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One of the great pleasures returning home at night is to see St Mary's Church lit up in the centre of the village. An ancient church surrounded by mature trees and some of the oldest buildings in the community. There is a sense of continuity and timelessness in the view.

The lights add a lustre of their own but it is not by chance that they are on. They have been paid for by people wanting to celebrate or commemorate some occasion or person in their life. The words written on the page "Lighting up St Mary's" pay tribute to the many facets of people's lives, the sense of loss and the sense of joy which we all feel at certain times.

It has always struck me as a very apt way of celebrating or remembering these occasions. Rather like a candle lit in a church, the lighting up of St Mary's Church gives pleasure to scores of people who may not know the reason why the church is illuminated but are nonetheless touched by it.

So why not "Light up St Mary's" yourself? It is a very special way of giving thanks and it allows others to enjoy the sight as well as helping towards the conservation of the Church.

Andy and Sarah Bates organise "Lighting up St Mary's". Contact details on page 14.

The Editor

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To all "Tower" Contributors

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NOT LATER THAN 12th April.

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PARKING ON GRASS VERGES

Please can residents be considerate when parking vehicles. We are receiving complaints about grass verges being churned up where vehicles are being driven onto them and parked. The Parish Council have paid for and arranged the planting of many spring bulbs in the grass verges over the last few years to enhance these areas and they are being damaged by parked vehicles.

SNOW AND BAD WEATHER

Thank you to all the residents who helped those less fortunate in the recent severe weather. In the first instance many good citizens will have knocked on doors to check on elderly or less able neighbours to see if they needed help. This may have been followed by a trip to the shop to get provisions or clearing paths of snow. Some motorists were also helped with their cars being pushed in the snow to enable them to get moving again having become stuck. **Thank you** to everyone who helped in the community at this time.

SALT BINS

The following guidance is published by HCC for using salt bins: -
"Where to use salt?" - The salt / grit in the community bins is for use only in the community on public paths, pavements and roads. The salt is not for private use on driveways or garden paths.

"Who can use the salt?" - Anyone can use the salt to put on the roads or pavements. This can be particularly useful for example, to 'join up' salting from the main road carried out by County Council salting vehicles - to smaller access roads or on the pavements to the local school.

"How much salt to use?" - One tablespoon of salt (20 grams) is sufficient to treat one square metre of road / pavement surface. Please use the salt carefully – overuse will result in it being used up too quickly.

"How do the bins get refilled?" - We will refill the salt bins as soon as reasonably possible and in bad weather we will endeavour to fill up empty bins en route. At times of prolonged severe weather, the priority of the winter maintenance teams will be to salt the main roads and we may not be able to

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are 11th and 25th April 2018.

refill the salt bins as quickly as at other times. Bins will not be refilled where people have taken the contents for their own personal use and Hampshire County Council reserves the right to remove bins where the contents are being continually taken for private use."

If you notice a salt bin needs refilling, this can be requested via HCC's website:- <https://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaydefect/refillsaltbin.aspx>

PARISH PATHS

The Parish Paths Working Group met on Sunday 25th February. It was a very cold and windy day so we had to keep moving! We were grateful to the 9 people who turned out on such a cold day. We walked and snipped through the churchyard, up to the Cemetery, over to the fishing lakes and back via Frogs Hole.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 29th April - meeting at 9.45am in the garden of the Village Club. Please come and join us if you can spare a couple of hours.

For more information email kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7.30pm on Monday 30th April 2018 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.

Your local Hospice needs your help!

Co-ordinator needed to help with St. Michael's Hospice House to House Collection in June.



St. Michael's Hospice is looking for a volunteer to assist with co-ordinating their annual House to House collection in Kingsclere. The local Kingsclere community raises in excess of £1700 through this campaign each year and this wonderful sum really makes a difference to the Hospice and its services across North Hampshire.

If you have a few spare hours in May and June to be the point of contact for the Kingsclere House to House collectors and are happy to distribute the volunteer packs and collect them back again, we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions please contact: **Lynne Grimshaw on 01256 848845**

or email Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelshospice.org.uk

The Parish website www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk
 @kingsclerepc facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

Busy Bees Pre-school

We have been a hive of activity throughout the Spring Term. A warm welcome to all of our new families that have joined us this term. We are now full to capacity until our Butterfly group leave us in July. Any prospective parents are welcome to visit but we would be grateful if you could email or give us a ring to arrange a convenient time.

Many of you will have seen that we have been spending our Local Infrastructure Grant at the Scout Hut. We have replaced the inside flooring throughout the hall which has made a huge difference in appearance and heat retention. Many thanks to Lance from Cutting Edge Floors who managed to complete the works ahead of schedule. Outside, most of the rickety old fence has been replaced with closed board fencing. Thanks to Scott from Landcraft as he has created a much more pleasing environment for all the users to enjoy. The final stage of works will hopefully be completed over the Easter Holidays. On our return, we will be looking forward to warmer weather so we can complete our garden make-over. We are looking forward to the start of the Summer Term after the Easter Holidays. We are keeping our fingers crossed for warmer weather so we can utilise the outside area fully.

Caroline Johnson



Kingsclere Community Library

Do you find it difficult to get to the library?

We offer a volunteer service to deliver books to people who are unwell or unable to leave their homes to visit the library.

Contact us at the library
or phone Hampshire Libraries 0300 555 1387
and ask for the Home Library Service.

YOUR library is FREE with your Hampshire Library Card!

Visit us to get a card and borrow
Books – Audio, Large Print & E-books, magazines & more!

Rhymetime with Rita

On the second Tuesday of every month, 2.30pm

Opening hours: Tues & Thurs 1 – 5.30pm; Saturdays 9.30am – 2pm

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com



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

Reg charity no. 1099453

Barn Dance - due to our 3rd March event being cancelled because of the snow we'll be announcing a new date soon.

The K2K challenge is going well. By the summer we aim to "crowdercise" the total distance (7,250 miles) from our Ugandan link school Kyankowe to Kingsclere C of E Primary School. Money raised will be split between the two schools.

Please sponsor us at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/k2kchallenge>.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Egg hunt on the last day of term (March 29th). A climbing wall is being installed on the junior playground during the Easter holidays.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter!

Dates for your diary

Sat 16th June School Summer Fair
Sat 8th July Kingfest/Campout

Rachael Knight

Email - knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk

Tel 268160



Kingsclere CE Primary School

Congratulations to
Kingsclere Church of England Primary School!



They recently received the result of their church inspection (SIAMS) and were awarded OUTSTANDING!

This is in reflection of the Christian ethos which was seen across the school and the caring attitude of the pupils. The inspector noted the impact the Christian character of the school had on the behaviour of the pupils and the good support provided by the school which contributes to the well-being and achievement of the pupils. Well done to the staff and pupils and for all who have supported them.

Rev. Ben Read

Hampshire Constabulary Report Kingsclere February 2018

Please find below the latest news summary of some of the crimes which occurred last month. In February there were 6 incidents (4 in Kingsclere and 2 in Ashford Hill) which have been classified as crimes by the Home Office.



Current Neighbourhood Priorities are:

Dwelling Burglary / Non-Dwelling Burglary
Traffic Related Incidents
Theft
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
Criminal Damage

Non-Dwelling Burglary

There have been three reported this month. There was an attempted break-in at Russell Cooper Car Sales. No entry was gained and nothing was stolen. Three garden sheds were broken into at a property on Winchester Road. Nothing was stolen. A lock to a storage container on South Road was damaged.

Traffic Incidents

There have been six reported this month. Two were damage-only road traffic collisions, one on Ashford Hill Road and the other on the Basingstoke Road, Kingsclere. The other three reports were vehicle seizures for no insurance.

Theft from Vehicle

There has been one reported this month. A rear number plate was stolen from a vehicle parked on Ashford Hill Road.

Theft

There has been one reported this month. Five copper hot water tanks were stolen from the garden of a property on Ashford Hill Road.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

There have been six reported this month. Of note, a number of youths had gained entry into one of the changing rooms at the Fieldgate Centre by way of an insecure door.

Criminal Damage

There has been one reported this month.

Suspicious Incidents

There have been eleven reported this month. Of note, three males with lurcher dogs were seen in a field along Fox's Lane. A male was seen to enter a garden on Swan Street then knocked at the back door. The informant thought it was a delivery driver but noticed he wasn't carrying anything. The male left before Police arrived and two males in a vehicle (D***XKZ) were seen snooping around in Coppice Road.

Community Speedwatch – Could you?

Community Speedwatch is coordinated by Hampshire Police in partnership with the local council and other agencies. We are looking for volunteers aged over 17 to join the team to help deal with the local issues of speeding. If you are interested and can spare just a few hours a month, please contact me or take a look at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/join-us/volunteers/community-speedwatch/> where you can find more information.

Helpful Crime Prevention Advice and Hampshire Alerts

Information can be found at: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/> and <https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/>

Emma

PCSO 16173 Emma PAGE

Overton, Steventon, Freefolk, Laverstoke, Kingsclere and Hannington
Neighbourhood Policing Team

Tadley Police Station, Mulfords Hill, Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 3HZ

Email: emma.page@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Website: www.hampshire.police.uk

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

We are looking forward to the return of the sun after all this snow so that our bunnies can get outside again and enjoy the garden at the Village Club! The sand tray, water toys, ride-ons and mini slides are waiting to see the sun again!



You do not need to have had your baby to join us – come along to as many sessions as you want to before his or her arrival. Once your baby is here, we have a protected baby area with bouncy chairs, rugs and baby toys for them to use, as well as toys and activities, both indoor and outdoor, for older babies and toddlers.

Where: The Village Club, George St

When: every Tuesday, 9am-11am

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

Check out our Bunnies Facebook site – as well as our local buying and selling site “Kingsclere Bunnies Preloved” where local mums often have bargains to pass on.

Rachel Kirby
villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com

DISCO!



The ever popular 60s--80s Disco at the Fieldgate is on Saturday 14th April. Doors open at 7.30pm. This “feel good” evening has become increasingly popular due to Les Farr’s mix of great dance music and friendly atmosphere. Attracting DISCO lovers from local towns and villages the dance floor is always full. A great evening out, licenced bar, wooden dance floor, full DISCO lighting, only £7.00.

Bill Cooper

Kingsclere Twinning Association



Tickets for sale for the
Beetle Drive
Saturday April 14th 2018
6.30pm

Kingsclere Primary School

Come and compete to see how quickly you can draw Kingsclere’s very own Bedbug!

Children welcomed.

Two course supper provided.

Bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

All are welcome. No need to be a member.

Tickets £10 for members, £12 for non-members, £2.50 for children (under 4s free). Email for tickets at Kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk or contact Lesley Farey on 01635 297159.

The **Cormicy visitors** will be arriving on **Saturday 19 May 2018**. We are **urgently looking for hosts for our French guests (including children)**. There is no necessity to speak French, since we will aim to match non-French speakers with English speaking guests. Hosts have found it a stimulating and rewarding experience, and you are only committed to providing accommodation for Saturday and Sunday night and Saturday lunch, if possible. If you are able to host one or more French guests for this weekend, please email Kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk or contact Lesley Farey on 01635 297159 for more information.

Save the date for a **Barn Dance on Saturday 19 May 2018** at Kingsclere Primary School with our Cormicy Visitors.

Sophie Read

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St Mary’s 200 Club Winner March 2018

No. 2 Rod Eldred

Well done, Rod

Entries drawn first week of each month, various village venues



Nature Notes

When walking around the local lake, a place which usually has something of interest, we noticed several builder's bags containing gravel near the water's edge. Going further around the lake we saw three people in a boat visiting the small islands in the centre. One person was left on an island where he commenced to trim the vegetation whilst the others rowed to the shore where we had seen the gravel bags. Buckets of gravel were then taken to the island being cut and distributed. We think that with the success of the tern raft, this was a further move to attract more birds to nest. The islands are a haven for all water birds but terns have special requirements. We assumed they were members of BBOWT in action and good to see that they have a 'Naval Arm' which can carry out such tasks.

A blackcap has claimed the garden as his territory. Nothing wrong with that but this little grey and black warbler now dominates the feeders, driving off all the small birds with his sharp beak and menacing dash. This little bandit even watches from a distance and threatens all who attempt to feed. This is a known characteristic of blackcaps and we have now seen it action. The brown capped female has not been seen.

A fat ball feeder hanging a metre off the ground has tempted a cock blackbird to take advantage of this food source; a quick fluttering jump, a hard peck and back to earth for the crumbs. This action was repeated several times.

Diana Tait & Rod Eldred

Singing for me

(singing for fun with Hazel O'Leary).

**If you like singing join us at the Ship's meeting room
7.45pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.**

No singing in April.

Please come, the next ones are on May 1st and 15th.

Lunch and a Laugh

Come and enjoy a meal with friends on the 3rd Wednesday in the month, from 12.30pm at the Ship Inn, Ashford Hill. See you April 18th.

The Voice Meetings

The Voice meets at Sainsbury's Cafe Tadley on the 2nd Thursday in the month. The next one is on April 12th at 7.30pm. Come to the free 'Care for Self' life skills workshop. Come and join us to learn easy ways of coping with stress.

Like to know more, please email ginaselby@hotmail.com

Reflections

Sadly, just after Christmas we lost our family rabbit. Timmy was 5 years old and had been through a few moves with us. Lots had changed, including the arrival of both children. They were particularly upset as they heard the news and as we put him in the box and buried him in the garden. My youngest still every so often says she wants to see Timmy again.



The loss of a rabbit, though sad, is only a tiny glimpse of the feeling of loss experienced when we lose a person we love. Like my children, we long to see them again, and unlike my children that longing, though fainter with time perhaps, lasts for many for the rest of their lives, and seems like a halt on life.

That halt that is death was mirrored this year in our landscape and gardens. We had a wonderful few days of snow – snowmen appeared, sledges were pushed and whizzed, snowballs flung – I got hit a few times and I may have thrown the odd one! And because of this, everything that was ready to burst into life seemed to slow down to a halt.

And now Easter has arrived, plants and trees are bursting with blossom and leaves. Easter coming at this time when everything is coming to life illustrates brilliantly the Easter message of Jesus being raised to life after death. Not only that, but that his raising to life was a picture of the raising to life of all to stand before God at the end of time. Then God will pronounce the verdict on our lives, which on the face of it is terrifying. And yet, wonderfully, Easter meets our need here too. God offers a gift at Easter which is a perfect record for our lives. This gift when it's accepted, whether we are very young or very old, means that when God looks at us on that final day, he sees Jesus's perfect record. He doesn't see our chequered past or the "could-have-beens", the regrets or the missed opportunities but He sees a perfect record. This perfect record lived by Jesus ended unjustly by his death as a criminal on the cross, but in God's plan, served to give eternal life as a gift to all who accept it.

**Happy Easter!
Blessings,
Ben.**

Methodist Notes

April Services

1st Easter Sunday Morning Worship Jeff Britt
8th Morning Worship with Holy Communion Revd. Rachel Borgars
15th Alternative Morning Worship Terry Rowell
22nd Morning Worship Local Arrangement
29th Morning Worship Christine Thomas
All Services start at 10am



Camaraderie

The next meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL** at **2.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.**

The Guest Speaker will be telling us about living as a Resident at The Hospital of St. Cross in Winchester.

Cost is just £1 , which includes Tea / Coffee and Cake and a free Raffle Ticket.

We look forward to seeing you.

Wendy Morgan

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Services in the parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley April 2018

Sunday 1 st April Easter Day	8am	Easter Day Communion St Paul's, Headley
	9.15am	Easter Day Communion St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	10.30am	Easter Day Communion St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 8 th April Easter 2	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Baptism & Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	10.30am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 15 th April Easter 3	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's Church, Headley
	9.15am	All Age Messy Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 22 nd April Easter 4	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	10.30am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 29 th April Easter 5	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 6 th May Easter 6	9.15am	Holy Communion with Confirmations St Mary's Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)

**Our ABC service for children and their carers will
be held in St Mary's, Kingsclere on 16th and 30th
April at 9.30am**

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Our next event will be the annual

**Plant Sale
In
St Mary's Churchyard
From 9.30am Saturday 19th May.**



This year FOSM will be running it with the Kingsclere Gardening Association, so plants from a wider base of contributors should be available, and we hope perhaps to field more vegetables than usual. Should any of you be splitting or sowing plants now that Spring is finally getting going, we should very much welcome any contributions you can spare. Please contact Jane Royle on 01635 297430 before 12th May.

Because many people will wish to watch TV coverage of the Royal Wedding, the Sale will open half an hour earlier than usual, at **9.30 a.m.**

We are currently drawing up plans for further events this year, which will include another popular **Friends' Sunday Lunch at Sasso** in the Autumn. Details of this and other fixtures will be given in future issues of The Tower.

Peter Turner, Chairman

Lighting up St. Mary's

14th February	Happy Birthday Lillums
13th April	Richard. Miss you so much. Love you always Mum and Dad. Love you.
25th April	Happy 28th Birthday to our beautiful daughter Aimee Hardy-Milborrow, we love and miss you so very much. Love Mum, Dad, Samuel, Willum, Meghan and Jude xx



To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710. Online www.clerewoodlands.org.uk £12 per evening, block booking discounts. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for May Tower is April 10th.

From the Registers of St Mary's

Wedding	<i>Those whom God has joined together</i>
10 Mar	Caroline Spender & Keith Towndrow
Funerals	<i>I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord</i>
28 Feb	Graham Fox aged 77
1 Mar	Jean Swinnerton aged 89
10 Mar	Maureen Smith aged 75 (Burial of Ashes)



Kingsclere Film Club

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

Saturday, 14 April, 2018

Forrest Gump

(1994- Romance/Drama/Comedy - 12 - 145min - 6 Oscars)

The presidencies of Kennedy and Johnson, Vietnam, Watergate and other history unfold through the perspective of an Alabama man with an IQ of 75. Stars Tom Hanks as Forrest Gump.

Saturday, 12 May - Eddie the Eagle

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

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

Hannington Silver Band & The 4 Good Reeds

SATURDAY MAY 12th

7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Kingsclere

Come and enjoy a lively concert of swing and other popular classical and show music as well as Band classics, presented by accomplished, locally-based musicians with guest clarinet quartet.

Funds raised from the evening going to the refurbishment of Michael's Field, Hannington (children's play area and recreational field)

Tickets £8, (Children under 12 Free).

Tickets available from Shelagh Wythe on 01635 298186 or at The Village Butchers, Kingsclere.

Bluebird Care Hub

A new Bluebird Care Hub has opened in Kingsclere to help the local community access care and support services for older people.



Home and Live In Care providers, Bluebird Care Hook & Kingsclere and Bluebird Care Newbury, launched their new Bluebird Care Hub in Kingsclere to provide information and resources relating to adult social care as well as offering space and resources for charities and local organisations working with and on behalf of older people. Located on the ground floor of their new offices in Kingsclere, this new facility will provide a range of literature from care service providers and charities giving information about the products and services that are available to people looking for care and support for a loved one. In addition, local charities and groups will also be able to use the onsite training facilities including a suite of moving and positioning equipment and book space for client and staff meetings. The Hub includes a quiet break out area, a kitchen and disabled facilities. The Bluebird Care Hub was opened by local MP Kit Malthouse on Friday 9th March.

Navigating the complexities of the care system is not an easy task, especially when most people's first experience of needing to arrange care is when there is an immediate need due to some form of crisis at home. Members of the public will be able to drop in to the Bluebird Care Hub for advice and support on a range of issues around caring for a loved one including; what care options are available, assistive technology, disability and mobility aids, modifications that can be made in the home, care funding, accessing legal and financial advice, local and national care charities and not for profit organisations as well as local support and friendship groups.

If you are part of a charity or group which provides services to older people within Kingsclere and would like your leaflets and information displayed in the Care Hub, please call Phil Miles or Lynn Dixon on 01256 762324 or pop into the Bluebird Care Hook and Kingsclere office.

The address is 17 Plantagenet House, Kingsclere Business Park, RG20 4SW.

Royal British Legion



Since the March edition of The Tower, things have moved on at your village branch of the Royal British Legion.

Preparations are well underway for our first village event of the year, a **Fun Day on Saturday, 7th April** starting at midday. We have planned for some WW2

vehicles, a band, a visit from the Mayor of Basingstoke and Dean to draw the raffle, face painting, stalls, treasure hunt, Royal British Legion Motorbike Riders and much more. Look out for the posters around the village in the next couple of weeks. We do have some space left, so if you would like to have a stall, please get in touch soon as places are limited!

We have been asked to put on a display at the Twist Fun Run and Village Fete in August and planning is underway to ensure we put on a good show. If you are running a village event no matter how large or small and would like us to support, please let me know and we will help wherever we can.

We are also busy organising our first away day of the year, a trip to Fort Nelson, near Portsmouth, on Saturday 28th April where there will be a display of the ceramic poppies which were on exhibition at Windsor Castle last year as well as a tour of the fort. The plan is to visit the fort in the morning and maybe pop by Gunwharf Quays in the afternoon for a bit of shopping and lunch before returning to the village in the early evening.

We have a number of other events and outings planned for the next couple of months. Details will be in The Tower and posted on the village notice boards as our plans mature.

We meet every first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in The Crown function room. Come along and help make 2018 a special year for your village branch of the Royal British Legion.

All our events and other information can be found on our Facebook site. Just type in "**Kingsclere Royal British Legion**" and you will find us!

Mark Holden
Chairman
Kingsclere Royal British Legion
01635 628004



Special Offer!

25% off
with Emma

Salon 46

46 Bartholomew St
Newbury

25% Off all hair treatments with Emma at Salon 46.
Offer open to all new customers on their first appointments.
Call Emma on 07966086003
Email emma.spanswick@yahoo.co.uk

KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS W.I
Kingsclere Village Club, George Street

Next Meeting: Wednesday 11 April 2018
Speaker: Tara Economakis
Subject: 'The History of Hypnosis'

Tara Economakis is an expert in the use of Hypnosis
and an international exponent of its use as therapy for a wide spectrum
of needs.

Arrival time and place for members and visitors to sign in:
1.30pm on the day at our front desk / entrance to the Village Club's main
hall.

VISITORS: You are most welcome at just £2 per person which includes tea
& biscuits and a monthly raffle with multiple prizes.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

The Competition Guide-Letter for this month is 'E' for 'Echo'

We hope to see a wide variety of objects especially the more *unusual*
displayed on the competition table this month.

Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570

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INSPIRING WOMEN
HAMPSHIRE

“SPRING INTO ACTION!”
With the
READING MALE VOICE CHOIR!

St. Paul's Church, Ashford Hill RG19 8AZ
Saturday 28th April 2018 at 7pm



Come and join us for a fabulous evening!

A wonderful variety of serious and popular pieces, a Welsh hymn, religious piece,
chorus from opera or the classics, a spiritual and songs from the musicals

Kate Izzard (Voice), Annie Wheeler (Voice)
Stephanie Hinson (Flute)
Eira Jones (Contrabassoon)

Kindly Sponsored by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber,
Twist Hair Salon, The Ship Inn and local artist Ann Hoddinott

Tickets £10 to include delicious refreshments
Programmes £1
Raffle (3 special prizes)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Tickets on sale from
Headley Community Shop
The Village Butchers - Kingsclere
Reading Male Voice Choir website www.rmvc.net

Kingsclere Gardening Association

Spring Show Sunday April 8th at the Village Club

Open to public 2.30pm
Staging of exhibits 9.30am until 11.30am
Judging 11.30am until 2.00pm
Prize giving 4.00pm.

Schedules available from The Village Butchers and the Library.

This show is always popular with visitors as it is colourful
with quality exhibits.

Entry 50p / exhibitors free.

Saturday May 19th we join with FOSM to hold a plant sale in the church grounds. Contributions of plants and help on the day will be welcome.

Sylvia Pennington is hoping to run an outing on August 12th to Borde Hill Gardens near Horsham.

Please let Sylvia know if you would like to join in the trip.

Sylvia Pennington [01635 298880](tel:01635 298880).

John Eckton 01256 850017

TRY BOWLS

Need more exercise? Want a new pastime? Like to make new friends and socialise?

You can do all these by coming to **KINGSCLERE BOWLING CLUB** and try bowling.

Our season starts with the green opening on **Sat. 21st**

April at 2.30pm and continues until mid-September. We welcome anyone to come along to this opening event, meet our members and enjoy our facilities.

Following the green opening we shall be holding **OPEN EVENINGS** from 6.30pm every Tuesday during May for you to give bowling a try. Absolutely free!

All ages, families and novices will be very welcome to attend on any or all of these evenings. Tuition will be given and bowls provided. All we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes or trainers.

We look forward to meeting you there!

For further information contact our Chairman Brian Watts on 011899816892 or email brian-watts@btconnect.com or visit www.kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk.

Kingsclere Bowling Club, William Holden Field, Ashford Hill Road, Kingsclere RG20 5NY



Village Club

Postponed Motown event:

First of all, for anyone who bought a ticket for our Motown event that we had to postpone due to the snow, we are hoping to reschedule in June or July and your tickets can be used on that occasion. If you would prefer a refund, please return your tickets to us with your bank details and email address.



Spring Clean:

We are holding our annual Spring clean on Sunday April 22 from 10am – 1pm. The trustees would welcome anyone who can spare some time to come along and help us. We'll be painting, gardening and doing general cleaning. You'll be made very welcome with a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

Class timetable:

Monday afternoon art classes:

Duration 12 weeks

Start: 16th April

End: 16th July

Wednesday evening yoga

with Lisa Caprai

Duration 12 weeks

Start: 25th April

End: 18th July

Tuesday yoga:

Duration 14 weeks

Start: 17th April

End: 24th July

Thursday evening art

(Holding Room)

Duration 12 weeks

Start: 19th April

End: 12th July

Wednesday morning yoga

with Rachel Eaton

Duration 12 weeks

Start: 18th April

End: 11th July

Friday pilates:

Duration 11 weeks

Start: 20th April

End: 29th June

For further information about classes please contact Tracey at education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk

Clare Gilbert claregilbert99@hotmail.co.uk

Newbury Spring Festival 2018

**Tickets are now available for the 40th Newbury Spring Festival
12th to 26th May**

Concerts by international artists from the worlds of classical music, musical theatre, folk, jazz and cabaret as well as community events will take place at venues in and around Newbury.

There is something for everybody to enjoy.

Tickets available from 6th March 2018

**For more information go to www.newburyspringfestival.org.uk
0845 5218 218**



Homing Enquiries 0345 260 1501 or andover.cats.org.uk
Fund-raising and volunteers 07733 242196 or email
coord@andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale 01256 892773

Cats Protection will be taking over the Whitchurch Charity shop on Friday 30th March and will be open that afternoon for two weeks. On Saturday 7th April we are having a stall at the Auster 80th Anniversary fly-in

at Middle Wallop.

This month's cat is a ginger female. Statistically, pure ginger females are quite rare and tortoiseshell cats are invariably female. During February we took in seven ginger cats, four of which were female.

Arna is a 2 year old female ginger cat who is in care because a family member was allergic to her fur.

Wilson was only with us for a couple of weeks before he went off to a new home in Andover.



SILCHESTER PARISH CHURCH CONCERT TO BE GIVEN BY CANTEMUS (NEWBURY) WITH RAVI NATHWANI (GUITAR) ON SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2018 AT 7.30pm

Admission £10 (to include glass of wine or soft drink)

From 0118 970 0825 or 0118 970 0633

or on the door

Proceeds to Fabric Fund



WITH TWO SEPARATE OFF-ROAD KIDS' RUNS

Saturday 28 April 2018

Register online (5k & 10k only) in advance at ocaoakley.org.uk
or by cash only from 10am onwards, 28 April at Oakley Junior School.

Registration closes half an hour before 5k & 10k

2pm 5k/10k start at Peter Houseman Recreation Ground

3.30pm 1k Fun Run for any age start at Oakley Junior School

3.45pm 2k Fun Run from age five years start at Oakley Junior School

5k & 10k Fun Runs: Adults £6 Under 18s £3

1k & 2k Fun Runs (off road) £2

For road runs, ages 7-13 must be accompanied.

A responsible adult must be present for children taking part
in the off-road runs.

Sorry but no buggies permitted in any run

Part of OAKLEY SPORTS WEEKEND 28-29 April 2018

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basingstoke and district



Basingstoke Disability Connexions

Monthly get-togethers for anyone affected by any type of disability

Come for a chat
and to enjoy
FREE tea/coffee
and biscuits



Meet new people
and talk about
issues that are
important to you

Sessions:

First Tuesday monthly from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Discovery Centre (public library in Festival Place)

Guest speaker topics:

1st May: Spectrum CIL on independent living

All welcome, - no booking needed.

For more information, please contact us: Telephone: 01256 423869

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General Enquiries 01635 298794 *Transport only* 07880-658187

Parish Council: 37 George Street (see page 2) 298634

Dial-a-Ride 01256 462101

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S.Water	0845 278 0845	Dentist	0844 576 9339
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