to some of the village's talented musicians.

£5 per adult, children free. All proceeds to St Mary's Church Keystone Project.

If you would like to add your garden to the Safari – please get in contact.

Enquiries – contact Eileen Selsey on eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk.

St Mary's Guild

15 Members and 2 guests attended our meeting on 26th March to hear Sheilah Openshaw speak to us on the quantity and variety of sunken shipwrecks around our shores. We had a very entertaining afternoon and there was a lively question and answer session at the end. Many thanks to Sheilah for such an informative talk.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 28th May, when the Rev. Julia Foster, Assistant Rural Dean will be joining us. As always, we welcome guests to come along and see what fun we have. All meetings include refreshments and lively conversation. Meetings commence at 2.15 pm in the Kingsmill Room.

We shall be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th May, 10 am to 12 Noon, in the Kingsmill Room of St. Mary's Church – All proceeds to be donated to Naomi House Hospice. We would welcome donations of prizes for Raffle, Tombola and Cake, Craft and Produce Stalls. PLEASE COME ALONG TO SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE AND JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS.

Pam Kitch, 299743

Methodist Notes

All Sunday Services at 9:30

Preachers for May

4 Rev. John Beadle

11 Rev. David Read (Holy Communion)

17 (Saturday service 4:30) Dr. Ewan Harvey

25 Mr. Richard Godfrey

Mid week Communion Thursday May 15, Rev. John Beadle

Junior Church second and fourth Sundays each month.

Coffee mornings every Thursday from 10:30 until noon.

Funeral: April 3 Joyce Lilian Rosemary Doig, aged 92

Baptism: April 6 Erin Austen

Kingsclere, Ashford Hill and Headley Care Group

AGM will be held on Friday 23rd May, in the Kingsmill Room at St. Mary's Church, 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start. We shall be reporting on the activities of the Group over the preceding 12 months and would welcome any questions from the Village.

A member of staff from Kingsclere Health Centre will be speaking to us on the evening.

If you are involved with any of our activities, would like to know more about what we do or think you may be interested in volunteering to work with us, please come along – we shall be pleased to see you.

Pam Kitch, Secretary 299743



Coach Outing From Kingsclere

Reminder! Wed. 14th May Outing to the National Trust property at Waddeson Manor. Coach leaves King John Road at 8:30 am then picking up in the Square and Garret Close.

Wed. 25th June Again a visit to a National Trust property at Coughton Court. Coach leaves King John Road at 9:00 am then picking up in the Square and Garret Close. Coach fare £16.70. Free admission to Coughton Court for N.T. members, for non-members the price is £8.20.

To book, please phone Josie Norton 298059

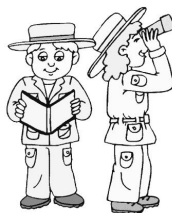
Visit from Cormicy

The visit from Cormicy will be from Saturday, 7th June until Monday, 9th June. We are still looking for families who are willing to act as hosts. The planned programme is on our website (www.sites.google.com/site/kingscleretwinning) and on our Facebook page. Other than providing sleeping accommodation, breakfasts and a packed lunch on the Monday, any other involvement is optional. Where there are evening meals with families, other hosts will provide these for your guests if you are unable to do this, and you are not required to accompany guests on any of the visits, although you may, of course, do so if you wish. If you are able to offer accommodation during that time, please would you contact us on the Twinning Association email address: kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk. About half of the members of the Cormicy association are families with children of various ages who would love to make contact with families in Kingsclere. Many thanks to those people who have already offered accommodation.



Family Village Trail

How well do you know Kingsclere?
Come and join in a family fun trail quiz
around the village.
Open to all.



When: Sunday, 8th June from 2.00p.m.

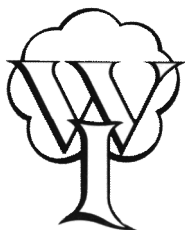
Where: Meet at either the Square or The Fieldgate Centre.

How Much: £1 per group

Prizes

Further details are on posters around Kingsclere.

Many thanks to Kingsclere Heritage Association for devising this.



KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS WI

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at The Village Club @ 1-45pm

Our Meeting last week was a talk with slides about "The Newbury Coat". Very interesting and informative

Our next meeting May 14th is our Annual Meeting where we review the past year and select a new Committee.

Betty Eckton 01256 850017



Kingsclere Film Club

Saturday, 3 May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Club, George Street



(1942) U 102 mins

Staring Humphrey Bogart & Ingrid Bergman

Set in unoccupied Africa during the early days of World War II: An American expatriate meets a former lover, with unforeseen complications.

Subscriptions were due in April.

Next month: Sat, 7 June - The Lives of Others

Kingsclere Film Club shows a range of films on the first Saturday of the month. Membership gives access to all films at £4.16 per film shown on the big screen with improved acoustics. 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

GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday, May 15th an evening outing has been arranged to a garden near Odiham. This is Beechenwood Farm, Hillside, Odiham, RG29 1JA, the home of Mr and Mrs M. Hever-Percy. This is a 2 acre garden with many different features, well planted with spring flowering bulbs and plants apparently best before mid June. There is also a woodland area with grass paths to explore. The cost is £4.00. Names to Sylvia Pennington 01635 298880. We will travel by car. Transport will be arranged for those who do not drive. Tell Sylvia if you need a lift. This is a sudden decision to get the timing right for the garden and will replace the normal June evening trip.

Remember your membership card gets you a discount at Cottismore Garden Centre. Membership is £7.00 or £5.00 for seniors. Membership Secretary is Diana Tait on 01635 298494

John Eckton 01256 850017

'Looking Back at Kingsclere'

"And young De Haviland flew in"

In Garfield Foster's memoirs he is talking of walking to school aged about six before the First World War. The words are very matter of fact at a time when to see an aeroplane flying over head was unusual, but for a small boy to know the name of the pilot and that he was landing exceptional.

Geoffery De Haviland, who became one of our greatest aircraft designers, was the son of the Rector of Crux Easton near Highclere. He obtained a maths degree at Cambridge and trained as a motor engineer. All this changed when Orville Wright made the first manned flight. De Haviland [in his 20s] began designing and building his own 'heavier than air' machines' which he test flew at Seven Barrow Down on the southerly slopes of Beacon Hill.

In 1909 he joined an aircraft design team at the Royal Balloon Factory at Farnborough being responsible for the development of the BE2c which was the aircraft with which the Royal Flying Corps went to war in 1914. He would certainly be well known to the Portal family and probably used test flights from Farnborough to 'drop in' on Colonel and Lady Portal living in Kingsclere House.

Peter Woodman



THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to all who supported the Easter egg hunt.

Tickets for our NEW event, the Ping Pong ball are now available from the school office or you can contact amandakeable@hotmail.com

The ball will be on Sat 14th June at 7.30pm at Sandford Springs Golf Club. Tickets are £40 which includes a welcome drink on arrival and a delicious 3 course meal. There will also be a silent auction, a fantastic raffle and a disco. The event promises to be a great night and will raise money for outdoor table tennis tables for the school playground. Tickets are already selling fast so be sure to buy yours soon. This event is for adults only so come along and join in the fun!

Dates for your diary

Thurs 22nd May Bag 2 School collection. Please leave any bags of unwanted clothes/shoes/cuddly toys at school gates by 9am.

Sat 14th June 'Ping Pong' Ball at Sandford Springs

Sat 5th July School Summer Fair held at School 12-4pm

Tues 22nd July 'Leavers' disco for all pupils

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

Foresters Friendly Society

The Foresters will be visiting Stratford-upon-Avon on Saturday 14th June 2014. The coach will leave The Square, Kingsclere at 8.30 a.m.

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

St Mary's 200 Club Winner April 2014

Marie Zajak no 89. Well done Marie!

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

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

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An Evening of Wildlife Gardening

Thursday 15th May, 8pm, The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere

Join Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for an evening talk about Wildlife Gardening, and learn how to make your garden more wildlife friendly. Also learn more about wildlife in your area, and how your garden can act as an important link or buffer for the wider countryside around us.

For more information, please contact Sarah Lynes on 01256 381186 or email sarah.lynes@hiwwt.org.uk. Suggested donation £2.

Newnham Open Gardens and Church Flower Festival

Sunday 8th June

This popular event will this year be in conjunction with a Flower Festival in the Church. 8 – 10 Gardens of varying sizes will be open.

The Church decorations theme will be A Country Garden and it is hoped that we will have an organ recital at intervals throughout the afternoon. A lovely cool quiet place to rest your weary legs!

Entry cost - £5.00 per person, children free, and includes a map of the Gardens.

Payment and Parking at The Village Clubroom on Newnham Road, and Newnham Edge field on Tylney Lane (opposite The Old House at Home Pub).

Start or finish at the Barn at Manor Farm (approached through the churchyard) and enjoy a cup of tea and variety of homemade cakes while you browse plants from the well stocked plant stalls.

All the profits will be shared between the Village Clubroom and St Nicholas' Church, Newnham. Do hope you can make it!

Fund Raising for St. Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke

The house to house collection will take place in Kingsclere from the 1st to 30th June. I am urgently in need of collectors for the following areas:

1. Archer Road and Anchor Road
2. Longcroft Road
3. Brimley Hill Court, St. Mary's Road and Larch Drive
4. Garrett Close

If you feel you could help raise money for the Hospice I would be grateful if you would give me a ring.

Josie Norton 298059



WHEEZY? BREATHLESS?

Breathe Easy Basingstoke is a local support group for those living with a lung condition. One of over 200 groups across the country, we are part of the British Lung Foundation's network 'BreatheEasy'.

We are open to all those who fight for breath as a result of conditions such as COPD, Bronchiectasis, Fibrosing Alveolitis, IPF and Asthma. We offer friendship and support and have Respiratory Experts from Basingstoke Hospital and Southern Health on hand to provide expert advice and guidance to those living with a lung condition and their families, friends and carers.

The group meets on the last Tuesday of each month at The Shaftsbury Room, Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham, RG24 8LT, 2pm-4pm. We would be delighted to see you there.

For more information contact: Judith Windross 07730366411, judithwindross@gmail.com

Newbury Dramatic Society presents THE LOCAL HEROES OF 1914-18

A story told through letters, songs, poems, wills and memories, of the brave women and children keeping the home fires burning while their men are at the Front.

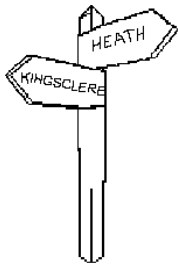
Devised and directed by Ann Davidson

10th July, Kingsclere Village Club, 7pm (Other dates/venues also, contact for details)

Performance to raise funds for Cruse Bereavement

Tickets £9.00 (includes refreshments) (reservations are advised)

ann.enborne@hotmail.co.uk 01635 33572



KINGSCLERE PARISH PATHS

On Sunday March 30th we worked on the Hannington bridleway, trying to drain some of the large puddles and fixed the sign post which had been dislodged.

We also cleared Hollowshot Lane from all the ivy covered trees and branches that had been brought down across the path during the winter storms.

The small bridge near Gaily Mill has been repaired temporarily, but it is now safe.

Now that Spring is here there is much new growth across our footpaths, so we shall need lots of help to keep them cleared! We welcome all to our work days on the last Sunday of the month; 9.45am, behind the Village Club on George Street.

For further information contact me, or the Parish Clerk (Tel. 298634)

There are still plenty of Parish Footpaths maps for sale, £1.50, from the Parish office and the Library, both on George Street, or from me.

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1st Kingsclere Guides

Last term the Guides celebrated Thinking Day (our international day) with activities from Singapore. We made pancakes and had pancake races (apologies to residents near the Scout Hut as we inadvertently set off the fire alarms!). Our older girls working towards their Baden Powell Award organised a patrol cooking competition plus, also for her BP award, Juliette Ashman organised a really interesting evening with lots of activities from China. At the end of term the Guides made cakes for our coffee morning and cake sale in the Kingsmill Room on 5th April. We made over £180 so thank you to everyone who supported us.

Next term groups of our Guides are going on circus fun day, a 999 emergency response day, a Division patrol Camp at Thirtover at half term, plus we are going Glamping in August in the New Forest. Nine of our Guides are booked on our trip to Switzerland in August next year so fundraising is now a priority. We hope to organise a quiz night this term so please come along and support.

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

Sue Adams sueadams@madasafish.com 01635 299242

The Big Brownie Birthday!

Are you a past Kingsclere Brownie? The Brownies are 100 years old. To celebrate Hampshire Girl Guiding are having a torch relay. The torch is coming to Kingsclere on Saturday 3 May. Come and join the relay. Meet at the Fieldgate Centre at 12pm, wear something yellow. Picnic, refreshments, fun games and campfire songs at Kingsclere Primary School after. Please come and support the relay. The torch is leaving the Fieldgate at 12:30 and going down Popes Hill, along George Street and into Love Lane to the school.

Hannah Fisher

Beaver Scouts Charity Cake Sale

Beaver Scouts are having a charity tea, coffee and cake sale on 17th May in the Kingsmill Room, St Mary's Church from 9am until 12noon.

Emma Rivers

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