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Some months the Tower is bursting with news and things to do, once in a while all is quiet and there is room for a bit of Kingsclere history, or a few graphics. This is your village magazine for news, so if you have an event (social or charitable) of interest to the village do please feel free to submit a short notice. Sometimes we have too much and articles have to be trimmed down, and repeat articles and events outside our village may need to be 'bumped'. We appreciate everyone's understanding when this has to happen.

Some notes on advertising:

- The yellow pages are set up for the year so long term planning is needed here.
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Nicki

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### SOUTHERN WATER METERING PROGRAMME

Kingsclere residents will be getting water meters installed as part of a five year metering programme. Teams will be in our area throughout July installing water meters for those that do not already have them. They claim that generally households tend to use 10%-18% less water when on a meter and it is considered to be a fairer way to charge as we only pay for the water we use. Customers will be provided with written information about their meter and metered billing but people will also have the opportunity to talk to advisors face to face who will be working with the roadside installation teams. For more information now, visit their website at [www.southernwater.co.uk/metering](http://www.southernwater.co.uk/metering) or telephone 0333 2003 013.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

We are re-introducing the Volunteer of the Year Awards so we can say a big public thank you to all those who help to keep our community running. We are asking you to help us recognize them by nominating people from your group or members of the community who you think deserve recognition for all that they do.. There is no limit to the number of people you can nominate but we do need to know why you are putting them forward and how you feel they have gone "that extra mile" in order for them to be considered. For an application form please contact the Clerk. Thank you.

The Parish website [www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk](http://www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk)

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

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## Kingsclere Singers

Present

# Encore!

Fun for the entire family

Saturday 19th July

Tadley St. Paul's

7:00pm

Tickets: £7.50

Children FREE!

Sunday 20th July

Kingsclere St.

Mary's

6:00pm

Tickets: £7.50

Children FREE!

*Tickets can be purchased in advance from any choir member*

*or at the Kingsclere Village Butchers*

 **CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**  
The most FANTASMagical stage musical in the history of everything!

 **THE LORD OF THE RINGS**

 **Fiddler on the Roof**

 **FROZEN**

**GHOST**

*And many more!*

[www.kingsclere-singers.co.uk](http://www.kingsclere-singers.co.uk)



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 Fund-raising/volunteers [adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk)  
 Items for resale 01256-892773

Now that the holiday season is here we need to make sure that our cats are well looked after while we are away. If they are being cared for at home by a friend or neighbour it is best that they are confined to the house with litter trays (one for each cat plus one extra). We often get reports of cats which have gone missing while their owner is on holiday. They get lonely and wander off in search of human company. Panda has not yet found a home but she has moved in with a house fosterer which is much nicer than being in a pen. Fudge is a delightful but strange little cat. Ginger female cats are quite rare. She is about 10 years old and came into care when her owner moved abroad. She doesn't seem to like warm, comfy beds but sleeps in the coordinator's conservatory in a cardboard box. She is reputed not to like other cats but completely ignores the presence of her three current companions who are totally non-aggressive. She loves to wander around the garden in the sun and particularly likes to sit on this bench. She would make an excellent companion for a retired person.

### **The Priory Primary School Parents' Association**

presents

### **The Magic Faraway Summer Fair Sat 12th July 2014: 1-4 pm**

Stalls, raffles, games, dressing up and much more!

The Priory Primary School, Pamber End, RG26 5QD,  
TEL: 01256 850062

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church**

(see also Back Cover)

**TIMES OF MASSES Swan St., Kingsclere**

Sunday 11.15 am.

Confessions after Mass on request.

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

### **PC BRIAN DIXON RETIREMENT**

By the time you receive your copy of the Tower, PC Dixon, our local beat bobby will have retired. More recently Brian has been called away from the village on other duties but I think we can agree that all of us have seen him patrolling around the village at some time in the past and many of us have had a very good working relationship with him. Certainly, with his vigilance and unique way with people, he has helped Kingsclere in many ways, so we hope you will all like to join us in thanking him for his service. We will be taking up a collection for a small gift to be presented to him at our Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony later this year. Donations can be made through the Parish Office. Thank you.

### **BASINGSTOKE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

Basingstoke Community Transport who operate our Route 56 bus service also run a car transport service for disabled, senior citizens and vulnerable people. They are happy to take enquiries for transport for shopping, appointments, airport trips, visiting friends & family and even for socialising. If you would like to benefit from their services please call them direct for a quote on 01256 320501. They are also looking for drivers in our area, so if you are interested in working with them, please call the number above.

### **TADLEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Tadley CAB have introduced a new free evening appointment service to run on Thursdays. Please phone 0844 245 1283 land line, or 0300 3300 650 from a mobile, for an initial assessment.

**GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING** – Collection days for July are 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** – the next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 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.

**Sheila Thompson (Clerk)**



## Village Policing

I know some of you will be shocked to read an entry from me, but I have managed to sit at the desk for long enough to let you know some good news and some bad news (although some might not see it as bad news!).

We have a new PCSO joining the beat – PCSO Carrie Yorke. Carrie has joined the team and will be the primary contact for the community. I have shown Carrie around the beat and she has had the opportunity to meet some of you. They didn't scare her and she is looking forward to getting involved in the beat. There will be a police officer joining the beat, but as I write this, no named successor has been identified.

We had a little spike in crime recently with out buildings and sheds being targeted. The main item of choice appeared to be pedal cycles, so please make sure that if you do have a bike, you keep it locked up securely. Consider security marking and photographing it. Keep a record of any frame numbers too.

Finally, although it has been a rumour for a while, the time has come for me to disappear into the sunset and retire. For those who say I'm too young to retire, I thank you and suggest you book an optician appointment as soon as possible.

It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to be your Parish Constable, and I will look back on my time with you as one of the highlights of my career. I have been fortunate to police an area of outstanding beauty but, more importantly, I have been the Parish Constable to an area where a strong community spirit is alive and well.

I hope I have managed to make a difference to the majority by making the area a better place. To those whom I dealt with for spoiling the community, don't expect an apology. Appreciate where you live, respect others and, where appropriate, grow up. I may be leaving, but Carrie will continue to ensure that 'normal service' continues. I have no doubt that you will be as supportive to her, as you were to me.

May I finish, by thanking each and every one of you for helping me enjoy my job. I wish I had been able to thank you all in person, but I don't think I could drink that much tea! I'm not going to put my feet up though – I'm sure there will be a 'list of jobs', with my name on it, pinned to the fridge door!

With every good wish for the future.

**Brian Dixon PC (retired)**

## St. Michael's Hospice Fund Raising



**COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

I would like to thank everyone who helped at and attended the coffee morning on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June in aid of St Michael's Hospice. Despite a sudden downpour at 10am we had a tremendous turn out for the event. **£376.00 was raised** (with some loose change in the donation boxes still to be counted!).

Special thanks go to Joan Ferness, Irene Powers, Rita Peterson, Pippa Ashton, Lorna Woolley, Annette Taylor and Louise Porton for manning stalls and making coffee all morning. Also Rob at Kingsclere Landscapes for donating eggs and Carla Glidden and Jackie Austen for selling their produce. The guides also provided a delicious cake stall in aid of their trip to Switzerland in 2015. They were able to donate £20 to the hospice from their proceeds.

**The next coffee morning is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October so please put the date in your diaries!** It would be lovely to see some of the younger generation coming along if possible. We have lots of lovely toys, books and yummy cakes!

**Sarah Melling**

## Projected World War 1 exhibition

Thank you to those people who have been in contact with me offering items for a possible exhibition. However, at the moment, it will be a very tiny one and we need a lot more potential exhibits to make the possibility a reality. We are not planning to hold the exhibition until 2015 at the earliest, so there is still plenty of time.

We are especially interested in information relating to the village and immediate surrounding areas, whether this be in the form of photographs, drawings or writings, such as diaries or postcards; memories from grandparents etc; artefacts of war or of agriculture such as would have been found in Kingsclere.

Please get in touch with me if you have any of the above and would be willing to lend them for a short period of time. Thank you

**Fiona Sawyer**  
**01635297221**

## Kingsclere Twinning Association

### Visit from Cormicy



At the time of writing, we have just said, “Au revoir” to four families from Cormicy who visited Kingsclere during the first weekend of June. We were fortunate to have lovely weather and a number of Kingsclere families joined us for the Village Family Photo Trail on the Sunday. Our guests were delighted by the hospitality and friendship offered by the people of the village. Many thanks to all those of you who were able to host or to join us on Sunday. Thank you also to the Kingsclere Heritage Association in particular, to Gareth Martin who devised the photo trail, and to those who made everything work on the day.

As stated in the June edition of *The Tower*, it is now intended that the formal twinning visit will take place during the weekend of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We are again looking for families who would be willing to act as hosts. The programme will be published shortly. Other than providing sleeping accommodation, breakfasts and a packed lunch on the Monday, any other involvement is optional (but welcome, if you would like to join in). 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](mailto:kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk).

### Duck Race

As yet, details of the Duck Race have not been finalised. Please look out for these in the August edition of *The Tower* and in posters around the village.

### AGM

Our AGM will take place on **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.00p.m.** at the Fieldgate Centre. This will be followed by a trial French conversation group for members whose French is minimal or rusty and who would like to improve. If there is enough interest, we will continue this on a regular basis. New members are welcome. If you would like to join the association, please contact us on the email above or ‘phone Sue Watson on 01635 298940. Family membership is £5 per annum. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are already a member, please note that membership renewal was due in April.

**Sue Watson**  
**01635 298940**

## Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan



I hope many of you visited us at the school fete and had a chance to see what we’ve been doing. Unfortunately the majority of group members will be away at the bank holiday so we are unable to have a stand at the church fete. There will however be a full public meeting in the autumn on our Neighbourhood Plan.

We are conscious that NP information on the Parish Council web could be more “attractive” and that our Facebook page has not really taken off. Plans are afoot to improve both these so that you can all engage more with plans for the future of our village.

At the time of writing we will shortly have our first meeting with URS, the consultancy team we’ve engaged to help provide the evidence base for or against our “top 8” sites. Developers have been showing an interest of late and meetings have or will be held with all interested parties. Also, within the next few months we intend holding a meeting for the business community of Kingsclere to see what improvements our shops, offices etc. would like to see.

If you receive a flyer with this edition of the Tower, please take time to complete and return to the Parish Council office in George Street. Not only will our Plan identify the most suitable site(s) for development, it will also say what type of development is needed so your views are important!

We still welcome any residents of Kingsclere who would like to be involved with our Neighbourhood Plan. For further information contact Sue Adams, 01635 299242, [sueadams@madasafish.com](mailto:sueadams@madasafish.com) or our Parish Clerk, Sheila Thompson, 01635 298634, [clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk).

*St Mary's 200 Club Winner June 2014*

*Helen Piper*

*Well done Helen*

*Entries to be drawn first Sunday of each month in The Kingsmill Room, St Mary's, until further notice*

For all constituents in NW Hampshire  
**How to contact your Member of Parliament**  
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Web: [www.sirgeorgeyoung.org.uk](http://www.sirgeorgeyoung.org.uk)

## First World War commemoration

As you will see from elsewhere in The Tower, there are a number of events already planned in commemoration of the First World War (WW1 in brief). We hope that many of you will attend and be involved in these and other events as they occur.

We hope that more people and groups will wish to involve themselves and others in various ways, but we want to coordinate these so that we don't get date clashes or too many of the same sort of events, so *please* will you contact me with ideas and plans as soon as you can so that we can publicise as much as possible for a truly meaningful period of reflection and remembrance over the next four years.

Thank you.

**Fiona Sawyer 01635297221**  
[fmsawyer@hotmail.com](mailto:fmsawyer@hotmail.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, 7pm**  
**Kingsclere Village Club**

Tickets £9.00 (includes refreshments)  
 from [ann.enborne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ann.enborne@hotmail.co.uk) 01635 33572  
 (reservations are advised)

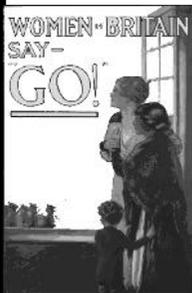
Raising funds for CRUSE

Additional performances as follows:

11th July, Maddle Farm, Upper Lambourn, 7pm  
 (tickets from [mail@maddelfarm.plus.com](mailto:mail@maddelfarm.plus.com))

12th July, Speen Church 7pm  
 (tickets from [ann.enborne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ann.enborne@hotmail.co.uk) 0163533572)

13th July, The Croft Hall, Hungerford, 3.30pm  
 (tickets from HADCAF website bookings)



The Kingsclere Players would like to thank Graham and Sarah Hewitt for all their hard work as Chairman and secretary for the past two years, keeping us all together with a steady run of successful productions and our social calendar full. Having stepped down they can have a well-earned rest although they have many other village "Irons" in the fire. We have at the present a new committee for which I am acting chairman and hope all members, old and new, will give us their support and help keep the momentum going.

We have decided to set up a website and anyone with some IT skills in the village who could help us with this, either with advice or who could set it up for us, we would be pleased to hear from you.

We would also like to invite anyone who might be interested in "trading the boards" or helping in productions to join us. There are not many of us but we are very friendly.

So if you have given up on X Factor or Britain's Got Talent why not become a star in Kingsclere?

On Saturday 27th September Shoo Shoo Baby are performing at Kingsclere Village Club; I know this will be of interest to members of the Players.

**BILL COOPER (01635 299293)**

### The Old Chapel Textile Centre Home of the National Needlework Archive

**Wye Severn Textile Group**  
**18 June – 17 July Tue-Fri 10am-4pm**  
**& Sat 5 July 10am-4pm**

Seven experienced textile artists from mid Wales.

This exhibition is a miscellany of their work with a variety of subject matter and techniques.

Admission £4

Please see our website for other upcoming events.

The Old Chapel Textile Centre, Main Street, Greenham Business Park,  
 01635 38740 [www.nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk](http://www.nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk)



## July at The Fieldgate

Every Monday Youth Hub – 6.00 – 8.00pm  
Counselling services run by Basingstoke Voluntary Services

First Tuesday and third Tuesday in the month Kingsclere Youth Club  
7.00 – 8.00pm

|                      |                                   |           |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> July | Gardening Association Summer Show | Afternoon |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> July | Youth Football Awards             | 6.00pm    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> July | Royal British Legion              | 7.00pm    |

13<sup>th</sup> July The Fieldgate Centre is a stopping point for The Magnificent Cycle Event which starts and finishes in Newbury. This is an all day event.

Streetz summer youth project is running at The Fieldgate Centre  
Tuesday – Friday evenings 29<sup>th</sup> July – 29<sup>th</sup> August. 6.30 – 9.00pm.  
Details of this year's programme will be distributed this month. We would welcome any volunteers who feel that they can help in any way.

### Advance Notice

We are in the process of arranging free entertainment in the social area during July. Look for details on notice boards, Facebook and our website.

Enquiries: 01635 298497 e-mail: [fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com](mailto:fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com).  
Follow us on Facebook.



is coming to...  
**Kingsclere**

Free activities  
for young people aged 11 to 17  
For more information please visit

[www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/streetz](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/streetz)

Summer Streetz will be making a welcome return this summer at The Fieldgate Centre, we have a wide range of free activities planned for 11 to 17 year olds to enjoy.

The programme is supported by B&D Borough Council, with sponsorship from local companies. We are also looking for volunteers to come along and run activities, if you have a craft, art, sporting etc. skill that you would like to share please email [thefieldgatecentre@btinternet.com](mailto:thefieldgatecentre@btinternet.com) for more information.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Kingsclere Guides



### KINGSCLERE GUIDES NEED YOU!

Kaye Broom, one of our Assistant Leaders, is taking some time out at the end of term. We thank Kaye for all she has done with our Guides over the last 3 years and hope she will be back with us at a later date. Also, at the end of next year, I will finally be retiring as a leader in Guiding after 40 years. So, we need to find some new Leaders for Kingsclere Guides. Were you a Kingsclere Guide when Shirley Thompson was 'Captain' in the 1970's, 80's, & 90's? Did you enjoy your time as a Guide? Would you like your daughter to have the same fun & friendship? If you are a woman age 18+ (men can be Unit helpers) and would like to find out more about being a Leader, Assistant Leader or a Unit helper please give me a call or speak to any of our Rainbow, Brownie or Guide leaders.

### WHAT GUIDES HAVE BEEN DOING

A small group of Guides went on a circus fun day where they had a go at circus skills, face painting, mask making and 'The Perch', coming away with their Circus Skills badge. Another group spent a weekend under canvas on a Division Patrol Camp at Thirtover where they had to cook for themselves. On 22<sup>nd</sup> June another group are taking part in a 999 emergency response day. At our weekly meetings we have made bath products, had an international evening and a pizza and board games evening. Soon to come we are going to a disco swim night, having a visit from the Guide Dogs, starting work on a self esteem project Free being Me, and will finish the term with a Night Hike and cook out. Some girls have raised money for St. Michael's Hospice as well as our Switzerland trip. We will be taking part in the Newbury Race for Life and will be fundraising again at the school fete. Unfortunately we had to cancel our Glamping trip in the New Forest as most girls will be away on their hols!

If any girls age 10 – 14 are interested in joining contact Sue Adams [sueadams@madasafish.com](mailto:sueadams@madasafish.com) 01635 299242.



The Parent Teacher Association of Kingsclere Primary School  
Reg charity no. 1099453

Support your local school and have some fun whatever the weather!

Friends of Kingsclere Primary School (FKS) invite you to the annual

### School Summer Fair

**Bouncy Castle, Go-Karts, Face Painting, Giant Inflatable Slide,  
Traditional Stalls, Great Games with brilliant prizes, BBQ,  
Ice Creams and Licensed Bar,**

#### Fantastic Raffle

1st prize £150 cash, 2nd prize 2 tickets to Matilda  
3rd prize £40 voucher for The Star Inn  
Plus many, many more amazing prizes!

**There's something for everyone so come along and join in the fun!**

**Saturday 5th July 2014 from 12-4pm  
At Kingsclere Primary School**

Any offers of help or prizes gratefully received, please contact  
[knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk) or 07747773325

### First World War memorabilia exhibition

It has been agreed to hold an exhibition of memorabilia relating to the First World War in spring, **probably May 1916**, but of course, we need to have plenty of material to show!

We already have several offers, but much more is needed. If you have or can get access to anything which would be suitable for showing, please contact me as soon as possible. I know 1916 seems a very long way off, but time passes so quickly.....

Our primary school is planning periods of work related to the war and it is hoped that material produced by them can also be on show.

For offers of material or for further information please contact  
Fiona Sawyer [fmsawyer@hotmail.com](mailto:fmsawyer@hotmail.com) /297221.



**Kingsclere** NOTE AMENDED DATE

**Film Club** Saturday, 5 July 2014 at 7.30pm  
in the Village Club, George Street

## Les Miserables

(2012 – 12A – 158 minutes - 3 Oscars)

In 19th-century France, Jean Valjean, who for decades has been hunted by the ruthless policeman Javert after breaking parole, agrees to care for a factory worker's daughter. The decision changes their lives forever.

Next month: Sat, 2 August - All Quiet on the Western Front (to commemorate the start of the First World War – open to all. Non-members phone Chairman -297221- for tickets.)

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 & HEADLEY WOODLANDS WI



#### Village Club

2nd Wednesday of each month @ 1-45pm

New members always welcome

More detail from Betty Eckton [01256 850017](tel:01256850017)

Our Speaker for July 9th will be Ms. Jo Trezise telling us about Priors Court School.

An Independent Specialist School for Pupils aged between 5 and 19 with autism or severe learning difficulties.

On July 23rd we are holding a Coffee Morning, which will take place at 12 Pitt Hall Farm at 10-00am. Entry £1-00 which will include Coffee/Tea and biscuits, Cake stall, Plants, Sales Table, Books, etc; and a Raffle. All are Welcome

**More detail from Betty Eckton--01256 850017**



**The Garden Club**  
**Summer Show**  
**July 5th at the Fieldgate Centre.**  
**Entry 50 pence.**  
**Doors open 2.00pm.**

Trophies presented 4.15pm. Schedules available from The Village Butchers and The Village Club. Also from Laura Butler, 01256 781892. Entries to Laura the Thursday before the show. There will be a Tombola and we expect other tables with goods to sell or display. There is usually a very fine display of sweet peas and roses at this show.

On Sunday July 20th the Longstock Water Gardens, Leckford, are open for a charity event for Leukaemia research 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Entry £6.00, £2.00 children over 5.

Known as being one of the finest water gardens in Europe, this garden is also open on August 17th for the charity Age UK at the same times and entry fee.

**John Eckton, secretary. 01256 850017**

## Nature Notes



Most people know that moss grows on the north side of trees, but is it a reliable fact? Moss as a living plant, likes to spread itself around and is very often found on west and east sides of a trunk also. So at best, it is a very rough guide. One tree seen recently had a cut off point beyond which no moss grew, as if a clean line had been drawn down its trunk, Proof that moss favours a northerly aspect is to be seen on a porch in Newbury. The sides of the pitched roof face exactly N. and S. and on the north side there is a total covering of thick moss whilst on the other, the tiles are completely clear.

Winter floods have deposited a mass of vegetation on the lower structure of a bridge over the Kennet. Himalayan balsam seeds lodged there are germinating and growing. Hopefully, without soil, the seedlings will not survive to disperse more seeds of this very invasive plant.

Jackdaws had pecked a hole in the wire net feeder. A patch was made with fine wire mesh but a woodpecker chick and adults have made holes in it already, they are however wonderful to watch.

Collared doves are minimalists when it comes to nests. We watched helplessly as a pair attempted to build on the attachment of a satellite dish. As each twig offered up fell to the ground even longer ones arrived. At some point they accepted defeat leaving a pile of twigs on the paving below.

**Diana Tait and Rod Eldred**

## Kingsclere Village Club Village Market



The market continues to flourish, we have excellent stall holders and regular customers. There are new stalls in the pipeline. They will be here shortly. We are pleased to see such good attendance as this can only help to ensure the survival of the market.

**The next market is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 10am to 12 midday.**

**Alan Gore 01635 299118**

## Coach Outing from Kingsclere



The July coach outing to the National Trust property of Knightshayes near Tiverton, Devon will be picking up at St John Rd. at 8.45am and then in the Square and Garrets Close. We will be leaving Knightshayes at 4.15pm. Coach fare £19.50. N.T. members free admission, non-members £6.90. Money to me please by 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Josie Norton 298059**

## Kingsclere Youth Football



Kingsclere Youth will be holding its annual awards presentation at the Fieldgate Centre on Saturday 5th July - Main presentations will be around 7pm but see our website for full details of times.

We will also be signing on players for next season before the presentations. New players are welcome - more details on our website; [www.clubwebsite.co.uk/kingsclereyouthfootballclub/](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/kingsclereyouthfootballclub/)

Players, family and friends of the club are all invited to attend for a kick-around or a drink and enjoy the BBQ. As always there will be a raffle and lots of fun. See you there.

Thank you to all those involved in the club, your hard work is never underestimated. Thanks Andy, Richard, Dean, Charlotte, Debbie, Tigger, Mark, Alan, Claire and Ian. Have a good summer everyone.



## Kingsclere Library

**Calling all Children**  
**Summer Reading Challenge comes to Kingsclere library**  
**from 12th July to 23th September**

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

Every year, around 26,000 children in Hampshire take part in the national Summer Reading Challenge, which is run by a charity called the Reading Agency. Every year there is a different theme – in 2013 it was ‘Creepy House’. The aim of the challenge is to get children aged 4 to 11 to read six books from their local library during the summer holidays. It is all free and the children collect fun materials along the way and receive a medal and certificate if read all 6 books! The Reading Agency now run a Summer Reading Challenge website for children that is available throughout the year. It has competitions and book recommendations, and children can rate books and add reviews. Everything is closely monitored by the Reading Agency, so it is completely safe for children and will encourage them to not only read more, but find ideas for new authors and titles.

During the summer holidays there will be “Do It Yourself” craft table for you to make in the library or to take home to do.

Adults are not forgotten, there will be a mythical maze challenge for you to so as well!

**Author of the Month.** This month we are having a collection of Nordic Crime Books so if you enjoyed watching the various TV crime series set in Scandinavia come and get the books!

The Library, as well as having books in ordinary and large print format to borrow, also has spoken word and up to 4 magazines. There is an adult and children’s selection of DVD’s to rent. The local papers are available to read in the library. There is free internet access available in the library for up to one hour. The family history websites “Ancestry” and” Find my Past” can also be accessed for free for an hour. There is modern photocopier available to use. (Charge)

Do use your local library! You can take up to 30 items out for a month **free** (excluding spoken word & DVD’s which have a small charge). The library is situated within the Village Club in George Street Kingsclere and is open:

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| Tuesday  | 1-5.30pm  |
| Thursday | 1-5.30pm  |
| Saturday | 10.30-3pm |

**Rowena Hensman**  
**Kingsclere Library Assistant**  
**0845 6035631**

## Lighting up St Mary’s



**12th June** For my mother Joyce Frith on the evening of her funeral.

### July

**5th and 6th** Wishing you a very happy “Big Birthday” Alan from all the family in New Zealand.

**7th** In loving memory of our son Jake William Collins.

**15th** Lovingly remembering Roy Hazell on his birthday. Gone from our sight, but forever in our hearts. Wendy, Nicholas, Matthew, Victoria, Anna and Lara.

**15th** Treasured memories of Roy on his birthday. From Norma, Julie and Neil.

**15th** Remembering Our Dear Old Friend Roy on his birthday. Forever in our thoughts. Barbara, Brian, Jenny and Steve.

**18th** Congratulations to Nina and Daniel on their wedding day.

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, RG20 5SJ. 01635299710. Online [www.clerewoodlands.org.uk](http://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 August Tower is July 10th

## St. Mary’s Guild

Firstly – Apologies for incorrect dates in the June issue of the Tower. This was entirely my fault.

Our Summer Outing will be on Thursday 24th July. A mini-bus will leave The Square at 1.30 pm prompt and take us to Hungerford for afternoon tea on “The Rose” canal barge.

We welcome new members to our monthly events. On Wednesday 24th September Sarah Mussett will be speaking to us on ‘Staying Safe in the NHS’. This promises to be a very interesting afternoon – so if you have been thinking about joining us, but not actually got round to doing it, please come along and hear what Sarah has to say.

We are a friendly bunch of people who meet in the Kingsmill room on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings commence at 2.15 pm. We usually have a speaker or a lively debate and then the afternoon is rounded off with tea and cake.

**Pam Kitch Chairman 01635 299743**



**St Mary's Church Fete,  
Bank Holiday Monday 25th August  
12 Noon until 4pm**

**HOW CAN I HELP?** There are many ways you can help with our traditional village fete. A fete to be proud of in and around our iconic church - please do your bit to help maintain its presence for future generations.

- **SPARE SOME TIME TO HELP** – maybe an hour or two on the day to run a stall, set up or clear away.
- **DONATE** your unwanted Accessories, Toys, Books, Bric-a-Brac and DVDs. Donations to the St Mary's Church Kingsmill Room on Saturday August 23rd 10am-12 midday or Sunday August 24th 3-5pm.
- **BAKE A CAKE** for the Cake Stall.
- **COME ALONG** to join in all the fun of the fete. Traditional village fete fun with something for the whole family.
- **ENTER the DOG SHOW** and other competitions - watch out for the posters around the village and flyers nearer the time for all the entry details.

**BUY SOME RAFFLE TICKETS** – available nearer the time.  
**MOST IMPORTANTLY SPREAD THE WORD** by inviting all your friends and family to come along and join in all the fun and if you are

Facebook users please  
**'FIND' US, 'LIKE' US AND 'SHARE' OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WITH YOUR FRIENDS -**  
[www.facebook.com/KingsclereChurchFete](http://www.facebook.com/KingsclereChurchFete)  
 Amanda Hatcher, 01635 299984  
 or [Amanda.hatcher@inizio-ms.com](mailto:Amanda.hatcher@inizio-ms.com)




## Bellringing

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May a quarter peal of 1260 Doubles in 3 methods was rung to celebrate the birth of Thomas Whan born 25<sup>th</sup> May, second grandson for Maggie Hiller, a ringer at this tower.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June the bells were rung in thanksgiving for Joyce Frith whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

Helen Piper

## Church Pages

As I write this, the Football World Cup has just started in Brazil and for those who like that sort of thing (!) there is the usual frisson of excitement and hope of a good competition and of what England might achieve. By the time you read this, however, levels of interest may have changed depending on whether England is still in the competition or not. If they are, chances are that some of those not normally interested in football will find themselves caught up in the mounting excitement. I'm not a great football fan myself but if England get through the group stages, I might even be persuaded to sit in front of the TV to watch a match. While I sympathise with those who resent the media saturation with any big sporting event, we can all recognise that sport still has the potential to bring people together in a way that other things may not.

Once the whole event is over, however, we will be reminded of the more sombre national observance of the centenary of the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. Early next month, we will commemorate the anniversary of the start of the war with a simple ceremony in the churchyard on Monday 4 August at 12 noon. See elsewhere in the magazine for further details. There will be other occasions and especially Remembrance Sunday and the surrounding days in each of these next 5 years for marking the centenary.

Inevitably we will be reminded later this year of the football match played on Christmas Day 1914 by soldiers from opposite sides. It was a poignant moment of human solidarity. Let us hope that the football world cup and all sporting competitions can be used to build bridges rather than to create division. And may the best team win!

Rev Lucy

### From the Registers of St Mary's

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>Wedding</b> | <i>Those whom God has joined together</i>               |
| 31 May         | Amanda Faouzane & Gavin Nutty                           |
| <b>Funeral</b> | <i>I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord</i> |
| 20 May         | Naylor Rawlings   |
| 21 May         | David Holmes  |
| 21 May         | Mary Colbourn   |

### **St. Mary's Church**

(see also Back Cover)

|                     |  |          |
|---------------------|--|----------|
| <b>Vicar</b>        | Rev Lucy Thirtle, <a href="mailto:lucythirtle@btinternet.com">lucythirtle@btinternet.com</a> | ☎ 299489 |
| <b>Curate</b>       | Rev. Trish Bancroft <a href="mailto:trishbancroft@aol.com">trishbancroft@aol.com</a>         | ☎ 269180 |
| <b>Churchwarden</b> | Janet Sturgess   | ☎ 298079 |
| <b>Churchwarden</b> | Eileen Selsey  | ☎ 42962  |

## METHODIST NOTES

All Sunday services at 9.30am.

### Preachers for July

6th Terry Rowell  
 13th Muriel Wood (Holy Communion)  
 19th Saturday (4.30pm) Derrick Norton  
 27th Rev John Beadle

Mid-week Communion Thursday July 17th.

Junior Church July 13th at 9.30am. Then no more Junior Church until after the school holidays.

Coffee Mornings are Thursdays from 10am until 12 midday.  
 These will continue during August.

Why not bring your visitors along for tea, coffee and a biscuit. We will be pleased to see you all.

**Margaret Ingram 299152.**

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| <b>Methodist Chapel</b>               | (see also Back Cover) |
| <b>Steward</b> Christine Westcombe    | ☎ 298518              |
| <b>Secretary</b> Jeanette Billington  | ☎ 297585              |
| <b>Hire of Hall</b> Philippa Clements | ☎ 298897              |

### WW1 Commemorations

The start of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War will be commemorated in St Mary's Churchyard on **Monday 4 August at 12 noon**. For 10-15 minutes before noon, a bell will be tolled and people are invited to gather on the corner of the churchyard (near the War memorial but on the churchyard side of the chain-link fence). A few seats will be provided for those unable to stand. At 12 noon, there will be a short reflection, a silence and a prayer. All are welcome.

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



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| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b><br><b>Trinity 3/Proper 9</b>     | <b>8am</b>     | Holy Communion<br>St Paul's, Ashford Hill  |
|  | <b>10.30am</b> | Parish Communion with Junior Church<br>& Baptism – St Mary's, Kingsclere               |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b><br><b>Trinity 4/Proper 10</b>   | <b>8am</b>     | Holy Communion<br>St Mary's, Kingsclere  |
|  | <b>10.30am</b> | Holy Communion<br>St Peter's, Headley  |
|  | <b>10.30am</b> | Second Sunday<br>Service at St Mary's, Kingsclere                                      |
| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b><br><b>Trinity 5 / Proper 11</b> | <b>8am</b>     | Holy Communion - St Peter's, Headley   |
|  | <b>10.30am</b> | Parish Communion with Junior Church<br>St Mary's, Kingsclere                           |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b><br><b>Trinity 6/Proper 12</b>   | <b>8am</b>     | Holy Communion -<br>St Mary's, Kingsclere  |
|  | <b>10.30am</b> | Parish Communion<br>St Paul's, Ashford Hill  |
|  | <b>6pm</b>     | Evening Service<br>St Mary's, Kingsclere   |
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b><br><b>Trinity 7/Proper 13</b>  | <b>8am</b>     | Holy Communion<br>St Paul's, Ashford Hill  |
|  | <b>10.30am</b> | Parish Communion<br>St Mary's, Kingsclere (no Junior<br>Church due to school holidays) |

**Please note the ABC Service will be held in St Mary's, Kingsclere  
At 9.30am on 21st July.**