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Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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A notice in this month's Tower regarding lost keys brings up an excellent question. If you found something - a key, a watch, a photograph album, for example - what would you do? Some items are too valuable or fragile to stick on the nearest hedge and hope the owner sees it.

A central point that is easily accessible with someone to take responsibility for lost property would certainly be useful. It would need to be secure, too, (although something of great value would probably be better handed in to the police). Any ideas, Kingsclere?

Sadly from next year the Library may not be an option, if anyone was thinking of that location. It was disappointing to see that our Kingsclere branch will be closed, unless we villagers can unite to keep it open. I blame myself in part - my Kindle means I don't borrow like I used to! However I plan to attend the meeting to see what I can do to help keep it open.

Nicki

You can read the Tower online at www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk/tower.html

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PUBLIC MEETING

The Parish Council has received several requests to host a public meeting to discuss the future of the Kingsclere Library. This has been arranged for Wednesday 12th March 2014, starting at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Main Hall at The Village Club and Alex Kennedy, Head of Library Services for Hampshire, will be present to advise us on what is being proposed for the future of our Library Service. Everyone is invited to come along and hear what you can do to help save our Library. Please see further notices in this edition of the Tower for more information. We look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.

DOG FOULING

Once again we regret having to remind people to pick up after their dogs. The problem of dog fouling in Kingsclere is growing again and we would like to remind people that it is an OFFENCE not to clear up after your dog. A maximum penalty of £60 can be imposed against offenders. To prevent any prosecutions and to help us keep the village clean and safe please clean up after your dogs. Thank you.

NEW FOOTBALL POSTS

Thanks to a grant from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council from the developer's fund, we have been able to replace the old and the damaged football posts on the Recreation Ground. Within hours these were being used and hopefully they will provide many hours of fun and recreation for everyone.

ARK CANCER CENTRE CHARITY

This charity is looking for volunteers from around the parishes to represent them as ambassadors in local groups, clubs and communities for the purposes of raising awareness and fundraising. Anyone wishing to find out more should check out their website at www.arkcancercharity.org.uk.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – Collection days for March are 5th and 19th. *Apologies for the wrong dates last month Christmas schedule made it difficult to project the new days - Ed*

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – the next Ordinary Meeting will be on Monday 31st March 2014 at 7:30pm in the Village Club. We welcome the attendance of all parishioners at our meetings and anyone who wishes to raise any matters of concern will be given the opportunity to do so.

Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan

The NP group have identified ten potential sites for future development and are in the process of engaging professional help to collect the evidence to support or reject these sites. Details can be found on the Neighbourhood Planning pages of the Parish Council web site plus the drop in centre. We continue to welcome your views so please write in or give your comments on the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page.

For more information contact the Parish Clerk
or Sue Adams sueadams@madasafish.com

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Toddler Group

**We meet every Tuesday (including school holidays) from
9.15am until 11.15am at The Village Club, George Street, Kingsclere.**

Join our friendly group of parents and carers with their babies and toddlers. We are open all year round. We have a dedicated baby area complete with changing mat, baby toys and bouncy chairs. We have indoor and outdoor play areas for toddlers, weather permitting. Weekly activities include arts & crafts, physical play, story time and singing.

£2.00 per family (healthy snacks for children and tea and coffee for adults)

Thank you to Swan Street Stores for providing our Bunnies with fruit every week to keep them healthy and happy.

Please contact felicity_bignell@yahoo.co.uk / 07747535465 for more information or visit our Facebook page!

For all constituents in NW Hampshire

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The Friends of St Mary's

Thoughts are now turning to our next event, the always well-supported **Plant Sale** in St Mary's Churchyard, which will be on the morning of **Saturday 17th May**. Hopefully the very wet weather which characterised January and February will be beginning to ease up, and to make gardening feasible. If any of you are now separating perennials or digging up self-seeded plants, and could spare one or two to swell the numbers at the Sale, they will be most gratefully received. Please contact Jane Royle on 297430.

The **programme of repairs to St Mary's** is now being implemented in stages, and FOSM is glad to have paid in full the £1,620 for work at the end of last year to repair the leaking tower roof and to improve rainwater run-off from the Kingsmill Room roof. We have also agreed to meet the full cost – some £2,280 – of stonework repairs to the door buttress of the Kingsmill Room. We continue to work closely with the PCC lead on the church fabric, and look forward to receiving further applications for funds.

Peter Turner, Chairman

Kingsclere Heritage Association



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 20th March** when we will have a return visit by archaeologist/historian **John Smith**.

John is a specialist on all things Roman and this time his presentation will be entitled "**Roman Villas and Roads**". This promises to be another interesting and entertaining evening.

We meet at the Village Club at 7.45pm and non-members are always very welcome.

Don't forget that if you are seeking information on any area of local history our archivists may be able to assist from our ever increasing wealth of material.

Michael Leah - Chairman tel 297403

Basil Ceato

My brother, Basil Arthur Sidney Ceato, passed away in Hamilton New Zealand on the 22nd January, aged 82. He was formally a resident of Kingsclere at 27 Newbury Road and later for a few years at The Dell. He was a witness to the dramatic village events in 1944, the shooting at the Crown.

Bob Faulkner, Reading (telephone number available on request to editor)

1st KINGSCLERE BROWNIES

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2014



AT THE SCOUT HUT, STROKINS ROAD,

7 FOR 7.30PM

ADULTS: £5.00 CHILDREN: £2.00

**RAFFLE BRING A BOTTLE NIBBLES
SOFT DRINKS PRIZES**

**EVERYONE WELCOME, QUESTIONS FOR ALL
HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR OUR PACK HOLIDAY AND
BIG BROWNIE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



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Artex14

Art Exhibition

St Martin's School Association is pleased to announce our 22nd Sale featuring the work of over 50 well known and award-winning local artists

**On Saturday 15th March 2014, 10am to 6pm
& Sunday 16th March 2014, 11am to 3pm**

East Woodhay Village Hall, Heath End, Newbury, RG20 0AP

Entrance £2 inc exhibition brochure (children free).
Refreshments available.

Sale proceeds go to
St Martin's School and St Martin's Church

For more information call 01635 253489
or log onto www.artexart.org

*"Consistently the best art exhibition in a 50 mile radius."
Howard Birchmore, exhibiting artist*

Kin^{cl}sclore Sin^{cl}ers

Present

Journey from Afrika **'Music to Celebrate Courage'**

Friday 28th March at 7pm @ St Paul's church, Ashford Hill
with special guests Ashford Hill School Choir

Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm @ St Mary's church, Kingsclere
with special guests Hannington Silver Band

Tickets £7 from the Village Butcher, choir members
or on the door, children free

A Balkan Adventure

Writer and broadcaster **John Pilkington** returns to Kingsclere with another popular tale of his travels in strange places. In 2013 he spent three months journeying from **Trieste to Istanbul** taking in much of the **Balkans** on the way. John's knack for finding out the oddest corners of our world and his lively presentation style with his own high quality photos will make this a fascinating evening.

Kingsclere Village Club. Thursday 3rd April at 7:30 pm

[doors open at 7]

Tickets £12 from the Village Butchers,
Peter Woodman [01635 297144] or on our website
<http://kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk>

Library Closure

Many people will by now have heard of plans to close the Library,

Kingsclere has had a library since 1880, when the Coffee and Reading Rooms were opened in what is now the Village Club in George St. It seems a shame that we should lose it after over 130 years. Sadly the decision to close it, as yet another financial saving, appears to be final and the current consultation is whether the village would wish to continue with retaining the present facility manned by volunteers or replace it with a library van provided that a location can be found where it can stand for half a day a week.

See <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/library-about/library-consultation.htm> which includes a questionnaire about the options.

I am aware that a lot of people have come forward to help run a community library but I think we should all be aware of the key issues. The head of library services has already said that HCC will support a community library with books, etc. and with logistical services so the county will still incur some costs after the closure but the key costs will be the rental for the facilities and the day-to-day running costs. The current cost of running the branch library is in the region of £23k a year.

Two libraries which closed after the last round of cuts have reopened as community libraries and appear to be going well but it is important to realise the implications of doing so in Kingsclere. The Village Club currently receives £2000 a year income from renting the library facilities. We can ill-afford to lose this income stream and it would have a considerable impact on our financial viability. If this is not forthcoming from the library then we, the Managing Trustees, may have to seek an alternative user who can pay the rent. It will be necessary for any community group to raise, not only the rent but also the other running costs of the library such as electricity and cleaning.

Peter Woodman - Chairman of Managing Trustees - Kingsclere Village Club

Kingsclere Twinning Association



We're delighted to tell you that, at last, we have arranged a **“World Wine Tasting and Quiz”** which will be on **Friday, 14th March at 7.30p.m.** at **Kingsclere Primary School**. There will be an opportunity to try to ascertain (or guess) the origins of various wines as well as taking part in a quiz. You can either come with a team or individually and group together with others to form a team on the night.

Tickets are £12 for members (£14 for non-members) to include tasting wine, supper and quiz. Tickets available from kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk, Sue Watson (01635 298940) or any committee member.

HELP!

Please note that there has been a change in the dates on which our friends from Cormicy will visit. They will now arrive **on Saturday, 8th June and leave on Monday, 10th June**. We are in the process of arranging a programme of activities. A number of the members in Cormicy are families with children of various ages from pre-school to teenage. We would be delighted to welcome hosts of any age including families with children. If you are able to host a family, please let us know on the email address above.

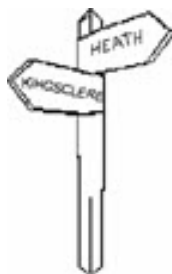
Note to members

We have recently updated our emailing list. If you are a member of the association and have not been receiving newsletters from us, please would you let us know on the address above.

Parish Paths

Our meeting on Jan. 26th had to be cancelled due to the bad weather, and because of the weather much work needs to be done on our footpaths and bridleways. This will be done as soon as possible. Please report to me or the Parish Clerk any problems you know of.

Next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 30th 9.45 am** at the Village Club. Before this we hope to have erected the new gate on footpath 84, where it emerges on to Fox's Lane. We always welcome new volunteers.



Heath Denness (298376)



Saturday, 1 March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Club, George Street

The Well-digger's Daughter

(2011) PG 104 mins In French with English subtitles

It's the beginning of the WWII. South of France. Beautiful village girl Patricia, 18, is the oldest daughter of a well-digger, Pascal, who considers her a princess because of her moral qualities. One day, she briefly meets a young man, Jacques, the son of the owner of the shop where her father buys his material. He's handsome and teasing. Her father's friend would love to marry her, and he invites her to an aviation show. She accepts his invitation only because she knows Jacques is a pilot and will be there....

Next month: Sat, 5 April – ***The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas***

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

Kingsclere Guitar Society

Kingsclere Guitar Society are pleased to announce the date for their next concert in March. This will be another collaboration with Newbury Flute Choir and as usual there will be some special guests to add to the music variety.

Music Concert
Sunday 9th March 2.30pm
Kingsclere Methodist Church

Featuring

Kingsclere Guitar Society
Newbury Flute Choir
Local musicians

Donation on entry but donations appreciated
Refreshments and cakes during the interval

All proceeds to Kingsclere Methodist Church & Church Charities

For further information please email kingscleregs@btinternet.com
 or phone Alison on 07808 777650

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Revision of Electoral Roll for St Mary's Kingsclere

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held on 30th April 2014. This is the occasion when elections to the posts of churchwardens and the Church Council take place.

In preparation for this the revision of St. Mary's Church, Parish Electoral Roll is due to be completed. **The deadline for this year is 11th April 2014.**

If you would like to be added to the roll, please visit the Benefice website: www.clerewoodlands.org.uk and click on Electoral Roll. Forms can also be found at the back of St Mary's Church. Please complete and return to the Church Electoral Roll Officer, a churchwarden or the Vicar before the deadline.

The requirements for joining the roll are:

Being baptized and over the age of 16, willing to declare yourself a member of the Church of England AND Either resident in the parish Or have habitually attended worship in the parish for six months prior to enrolment.

Being on your parish church's electoral roll is a way of demonstrating your willingness to be counted as a member of the church community and committed to its survival and flourishing.

Chryssie Green – Church electoral Roll Officer

The Women's World Day of Prayer

will be held

on Friday 7th March at 7pm

at St Peter and Paul's RC Church, Swan Street

followed by refreshments.

This year we will be praying for Egypt.

All are welcome.

St Mary's Guild

At our AGM in January, Rev. Lucy Thirtle came along and spoke about the places she visited during her Study Leave. We saw some lovely photos of the places visited and Rev. Lucy described the locations. We were particularly fascinated to see the sites visited in the Holy Land.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 26th March**, 2.15 pm in the Kingsmill Room. **Sheilah Openshaw** will be speaking to us on '**Sunken Treasure – Our Heritage**'. Please come along and join in the camaraderie. We are a very friendly group and have an interesting programme planned for 2014. All of our meetings conclude with tea and cakes and we have some lively debates at times. There are no age or gender restrictions – so give it a try. We look forward to welcoming new members or visitors at any meeting.

Pam Kitch, Chairman - 01635 299743

Reflections



Que sera, sera

Will the terrible weather which has been disabling parts of Britain for the last two months have stopped by the time you are reading this? Even if it has, many will still be living with it's devastating after effects. With so much evident distress, the most unedifying part of it all has been the politicians bickering and all kinds of people playing the blame game.

By now, however, many are of the view that any amount of dredging is unlikely to have changed things drastically. The clue lies in the words 'natural disaster'. Whatever our ingenuity and whatever our budgets, the forces of nature are still beyond human control.

How we hate this, we who fancy ourselves so sophisticated that we don't need God any more, faith being a refuge only for the deluded. Yet belief in God which goes alongside an acknowledgement of human limits actually seems to make people more resilient. Being more accepting and less angry at such events makes people more able to pick themselves up and move on as seems to have been the case in e.g. Haiti and the Philippines.

Thoughtful Christianity believes in human free will and the obligation on humans to make very best use of skills and talents to work in the service of others. Nevertheless it also accepts that there are limits to our human capabilities. The term Act of God which will soon be called upon in countless insurance claims doesn't imply that God has wilfully organised this terrible weather but it does imply a limit to where human culpability lies. It is to be hoped that those in positions of power and influence will direct their energies towards helping the worst affected to rebuild their lives and to adopting long term policies to reduce the impact of such events in the future.

Rev Lucy Thirtle

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

Sunday 2nd March - Sunday before Lent

8am	Holy Communion	Ashford Hill
10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Kingsclere

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday

10am	Holy Communion	Kingsclere
7.30pm	Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes	Headley

Sunday 9th March - Lent 1

8am	Holy Communion	Kingsclere
10.30am	Holy Communion	Headley
10.30am	Second Sunday Service	Kingsclere

Sunday 16th March - Lent 2

8am	Holy Communion	Headley
10.30am	Parish Communion with Baptism	Kingsclere

Sunday 23rd March - Lent 3

8am	Holy Communion	Kingsclere
10.30am	All-Age Worship	Ashford Hill
6pm	Reflective Worship for Lent	Kingsclere

Sunday 30th March-Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

10.30am	Mothering Sunday Worship for all the family (in the churchyard if fine)	Ashford Hill
5pm	Holy Communion	Kingsclere

Sunday 6th April - Lent 5

8am	Holy Communion	Ashford Hill
10.30am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Kingsclere

**ABC Services this month will take place on
Monday 17th March and Monday 31st March
9.30 am – St Mary's**

Ash Wednesday and Lent in St Mary's

There will be two services for **Ash Wednesday** as follows:

10 am – St Mary's Kingsclere – Said service

7.30 pm – St Peter's Headley – service with hymns and imposition of ashes

There will be a reflective evening service for Lent on **Sunday 23 March at 6pm** at St Mary's.

Lent Study Groups

This year, alongside many other parishes in Winchester diocese, we will be focussing on the Gospel readings for the Sundays during Lent using material prepared and supplied by staff of the Diocese of Winchester.

Groups are offered over a **six week period starting week beginning 10 March** as follows:

Monday 10am Rose Hodson Court

Monday 7.30 pm – Kingsmill Room, St Mary's

Wednesday 1.30pm – Community Room, Headley Shop

Please ring Rev Lucy or Rev Trish if you would like to take part or just come along to the first session.

Mothering Sunday – 30 March – 10.30 am

Worship for all the family – St Paul's Church, Ashford Hill

As Jesus fed the 5000, join us to think about feeding and nurturing each other.

All-Age Worship outside in the churchyard (weather permitting!).

Bring a rug and a flask of tea/coffee to enjoy during the service

ALL WELCOME!

Lighting up St. Mary's



February 4th Eileen Soper. Go forth dear spirit, you are forever loved,
Anne x

February 14th Remembering Lillums.

March 30th For Sheila and Debbie Swaine. Thinking of all the times you showed you cared not just as a mum or sister but as a true and special friend. That feeling of being loved I still remember and treasure today, even though you're far away. In our hearts you'll always stay. With love and thanks on Mother's Day and Always, Tiggy and Jim xxxx

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

Deadline for April Tower is March 10th.

Methodist Notes



All Sunday Services at 9:30

Preachers for March 2014

2nd	Mrs Christine Thomas
9th	Rev Maree Farrimond
15th	No Saturday Service
16th	<u>At Thatcham, 11am</u>
23rd	Mrs Muriel Wood
30th	Rev John Beadle

Mid week Holy Communion Thursday March 13

Junior Church second and fourth Sundays

Coffee Morning every Thursday 10:30 - noon.

Margaret Ingram

From the Registers of St Mary's

Funerals

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord

27 Jan Vera Wellman

4 Feb Eileen Soper

St. Mary's Church (see also back cover)

Vicar:	Rev. Lucy Thirtle lucythirtle@btinternet.com	☎299489
Curate:	Rev. Trish Bancroft trishbancroft@aol.com	☎269180
Churchwarden	Janet Sturgess	☎298079
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	☎42962

Methodist Church (see also Back Cover)

Steward	Cristine Westcombe	☎298518
Secretary	Jeanette Billington	☎297585
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Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (see also back cover)

TIMES OF MASSES Swan St., Kingsclere

Sunday 11.15am. Confessions after Mass on request.

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

KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS WI



Our next meeting will be on **March 12th @ 1-45pm**
at The Village Club

Our Speaker at this meeting will be a member of Hampshire Autistic Society the subject will be **"A Wide-Spectrum Condition"**

Please join us to hear this talk and many others on various subjects. We have a different speaker each month, or a social occasion, Outings/Meals/Etc.

New Members always welcome, **or come along as a visitor for a couple of meetings**, have a chat and a cup of tea. You will be assured of a warm welcome

More detail Betty Eckton - 01256 850017

The Garden Club

Thursday March 13th, meeting in the
Village Club, George Street, @7-30pm



Our Speaker is **Mrs. Carol Watson**, who will be telling us about another of her Travels, this time an **Irish Coast to Coast Walk**, 300 miles from Dublin to Kerry. Carol is always a delight to listen to and her talks descriptive and full of interest.

Members free, Guests £3.00. Membership cards will be available. Tea and Biscuits afterwards.

Competition for this evening will be on new cards, expect it to be a pot of flowering bulbs, a vase of spring flowers, and others.

On **Sunday April 13th** we have our **Spring Show**, schedules will soon be available.

John Eckton - Secretary 01256 850017

Nature Notes

We have often walked alongside local streams and noted how high their banks were in relation to the water that they carried whilst at the same time showing evidence of flood debris amongst bank side bushes. Could these modest streams really rise six feet or so above their normal level? We donned our wellies and set out to see. The fields at Ashford Hill were under water but the footpaths were negotiable and we arrived at the copse where a stream ran through except, no stream, just a huge expanse of flooded trees and meadow and beyond this, the Enborne, which had also merged into the surrounding flood and where only the top part of the wooden bridge was visible. At this point we stopped, curiosity satisfied but aware of the danger to anyone who did not know the area and who decided to wander off the path and find themselves, not in inches of water but out of their depth.

Being accustomed to the robust bunchy ivy so commonly seen we discovered a quite different plant in The Chase at Woolton Hill. This was a most delicate, tiny leaved specimen, daintily climbing in the bark fissures of a few trees. One might consider that its compact form would be of commercial interest.

In direct contrast were the tall remnants of a very large horsetail growing by a stream elsewhere. Almost indestructible, horsetails are prehistoric in origin with a range of species growing from 30cm. to 2 metres. Researching this plant led us to the fact that horsetails predate wirewool as a pan scrubber due to the silica crystals they contain.

Diana Tait & Rod Eldred

Coach Outings from Kingsclere



Wednesday April 16th Hever Castle, Kent. Coach leaving King John Road at 9:00 am and then picking up in the Square and Garrett Close. If you are a member of the HHA admission is free, if you are not, admission is £11.25. Price of coach hire is £15.50.

Wednesday May 14th Waddeson Manor, Near Aylesbury. Coach will be leaving at 8:30 am from King John Road, then the Square and Garrett Close. This is a National Trust property, members free admission, non members £13. Price of coach £15.50. For this trip only, I need to have the money for entry to Waddeson and the coach by 28th April, so please book by that date.

Josie Norton 298059

1st Kingsclere Guides



So far this term the Guides have held a Happy Feet evening with foot spas, nail painting, feet & shoe decorating and the patrols have started work on Peace and Communicate Go for Its. Shortly we will have a trip to the Basingstoke Gang Show. Later in the year we hope to have a circus day and a 999 emergency response day, plus we are going Glamping in August in the New Forest.

Our trip to Switzerland has been booked for August next year so fundraising is now a priority. Unfortunately the concert at the Methodist Church has been cancelled but we will be holding a coffee morning, cake sale, chocolate tombola and raffle in the Kingsmill Room on Saturday 5 April. 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

March at The Fieldgate



Please note that our office hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 2.00pm. Messages and queries left on the answerphone out of office hours will be answered promptly.

New Class

Quit4Life(Hampshire) – A stop smoking service provided by NHS Southern Foundation Trust - **Tuesday for 10 weeks 10.15am – 12.15**. Participation is free.

A Reminder

Basingstoke Voluntary Services Youth Hub meets every Monday 6.00 – 8.00 pm. This is a service which provides advice and support for young people on any issue.

Events

15th March – Ian and Mel Sound – Karaoke. FREE entertainment in the social area. 8.30 pm ‘til late

6th March – Meeting of The Ancient Order of Foresters – 7.00 – 8.00 pm.

Coming Soon: 10th – 12th April – Kingsclere Players next production.

Lesley - 297159



News from FKS

FKS projects currently include; buying 115 new dictionaries, funding a set of iPads and donating funds to each classroom to create a themed reading area. We are also preparing to embark on some bigger projects such as updating and improving the school library.

This month to coincide with Mothers Day we will be running a 'shop' where pupils can buy a gift for a special person. Due to its great success last year, the Easter egg hunt will be returning on Easter Saturday. It's a great family event following a map around the village, collecting answers and winning an egg at the end - we hope you can come and join in the fun! Our NEW event for 2014 is the Ping Pong ball to be held at Sandford Springs with dinner, drinks and a disco; the event will raise money for outdoor table tennis tables for the school playground. Tickets will be available soon.

Please visit www.givingabit.com and by choosing Friends of Kingsclere C of E school (FKS) as your charity, each time you make a purchase from 100's of shops the shop donates money to FKS.

Dates for your diary

Fri 28th March - Mothers Day 'shop' in school

Sat 19th April - Easter Egg hunt around the village - all welcome

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

Sat 5th July - School Summer Fair held at School

Tues 22nd July - 'Leavers' disco for all pupils

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Market at the Village Club



A Special announcement!

The 26th of April 2014 is the **20th anniversary of the market**, started by Josie Norton. We are pleased to announce that **Lady Carnarvon** has accepted our invitation to open this market. There will be the usual variety of stalls and the media will be in attendance.

I am still looking for new stall holders; these must be new products, not the same as we have now.

The March market is as usual on the 29th.

Alan Gore 01635 299 118.

Kingsclere Library



Proposals for the future of Kingsclere Library:

Hampshire County Council has had to make further budget savings of 12% by April 2015. Councillor Keith Chapman, Hampshire's executive member for culture & recreation and county councillor for Calleva and Kingsclere speaking at the parish council meeting spoke of the difficult decisions he has to make because of the budget cuts and told councillors that the library, which costs the council £23,500 per annum to run, including staffing costs, only attracts 650 visitors a month with 190 borrowing. The library is one of three classed as "under-used" in Hampshire.

The Library Service is keen to enter into discussions with groups or organisations who might be interested in taking over full responsibility for the running of Kingsclere library on a voluntary basis. The library service would provide initial training for the volunteers. The community group would be responsible for the associated costs.

If there is no interest from the community in running the library then from January 2015 the library service to Kingsclere will be provided 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.

A formal 90-day consultation on the future of the library began in February and ends on Friday, 2nd May 2014.

Author of the Month: John O'Farrell

John O'Farrell is a British author, comedy scriptwriter, and political campaigner. His novels have been translated into over twenty languages and have been adapted for radio and television.

Collection: Art & Artists

This new collection will be arriving shortly. Inspired by the works of famous artists and want to find out more about them? Want to have a go at re-creating their style? Then this collection is for you, with books on various artists and self-help books on how to draw & paint in any medium- Have a go!

Kingsclere Library:

Is situated within the Village Club on George Street, Kingsclere and is open:

Tuesday	1 – 5.30pm
Thursday	1 – 5.30pm
Saturday	10.30 – 3.00pm

Rowena Hensman
Kingsclere Library Assistant
0845 6035631

Kingsclere Medical Practice Patient Group

Patient Survey 2013-2014

We are now undertaking our annual survey. Please help us to improve our service to patients by completing the survey, available at the practice in paper and on our website www.kingscleremedicalpractice.nhs.net.

This year we are also setting up a patient reference group who we will ask opinions from time to time. We aim to gather representatives from as broad a spectrum as possible to get a truly representative sample. We need young people, workers, retirees, people with long term conditions and people from non-British ethnic groups, if you would like to be included in this group you will find a form at the Reception desk or on the website.

Health Fayre Sep 2014

We will be holding a Health Fayre in September 2014. A sub group of the PPG are in discussions as to the content and more details will be published in due course. This event hopes to bring together local groups who have an interest in the Health & Wellbeing of the community. If you are part of a group who may be interested in participating please get in touch with Len Potts(Chairman PPG) 01635 297832 or lenpotts@btinternet.com.



KINGSLERE PLAYERS



present

Ten Times Table

A comedy by Alan Ayckbourn

The Fieldgate Centre

April 10th - April 12th

7.45pm

Tickets on sale at The Village Butchers mid-March

Messy Church

A fun time for all ages, adults and children,
come straight after school....

What is Messy Church?

Art and craft, fun activities and more all based around a theme.
Finishing off with a story and some worship songs before
sharing a meal together.

Where: Kingsclere Primary School

When: Tuesday, 4th March (Pancake day!) 3:30-5:30pm

Cost: Free (donations welcome)

Everyone is invited...adults, teenagers, children, carers, families,
partners, grandparents. **Everyone welcome!**

If you are a child, you do need to bring an adult with you.

If you would like to know anymore then contact:

sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk or emma.rivers@virgin.net

St Michael's Hospice Furniture Shop



One of the shops raising money for our local hospice is dedicated to selling quality donated furniture. The large showroom is situated off Wade Road, Daneshill, Basingstoke at 7/8 Onslow Close, RG24 8QL. Free car parking and reasonable delivery costs.

The shop is stocked solely through donations, and a steady supply is needed. Large items can be collected, (although they encourage you to send a photo if possible so you can be sure it's suitable for collection), and soft furnishings must have a fire label.

Volunteers to help sell and shift furniture are also needed, especially on weekends.

If you can help please visit or phone the store on 01256 471191.

Nicki Lee (volunteer)



Invite you to join them for an Indian Film and Supper Night on Thursday 20th March 2014. Come and enjoy a delicious two-course Indian themed supper followed by a private and exclusive viewing of *Jadoo*, a food-feud-and-family comedy set in Leicester, written and directed by filmmaker Amit Gupta. The film will be introduced by one of the film's production team.

Tickets are £25 bookable in advance via our website www.pelicancancer.org or by contacting us on 01256 314746. The evening starts at 7pm at The Ark Conference Centre, Dinwoodie Drive, Basingstoke, RG24 9NN.

Pelican Cancer Foundation is dedicated to *curing and improving quality of life* for patients with pelvic area cancer through advancing precision surgery

Lost Keys - Where Can Lost Property Go

In January I lost a very important key on a long mauve coloured tape. I asked at the shops, library and Post Office; no one had handed it in. Our Police Office has been closed for a while and no one had taken it to Basingstoke Police. I once found a part from a motor cycle; I think it was a tax disc holder and took it to our Police Office.

Now that our office is closed where can honest people take lost property to? I feel there is a need for a central place where lost items such as keys, driving license or a passport can be taken and claimed by the rightful owner. Would you take the trouble to go to Tadley or Basingstoke with it? I ask myself the same question. I just don't know. I do feel there is a real need for a central place where lost items can be taken and claimed by the rightful owner. But of course the best answer is to open the Police Office again on a Saturday morning when most people don't have to be away working.

If anyone has my key, please contact the editor of the Tower.

A lifelong resident of Kingsclere

Editors note: In this rare instance we are permitting an anonymous letter since it involves lost keys.

St Michael's Hospice Fund Raising



The Loose Change Boxes which I collected in December have now been counted at the Hospice. I am very pleased to say that the total was the highest we have ever had, the sum of £448.23, plus the collecting tin from the George & Horn was £21.10, from Cottismore Garden Centre £5.34 and from the Vine at Hannington, £58.91. If you would like to help with the fund raising by having a box, please give me a ring.

Josie Norton 298059

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury”

**Great British Fish and Chip Supper –
Friday 16th May 2014**



Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

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