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Your Village Magazine

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It is nine years since we joined the Tower team as editors; our first issue was July 2013. During our tenure we have been involved with a number of initiatives, including the decision to move to professional printers; the production of the 50th Anniversary Special Edition in 2015; and the Tower Grants programme, enabling us to distribute accumulated excess funds to actively support local community projects, which has given the Tower management committee great satisfaction.

Having joined the Tower together we have decided to leave it together, and this is our final issue. We leave the magazine in excellent hands. We both look forward to (a) semi-retirement, (b) a little more time on our hands and (c) the appearance of the Tower dropping through our letter boxes each month to be enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and supported us. We'll still be active around the village, Nicki with the Library, and both of us with Greener Kingsclere.

All the best, Sarah and Nicki.

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If email not possible post to 23 Swan Street, Kingsclere,
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NOT LATER THAN **12th July**.

**Will ALL contributors please include full name
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QUEEN'S JUBILEE WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS – So many people. So many events. So much bunting. Kingsclere, you really shone for the Jubilee long weekend.

We certainly celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style. It was wonderful to see so many people and organisations come together with the single aim of supporting the community.

Please join us in thanking everyone who took part, marched, watched, dressed up, waved a flag, cooked, sang, scavenged, raced a duck, organised and sewed nearly half a kilometer of bunting!

Events like this don't come along very often but they remind us of what a marvelous place to live our community is. But it doesn't happen automatically. We are always looking for more people to volunteer with the Parish Council, the Community Association and all the other local organisations. If you felt inspired by the Jubilee weekend then please consider getting involved, in whatever way you can.

WORKING GROUP / SUB COMMITTEE HELP - we are always looking for people to support council activities such as the newly formed Neighbourhood Plan Review Group and we have other improvement work such as the Malthouse Open Space, the Recreation Ground and on the Holding Field. Please get in touch with a Councillor or the office if you can help or would like to find out more.

GRANTS TO HELP LOWER ENERGY BILLS FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES - Grants of up to £25,000 are available for Basingstoke and Deane residents struggling to pay their bills and living in cold homes to make home improvements that could help lower their energy bills.

Residents with a household income of less than £30,000 or on means-tested benefits and living in homes with an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G can apply for funding for energy efficiency improvements such as loft and solid wall insulation as well as solar panels

The Parish website www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk
@kingsclerepc [facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil)

and air source heat pumps. Applications to the scheme are open and funding is being distributed on a first-come, first-served basis with measures to be installed by March 2023.

For more information and to apply see www.warmerhomes.org.uk

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are Wednesday 13th July, Wednesday 27th July and Wednesday 10th August 2022.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 25th July 2022, 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.



KINGSCLERE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The timetable for the consultation on the Local Plan review has now slipped. We now expect the draft to be published sometime in the Autumn. As well as proposed changes to various policies in the Local Plan,

this consultation will contain proposed additional housing for Kingsclere which at the time of writing still stands at 175. The Parish Council have met with developers Thakeham, who intend to submit a planning application for 120 houses at Yew Tree Farm in Basingstoke Road, mostly on land within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Vistry, the potential developers of Porch Farm, recently launched an on-line consultation. We were led to believe that a face-to-face consultation/exhibition would be held in the village but Vistry decided not to do so citing Covid!! The Parish Council are extremely disappointed with their approach and have written to Vistry accordingly.

We will continue to keep residents updated on developments as they happen so, please keep checking the Parish Council web site and Facebook for further updates on these sites and the Local Plan review.

The Neighbourhood Planning Group met again on 6th June. Notes of meetings will be published as appendices to the PC minutes which can be viewed on the PC website. The group will meet again on 1st August. If any resident would like to be involved with the NP review, we would be pleased to have you on board. Please contact me, details below.

Cllr. Sue Adams

Cllr.sue.adams@kingsclere-pc.org.uk

Kingsclere CE Primary School



It has been delightful to see the children taking part in swimming lessons in our heated pool this half term. Each lesson aims to develop children's swimming and water safety so they can perform safe self-rescue in different situations, support swimming competently, confidently and proficiently, and teach children to use a range of strokes effectively

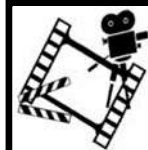
Further pursuits include our Years 5 and 6 residential trip to SKERN in Devon, Hannington Fair choir performance, Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala, our whole school Sports Day, village walk and Grounds Day. This year it will be lovely for children's families to be able to join us at many of these events as we become less limited by Covid guidance. Fingers crossed for good weather!

At the end of this term we will say goodbye to our Year 6 children. We are very proud of each pupil's accomplishments both in and out of school and everything they have given to our school. We are sad to see them go but wish them the very best of luck at their new secondary school and for their future ahead.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year R children and their families and enjoying a picnic with them in the school grounds near the end of term.

We wish all the children and their families a super summer holiday!

Mrs Joanna Messenger (Acting Headteacher)



Kingsclere Film Club

Saturday, 9 July at 7.30pm
at Kingsclere Village Club,
George Street.

Doors open at 7.00pm.

1917

(2019 - 15 - 119 minutes - 3 Oscars)

Set on the Western Front in 1917, two soldiers in a race to deliver a message that will foil a deadly trap in enemy territory.

Next Month: Saturday, **13 August 2022 - The Big Sleep (1946)**

Kingsclere Film Club welcomes guests at £7.50, subject to space. New members welcome at any time.

For further information call John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221 or Diana Tait (Membership Secretary) 298494



The Fieldgate Centre is run by the Kingsclere Community Association as a charity (No. 1168366). The association is made up of volunteers who rely on the support and participation of the community.

What a great community we are!! Kingsclere set the bar high with its celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. You turned out in your hundreds, had a great time, and created lasting memories. Thank you to everyone who pulled together to make it such a huge success.

Dates for your diary in July

Sunday 17th 1.30-4.30pm. Ceroc Workshop Classic (Intermediate)
You don't need to bring a partner to attend. Call Val on 07958 587256.

Tuesday 19th 2.30-4.30pm. Monthly Meet-Up It's not a club, or a clique, you'll be given a friendly welcome. Drop in and spend time with us over a cup of tea (optional table-top activities). Need help with transport? Call and we'll try to help.

Summer Play Sessions & National Playday

10am-2pm on Wednesdays

Starts 27th July

FREE play activities for children age 4-10yrs.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

All classes, activities and events are on our website and facebook page.

website: www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk
email: fieldgatecentre@outlook.com

tel: 01635 298497
facebook

Bellringing.

On Thursday 2nd June a quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Doubles was rung for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the anniversary of her coronation.



Helen Piper 01635 297223

Kingsclere Community Library



Summer Reading FUN Begins Saturday 23rd July!

All children are invited to join our **FREE** Summer Reading Programme. Sign up and get a free Summer Reading **FUN** t-shirt, read six books over the summer and win a medal, certificate and a prize.

Thank you to The Tower Village Magazine for sponsoring the programme this year, we are very grateful for your support.

Remember your library is **FREE** to join and use! We have a public computer with internet access available to you, plus of course books on all subjects to borrow.

HOURS Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm-5:30pm
Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm

SPECIAL *FREE* OFFER: We have some extra book bags from the Jubilee Give-Away, so the first 15 children to sign up for NEW library cards will get a book bag! First come, first served, until we run out!



Our Jubilee Scavenger Hunt was enjoyed by many children and their families. Thank you to everyone who participated, and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for supporting this.



Nicki Lee,
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www.kingsclerelibrary.co.uk



KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB Est. 1921

100 years and counting ...
CHARITY 1189234

Stories under the Stars: Two-course campfire inspired meal (and bar), with stories around the fire by a professional story-teller. The best bits of camping without the discomfort! Saturday 16th

July, 7:30 pm (doors open at 7). Tickets £19 from Helen (below). Bring a blanket so you can snuggle up if it gets chilly!

KVC's



This event launches our **GrEENAppeal**. The Village Club is held in trust for the community and the Trustees are seeking ways to ensure this historically significant building will be there for future generations. As part of this, we are reducing our carbon footprint and improving the heating with our Energy Efficiency Project: 1.

Reducing heat loss through insulation, draught-proofing and secondary glazing. 2. Improving the heating in the hall and library through the installation of a heat pump. We have funding from the Borough Council, the Greenham Trust, the Headley Trust and the Four Lanes Trust.

We are launching our **GrEENAppeal** to raise the final £5000, which will be match-funded by the Headley Trust. We have all sorts of events coming up and, at the time of writing, are in the process of setting up a Just Giving Page. Please help us in whatever way you can.

Community Café: July's Café is on Saturday 30th, 10am to 1pm. Come and join us for a cuppa, cake and chat. Table top games and activities available. All welcome.

Shakespeare in the Garden: Contact Helen for tickets to A Midsummer Night's Dream by the Festival Players. £22.50 with picnic beforehand or £15 performance only. Saturday August 27th, performance starts 7:30 pm.

Market: Please note we have had to postpone the July market until Saturday October 8th.

Helen 01635 297390 or events@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk
Website <http://www.kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/kingsclerevillageclub>



Watership Down Health
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The Watership Down Team

We wish to inform patients registered with Dr David Bartlett that he intends to retire from General Practice after over 25 years on 1st August 2022. After eleven years, Dr Jonathan Rial will also sadly be leaving us in July of this year. Both patient lists will be distributed to other GPs within the Partnership.

Lyme Disease As the weather is improving and more time is spent outdoors, there is the likelihood that patients may get ticks. Tick bites are not always painful. You may not notice a tick unless you see it on your skin. Regularly check for ticks on your clothes and skin, and on children and pets after being outdoors. Seek help early if you believe you may have been bitten. The NHS website has a good section on this <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

Face Masks Please wear a face mask when attending any of our surgeries, unless you have a valid exemption. We continue to protect our most vulnerable and unwell patients. Our staff are required to wear masks at all times.

Contacting the surgery:

Urgent (non-emergency) help: Please phone the surgery. You will be added to the daily Duty list and triaged by our Duty Team. A clinician will contact you, depending on the urgency of your condition.

Booking a non-urgent appointment: Please call the surgery to book an appointment or use the On-line access.

On-line access: This gives you access to test results, ordering repeat prescriptions and appointment bookings (50% of our appointments are now available on-line). Please do not book into a normal appointment on-line if you have a number of issues to discuss or need a specific treatment. Please ring Reception.

Covid-19 Vaccination update: The vaccination programme is located at *Festival place, Basingstoke, RG21 7BA* and *Jameson House, Lutyens Cl, Basingstoke, RG24 8AG*

Please note the Spring booster programme is only for the over 75s and immunocompromised - if you have queries please send a question via our web site (www.watershipdownhelth.com)

The Covid Vaccination Programme (CVP) can now vaccinate the well 5-11 year olds at Jameson House from 1600 -1730 Mon – Sat. Please contact the call centre on 0333 332 0855 or use the NHS to book. **Walk-Ins are not permitted.**

Kingsclere Tower Magazine Delivery Volunteers Urgently Required

One of our long standing volunteers has had to stop, so we need your help to deliver the 'Tower Magazine' in the following locations.

**Penny's Hatch/Link Road: 34 magazines.
South Road: 56 magazines.**

Distribution is on the last Friday of each month (January - November). If you feel you can spare a hour it will be much appreciated.

For further details please contact:

Email: b.elborn345@btinternet.com

Tel: 01635 298704

Mob: 07741075473

Many Thanks Brian Elborn



To parents and local families

1st Kingsclere Scouts will hold their AGM on 15th July starting at 6:30pm. Refreshments & food will be provided.

Please join us to find out more about what the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts have been up to since being able to return to weekly face to face meetings plus our plans for the future.

We are always looking for volunteers; whether it's to help at meetings, become a leader or share your professional skills to teach our units something new - we would love to hear from you!

The future's exciting, the future's in Scouting!

Thanks

**Jayne
Secretary, Executive Committee
1st Kingsclere Scouts**

Volunteering can be not only rewarding but also fun, enjoyable, sociable, and so much more!



The founder of Read Easy UK, Ginny Williams-Ellis, MBE, was working as a prison literacy tutor when she realised how many people outside the prison system also have a serious problem with reading. She also discovered that most adults in this situation are far too embarrassed to join an adult education class. As a result, in 2010, she founded Read Easy to provide free, confidential, one-to-one reading coaching for any adult who struggles with reading. Reading sessions are twice-weekly, phonics-based and provided by trained volunteers:

'Not being able to read has a hugely limiting impact on someone's life. There are so many things that you can't do – from filling in forms at the doctor's or getting a job, to simply doing your food shopping. Another really big thing for parents is not being able to read [bedtime stories](#) with their children or help them with their own reading, and this then has an impact on their children's literacy. So, it was really exciting that after that first Read Easy group started, we soon saw really significant transformations taking place in people's lives in different ways as they learnt to read.'

Since then, Read Easy has grown considerably and is set to have 80 volunteer-led groups across England by September 2022. Through its network of highly committed volunteers, the charity has already helped well over 1,500 people learn to read.

We are currently looking for additional co-ordinators for our Basingstoke group. The role of a Read Easy Coordinator is to assess new Readers, to match them with an appropriate Volunteer Coach and to monitor their progress. Full training and support will be given. We are also looking for a volunteer to help with our IT needs and digital marketing.

If you would like to volunteer with us in any capacity, or if you know someone who struggles to read who needs our help, please contact Jane Ford on 07899 986456 or by email: basinstoke@readeasy.org.uk

To find out more about us visit our website: www.readeasy.org.uk

Two of our proud Readers celebrate their achievement!



Reflections



Rachel Borgars is on a well-earned Sabbatical until September so I am covering some of her responsibilities, hence this article.

I do have rather a liking for July. It marks the start of the school holidays and for someone like me who did not enjoy being at school that was a massive plus.

We still like to book our holidays for July although now before the school holidays start. July still feels like summer, the days are still long, even if the weather may not always remember it is summer!

July is also the month in which I was born and in which we were married. For me it has the 'feel good factor'. During July good things start and good things happen. If you are a sports' fan you will know that this July marks the beginning of the Women's Football Euros and the Commonwealth Games.

Good can be a bland word, like nice, but it also expresses something important – consider its opposite, 'bad'. Goodness is an attribute of character to be encouraged. It enriches society. It is a positive virtue that blesses others. In the Bible it is very often associated with God and God's love, they go hand in hand. The psalmist appeals for help to God's goodness and love, for example.

Good and God are linked too in English. When we wish someone goodbye we are saying may God be with you. It is a prayer for them.

Whatever July brings for you, whether you are able to begin a holiday, enjoy watching sport or celebrate a birthday or anniversary, I pray that you will find something good however insignificant it may seem to be, something for which to give thanks, something good to lift your spirit and to lift your head. And may God be with you.

Peter Bennett (Methodist Minister)

Services in our churches during July will be as follows:



Sunday 3 rd July	9.30am Holy Communion St Peters, Headley	10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thursday 7 th July		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 10 th July	9.30am Morning Worship St Peter's, Headley	10.30am All-Age Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thursday 14 th July		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 17 th July	9.30am Morning Worship St Paul's, Ashford Hill	10.30am Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thursday 21 st July		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 24 th July	9.30am Holy Communion St Paul's, Ashford Hill	10.30am Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thursday 28 th July		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 31 st July		10.30am Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere

Lighting up St Mary's

The sight of St Mary's Church when it is floodlit is truly beautiful. Many people sponsor these lights (£12 per evening) to celebrate an occasion, such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary, christening, or some other special day in their lives.



To book, contact Emma, our Church Administrator on 07422 687125 or email administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

June

5th In Loving Memory of Eric Rampton who passed away 5th of June 2019, always in our thoughts, dearly missed by Christine and Family.

July

15th Remembering Roy Hazell on his birthday. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. With love from Wendy, Nicholas, Matthew, Victoria, Gosia, Anna & Lara.

15th Treasured memories of Roy who was dearly loved by us all. Norma, Julie & Neil

25th Rev David John Carter 28th February 1937 - 25th July 2013. 9 years since you left us but we still feel the loss. We love you today as we have from the start and we will love you forever with all our hearts. Pauline, Nick, Helen, Kev, Jo, Mark, Sam, Tom, Abbie and Elliot

Methodist Church May Services

Sunday 3rd July - Worship Leaders
 Sunday 10th July - Midcalf
 Sunday 17th July - Wallace
 Sunday 24th July - Fitchet
 Sunday 31st July - Britt

All services begin at 10.30 and all are welcome.

Our hall is also available for hire please see back cover of this magazine for hall hire details

We also have a coffee morning every Thursday at 10.30

Christine Westcombe c_westcombe@hotmail.com



Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Amongst events planned for later this year, we now have a firm date –



Saturday 10th September –

for our special opportunity of a **Visit to Headley Flower Garden.**

There will be two sessions, one in the morning and the second in the afternoon, each limited to twenty places, with an opening talk by plantswoman **Rebekah Rixon**, followed by a visit to her flower field, tea or coffee and cakes, and the opportunity to pick and take home a few prize blooms then in season.

Because of the limited numbers, priority will be given to Friends, who will be e-mailed with booking details nearer the time. Should there be spare places, they will then be offered more widely, with details given in the August issue of The Tower. This event is likely to prove very popular with our many keen gardeners, so please mark the date in diaries now.

Peter Turner, Chairman

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The June Draw winner was Ruth Richardson – No. 127.

Congratulations, Ruth.

The July Draw will take place at The Crown at approximately 7 pm on Tuesday 5th July.

Jane Royle jane.b.royle@gmail.com 01635 297430

Saturday Coffee

Fresh brewed coffee, tea and delicious home made cakes. All welcome – please do pop in!

10.00-12.00

in the Kingsmill Room, St Mary's Church

July 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

Volunteers welcome – if you're able to pour coffee, welcome people or make cakes occasionally please do contact the church office on 01635 299528

Kingsclere and Headley Woodlands WI

35 George Street

Our speaker last month got our WI year off to an excellent start telling us about the Vyne Estate, both it's past from the 16th Century to the recent renovations that have taken place. Still an excellent place to visit. Our outing for lunch was also much enjoyed.

This month we follow that with Carol Sacha saying 'Everyone has a story to tell'. A couple of members heard Carol at a speakers selection day and thought that she had an entertaining way of telling how she became an author; we were certainly impressed. As usual, we meet at 1.45pm on Wednesday, 13th July at 35 George Street; tea, coffee and biscuits are also on offer. This month we also have a friendly quiz involving our sister WI institutes, this is on the 21st July at 2pm at the Village Club. We would love to welcome visitors to our monthly meetings, we are a very friendly bunch!


Margaret Geary
President
01635 297197





KINGSCLERE RUGBY CLUB

Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship



Kingsclere Rugby Club would like to invite you to come along and join - inclusive of all ages 18+ and no matter what level of experience you have you will get a great welcome.

Training is from 7:30pm on Wednesdays at the temporary location of the Holding Field, Kingsclere RG20 5NT whilst the Fieldgate Centre pitches drainage project is completed. For further information please contact Aurie Woodley on 07733 367900 or email info@kingsclererfc.co.uk, or find further details at www.kingsclererfc.co.uk

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors... What a triumph Kingsclere's Jubilee has been! So much work and effort by so many individuals and groups across the village gave us all a truly memorable celebration of our monarch's 70 years as Queen. There was such a range of events: beginning with the re-lighting of the Victorian jubilee lamp on Thursday evening; the massive beacon; the children's party at The Crown; the duck race; the children's Scavenger Hunt run by the library; the Grand Parade and ensuing festivities at the Fieldgate Centre; cream teas and a '50's exhibition at the Village Club and ending with the church service and picnic in the churchyard, there really was something for everyone. Even the weather behaved itself (more or less) to allow all to go ahead as planned, including several street parties.

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to this historic occasion, (not forgetting the Community Association and the Parish Council which were responsible for much of the initial organisation of the programme.)

Fiona Sawyer





WHITCHURCH
SILK MILL

New Exhibition 'Dancing in the Womb', 16 July–4 September

Our July–September exhibition features the work of Rezia Wahid MBE, a Bangladeshi-born British textile artist and designer whose creations have been exhibited internationally. Rezia produces gossamer-light cloths, taking her inspiration from

sources as diverse as Islamic spirituality, Indonesian ikat, Japanese kasuri and the Arts & Crafts movement.

On 24 July at 2pm Rezia will give a talk about her passion for weaving and her inspirations. Tickets are limited so we recommend you book early: adults only, £5. On 18 August Rezia will host two workshops: one for families and one for adults, details are on our website. On 20 August between 2 & 4pm Rezia will give an outdoor performance including dance, music and poetry readings. Free admission.

Towards a Greener Mill At the Mill our focus is on running a successful business and providing enjoyable, interesting and informative experiences. We also think about our effect on the environment and our duties as a responsible business, and have been looking at and improving the way we work. For instance, we:

- changed from oil-fuelled heating to modern gas boilers
- use LED lights and motion sensors
- are exploring opportunities for micro-generation from waterpower
- support biodiversity by managing the River Test sensitively as it flows through and around the Mill
- make conscious purchasing decisions, choosing suppliers with sound environmental policies, and buying local where possible
- avoid single-use plastic in the café, and our takeaway packaging is fully compostable
- Compost food waste with Wiggly Wiggles worms
- deliver learning activities that build understanding of issues of environmental sustainability

We pledge to continue to improve our environmentally sustainable practices and welcome ideas and suggestions.

whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk

Nature Notes-July 2022



Once again blue tits occupied a nest box close to a window which gave good views of activities from initial decision to occupy, to fledging including incredible numbers of food laden journeys, to brooding hen to hungry chicks.

The proximity of a feeding station offering fat balls resulted in considerable amounts of this food being fed to the chicks. Visions of obese chicks struggling to exit the box resulted in seeking RSPB advice, happily it seems fat balls are acceptable as chick food.

Three fledglings left the box and were seen perched close to it and were then led by their parents to the safety of nearby trees.

Later, when the box was examined, two small chicks were found and feeding ceased. Finally, feeding was resumed, and one chick left but the tiniest one failed.

A lone hornet spent a few moments in the garden long enough to show just how big they are - rarely seen but an impressive insect.

The local lake has lost an attraction, it no longer has its tern-raft. It must be six years or so that we watched volunteers of Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust struggling to launch the heavy wooden platform from a boat and anchor it offshore but their labours have really paid off. Unlike other rafts that we have seen this has been successful in attracting terns and not being swamped by other species particularly black headed gulls. It had a low wire fence around its perimeter which seemed to appeal to one and not the other. To we occasional observers there must have been a minimum of six tern chicks flown over the years. It was waterlogged and listing last year and eventually sank, hopes are for a renewal.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

Kingsclere Charities

In these difficult economic times, if you are in need of help with travel costs to hospitals or clinics, Kingsclere Charities can provide financial help. Applications are invited from residents of the Parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley regardless of means.

For further information and an application form please contact

The Clerk, **Mrs Jan Pearce**, 01635 269184 Email:

kingsclerecharities@iname.com or go to the Charities web site
www.kingsclerecharities.org

KINGSCLERE GARDENING ASSOCIATION

58th Annual Show, Sunday 21 August, The Fieldgate Centre



Our biggest show of the year has a diverse range of Sections and classes. We have the classic classes for Flowers plus classes for Vegetables, Fruit, a specific Section for Dahlias, Pot Plants, Floral Art, Domestic (cooking) Handicrafts and Photography. There is a Special Class that can be entered by a family, group or individual and Junior classes in the age categories of 11yrs and under and 12-16 yrs. We also have a flexible Section which is “entry on the day” for Kingsclere residents only. There are 5 classes covering vegetables, fruit, flowers and pot plants. An extra special Section was added this year to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The two classes are also entry on the day: “A photograph from the Jubilee Celebrations” and “Any other item celebrating the Jubilee”, not limited to Kingsclere residents.

Our Show Rules leaflet may be emailed, or accessed from the “Files” section on our Facebook page, along with the Show Schedule. This details all 100 classes by Section. I know growing pot plants is particularly popular at the moment, maybe you have a stunning Cacti or Begonia rex for example, that you are very proud of? Are you an amazing cook or wonderful photographer? Have you grown the best ever runner beans on your allotment?

If you would like any tips or help with regard to the Show Rules or how to best to stage your exhibit to maximise its potential, please get in touch. We have experts in all classes to guide and help you. Each exhibit has an entry fee of 20p and free for children. Prize money ranges from £4 to 25p per class. If you win enough classes you will be awarded a Trophy or Certificate, there are 8 on offer. Come and visit the Show from 2.30pm until prize giving at 4:30pm; cost 20p and children are free.

Contact **Laura Butler** to enter: 07770 614971, laura@ro-jen.co.uk

Beth Theobald (Secretary) 07916 032250



JULY IN THE GARDEN

July is when many of us take a holiday. Unfortunately the garden probably needs watering so it’s a good idea to find a friendly neighbour who will do the job, possibly in exchange for fruit or vegetables that are going to be ready to harvest. At this time of year a water butt is very useful. To conserve water in the flower border, mulching will help stop the soil from drying out.

The warmer weather also encourages pests and diseases. When growing a variety of plants you will find some that will attract beneficial insects and other wildlife which will give you a healthy balance between pests and predators.

If we have a dry spell it is advisable to leave the lawns a little longer, raising the blades on the mower so allowing the grass a better chance to cope. If the grass turns brown in the hot weather it will soon recover, so watering is not always necessary. A liquid feed at this time of the year will give the grass a quick boost.

To extend the flowering period of plants in the borders dead head regularly; this applies to roses in particular. Try trimming back lower down the stem when removing the dead head; this should encourage new shoots, hence giving a longer display time. Irises should be divided now as they can lose their vigour if allowed to form too many thick rhizomes. Feed late flowering perennials, dry out any spring bulbs that have been lifted, and plant autumn flowering bulbs, such as Nerines. Finish planting out the last of the summer bedding plants.

Water vegetables regularly, in particular runner beans, as the flowers will not set if they dry out, and keep harvesting vegetables as they taste better if eaten young. Shallots should be ready for harvesting as should early potatoes, keep feeding and watering tomato plants. Plant out winter basics. Pick and dry herbs. After picking summer fruiting raspberries, prune and cut out the old canes.

So many beautiful flowers are at their best this month – roses, hollyhocks, border phlox, delphiniums and alstromeria.

Denise Allen



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Wolverton Village Market

The next Market in the Village Hall will take place on the 2nd July. Doors open 9.30am until 11am. Parking is available outside the Hall.

There are lots of Stalls to browse including Plants and Produce, Bric-a-Brac, Antiques and Collectables, Handmade Cards and Candles, Locally produced Honey, Books, Household Items and locally made Ornamental Garden Ironwork.

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For further information please contact Tony or Julia Drake on 01488 608594

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£10 payable on the door. All proceeds go to the Church. Drinks provided free.

Kingsclere Players

Would you like to join us ?



Do you have an interest in making costumes or make-up , producing & directing, props & lighting, acting or helping behind the scenes? Even if it's just to make some new friends in the village, please come and join us & find out more about Kingsclere Players and the events you could be a part of this year.

Join us at the Crown on Wednesday 13th July 19.30 for our next Social catchup.

For more info email Kingsclere.players@yahoo.co.uk find us on Facebook or text **Ali Pusey 0787 9015590**

The Ship Inn Music and Arts Centre

The Ship Inn Country Hotel, Ashford Hill, RG19 8BD

An Afternoon with Angela Moore (Harpist) and a Cream Tea!

Please come and join us on Saturday 23rd July 2022 3pm – 5pm.

While you are enjoying your cream tea, (with homemade scones!) Angela will be playing her beautiful harp in the background! What a treat!

Tickets £12 and will be available on Eventbrite from 13th June 2022.

You can also book tickets by ringing Georgi at The Ship on 0118 981 4504

We would love to welcome you.

Our website is: <https://shipinnarts.org/> for up to date information on concerts

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