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# Kingsclere Parish Council

**KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)**

**Chairman: John Sawyer (297221)**

**Clerk: Louise Porton (298634)**

**email: clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk**

**Office: 37 George Street, Kingsclere RG20 5NH**

**Public Opening: Mon & Wed 9:30-11:30am**



**WW1 Centenary – 2018 Event** – The Parish Council will be hosting a meeting in September to generate ideas for the celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. The meeting will be open to all village organisations or individuals who would like to be involved. The provisional date is 12th September, tbc when the venue is fixed. More in next month's issue.

**Tree works in the conservation area** – A gentle reminder that any work to trees within the conservation area requires permission from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

All trees over 7.5cm in diameter when measured at 1.5m from ground level are protected in a conservation area. It is an offence to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage, or destroy a tree without the council's permission in a conservation area.

**Conservation Area Review – Public Consultation** - The Kingsclere Conservation Area, which is designated to protect the architectural and historic interest of the village, has been in place since 1969. From time to time it is important to review appraisals of conservation areas, and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has a duty to do so.

Find out more, and give your views on the draft appraisal (which is to replace the existing appraisal) by visiting [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/conservationappraisals](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/conservationappraisals), where you can view and download the full appraisal report and map and give your views in a survey.

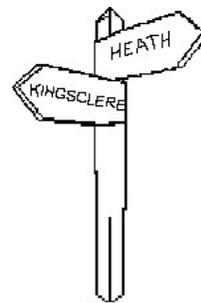
**GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days for August: 16th and 30th**

The report and map will be available for inspection at:

- Kingsclere Parish Office, 37 George Street, Kingsclere (Public Opening hours as above)
- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Civic Offices, Parklands Reception, London Road Basingstoke

THE CONSULTATION RUNS FROM 7 JULY 2017 TO 18 AUGUST 2017

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 21st August 2017, 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.



## Parish Paths

We had a good turnout of 11 people and we cleared the under growth from paths around the Churchyard, the Dell, Shepherds steps and behind Fox Hall.

With the current warm and wet weather the nettles and the brambles are still growing well around our local parish paths so if anyone would like to join us to help keep the paths clear for all walkers to enjoy, please email the address below or just turn up at the shed!

The next Parish Paths working group will be on Sunday 30th July, meeting at 9.45am at the shed.

**Ian and Pam Norris, [Kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com](mailto:Kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com)**

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

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

## June Monthly Beat Report: Kingsclere, Ashford Hill, Headley, Hannington



Total crimes reported	17
Assault	5
Criminal Damage	1
Anti-Social behaviour	6
Other	1
Suspicious incident	4

Action Fraud - Between 10:00 - 12:15 on 14/06 Police received a report of potential rogue trading on Greenlands Road, Kingsclere. A male in his late 30's/early 40's has claimed to be from the council and has told an elderly resident that they owe £900 in roofing repairs. If you have any further information please contact 101 quoting reference:44170225951

Parking - I am continuing to receive complaints regarding parking on the pavement, double yellow lines and grass verges.

Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, people with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs. Please remember the pavement is for pedestrians and not vehicles. Pedestrians should not have to walk in the road and put themselves in danger in order to pass something blocking the pavement. Furthermore you must not park or wait on double yellow lines.

To report any parking complaints please contact Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.

You should always call 999 when it is an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

On a final note: Please feel free to email me if you have any concerns or would just like to speak with me however please report any incidents immediately to 101 or 999. Whilst I am happy to take reports via email please be aware that I work shifts and may be on rest days/leave and may take a few days to receive your email.

Kind Regards PCSO 16129 Freya Batchelor

freya.batchelor@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

## Nature Notes

Our first cuckoo was heard whilst walking in the Clatfords on 21st June which is a sad item to report and indicates the decline in numbers of one of the heralds of Spring. Unusually, the call was a full Cuk-koo which is the call associated with this bird in April or May. As Summer goes on its call usually becomes increasingly erratic.



A follow-up ref. the tern raft on our local lakes: a complete success with both chicks fledged and seen, with the parent birds, circling over the water.

All sorts of crops are grown these days as diversification by farmers and we can often name them but one recently had us stumped. It was medium height, broad leaved and rather beanlike and was, we were informed, soya bean. Soya has so many uses but mainly flour, milk, oil and the residue can be fed to livestock.

Bullfinches visiting the garden were unexpected but a pair is now seen daily on the sunflower feeder, perched on the rim of a shallow dish beneath the feeder, taking seeds from the hopper and also spilled seed from the dish. Further reading revealed that their diet includes seeds and berries when shoots and buds are exhausted. Each seed is held in the stout black bill and milled round and round until the husk cracks and the heart eaten.



An unidentified bird calling from the cover of a barley crop locally had us mystified. By good fortune a knowledgeable "birder" at the same location confirmed it as a quail. Quail are our only migratory game bird and are classed as a scarce migrant much persecuted by trapping en route. These tiny birds are more often more likely heard than seen.

**Diana Tait and Rod Eldred**



## Kingsclere Community Library

### Costume Competition!!

It was so much fun last year we are doing it again!! Come to the Kingsclere Church Fete on Monday 28th August dressed as a character from any book and win a prize!! Be there by 12:30pm, there will be a parade around the Fete. Come and join in the fun!



The Summer Reading Challenge for children ends in September and it is not too late to sign up at the library! Read any 6 library books of your choice and get awarded stickers, a certificate and a medal. (If you don't read yet, you can be read to or listen to a recorded story.)



### Rhymetime with Rita

Away in August, back on the second Tuesday in September, 2:30

**Opening hours:** Tues & Thurs 1 – 5:30; Saturdays 9:30 – 2

Did you know? Library cards are FREE and let you borrow books, magazines and more! Pop in and see what we have to offer.

**Nicki Lee, [kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com)**

## Kingsclere Players: World War One Commemorative Evening

As Announced in the June Tower, Kingsclere Players are planning an Autumn/Winter community production on a WW1 theme, to include a mix of readings, poems, songs and dramatized short sketches.



We would love to hear from anyone who might like to be involved with this event:

- Maybe you have a WW1 story that you'd be happy for us to include?
- Perhaps you enjoy cooking and would like to help prepare the 'Wartime Supper'?
- Maybe you're interested in acting; singing; history or costumes?

This is a great opportunity to get involved with our friendly drama group. Please contact [kingsclere.players@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kingsclere.players@yahoo.co.uk), or if you'd prefer to speak to someone, call Keith Williams on 01635-299822.



### New Book Club

Interested in reading & discussing popular books & making friends?

Find out more over wine & cheese in the library in George Street on 28th September from 7:30 – 9:00pm.

The club will meet on the last Thursday of each month in the library & discuss books from Hampshire Libraries' group sets. Feel free to bring your book ideas!

Small charge for membership & refreshments.

For more information email [georgestreetreaders@gmail.com](mailto:georgestreetreaders@gmail.com)

## The Fieldgate Centre

Whilst August is usually a quiet month, The Fieldgate still has a good range of fitness classes and social events to keep you busy, happy and healthy.



The Fieldgate Centre

Friday 12th August our 60s, 70s and 80s night is back once more. For tickets ring Les on 07968 438 775.

Saturday 20th August we'll be hosting a Gardening Association Event. Details available on our website.

Wednesday Nights at 7.30pm we'll be hosting our Summer Touch Rugby. Everyone's welcome.

Kingsclere Business Connect Networking will be back on the 22nd September.

There are loads more events at the Fieldgate this summer, so visit our [www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk](http://www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk) to see what you could be missing out on.

We're now taking bookings for the centre for Autumn. With plenty of parking, outdoor facilities, a fully licensed bar and a variety of rooms to hire, according to the size of room you need, The Fieldgate is the perfect place to consider for your private or public events.

Our office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings 9am-1pm  
Tel: 01635 298497.

**Danielle Auld**



### 60s 70s & 80s Disco Nights

Disco Nights at the Fieldgate are becoming increasingly more popular, which is not surprising, given the great music, the experienced D. J. and the friendly atmosphere created by Les and his helpers.

Saturday 12th August at 7.30p.m. til late is the date if you feel like a summer night boogie. Only £7, licensed bar, smart casual dress. For further information and table reservations 07968438775



## Kingsclere Village Club

New For the Autumn Term at Kingsclere Village Club

If you want to learn a new skill then come along to one of our many groups at the Village Club. In September we have an **evening art class** with artist and tutor Bethany Milam, group and one-to-one tuition, suitable for beginners and intermediates. You will explore different media and techniques, working at your own pace.

Thursdays 7pm - 9pm from 7th September - 14th Dec. 2017

(No class on 21st September and 16th November.)

Also new: early payment by BACS discount available.

### Also booking for the Autumn term:

We have two vacancies on the **Iyengar Yoga** on a Tues night 7.30-9pm.

**British Wheel of Yoga** with Debbie Clark continues on a Wednesday 11-12, plus an evening class starting with new teacher Lisa Caprai..

Monday Afternoon 1:30 **Painting and Drawing**, beginners and intermediates

**Pilates** with Liz Williams (level 3 teacher) – Friday 11:15. Loyalty scheme for those who introduce a new student to us this term - claim a free class for both of you next term.

### Term 4th September to 15th Dec.

Enquiries and bookings Tracey Lethbridge on 01635 291248 or email to [education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk](mailto:education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk)

**Garden Tidy and Autumn clean**, 10am to 2pm, 24th Sept.

Help with a range of activities from cleaning to minor DIY required - rewarded with cake....please let us know if you can come along.

## OVERTON ART GROUP EXHIBITION & SALE

August Bank Holiday Weekend

26-27-28th 10.00 – 17.00

Recreation Centre, Bridge Street, Overton RG25 3HD

An Exhibition of local artists' paintings, some framed and others mounted, completed in all mediums by both professional, semi professional as well as talented amateurs, who have an opportunity to exhibit their work and offer most of them for sale. Admission is free and the exhibition is suitable for all ages. All have the opportunity to participate by voting for the "Best in Show."

**Hilary Coffin**



Enquiries 0345 2601501 or [www.andovercats.org.uk](http://www.andovercats.org.uk)  
Fund-raising/volunteers 07733 242196,  
coord@andovercats.org.uk  
Items for resale 01256-892773

We have experienced some very hot weather this summer and there are ways you can help to keep your cat cool. Provide shady areas, both in and out. Freeze a bottle of water, wrap in a towel and place in an area your cat frequents. Encourage your cat to drink. Avoid plastic water bowls, use glass, ceramic or metal instead, and place well away from the food. Bowls with a large surface area are best.

Vera has now found her forever home but poor Clyde is still in care.

This is Duchess. She is three years old and very pretty. She is looking for a home where she can be the only cat as she was bullied by cats in her previous home, but she wouldn't mind older children or a dog.



# The Church Pages



## Reflections

So we've made it to August and hopefully it will be a month where many have some much needed rest and holiday in a quieter part of the year. As a church, I'm sure, we'll really appreciate it after what has been a very intense last few months. By the time you read this, we will have finished collecting responses to the question "What hurts the most?" as part of the Who Cares initiative. We will also be half-way through the six month trial of our new services at 9:15 on a Sunday morning. I've been really encouraged by those who have participated in these services. At the end of last month, we had opportunity to give feedback on those services and we'll be responding to that feedback later on in the month.

It's been a real privilege to welcome others in who wouldn't normally worship with us and the breakfast has definitely helped us to get to know each other better. I want to thank the regular congregation for the ways they have got involved in so many different aspects of the services. It's been great to talk to those who are really enthusiastic about these new services and where God might be leading us as a church. I want to also thank those who've found this time more challenging. I'm particularly grateful to those who are determined to give these new services a chance and have stuck with us even when their own personal preference would have been otherwise. Thank you for your patience, support and regular involvement in the services, for exploring with us what it means to follow Jesus and for your commitment to worshipping God together each week.

I'd like also to take this opportunity to thank those who supported our collection for the people of Ukraine via the charity Hope Now. Thanks for the medical supplies, clothing, and other donations. These gifts were greatly appreciated by those who have so little in comparison to us.

Thanks again for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at one of our services or at the annual Kingsclere Church Fete on bank holiday Monday at the end of the month.

Blessings,

**Ben.**

## Services in August 2017

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 8 / Proper 13	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	<b>9.15am</b>	Morning Worship – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 9 / Proper 14	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	<b>9.15am</b>	Morning Worship – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10 / Proper 15	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Peter's Church, Headley
	<b>9.15am</b>	Family / All Age / Messy Service – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11 / Proper 16	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill (coffee before the service)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September Trinity 12 / Proper 17	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	<b>9.15am</b>	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)

**Our ABC service for children and their carers will be held in St Mary's, Kingsclere on 21st August at 9:30 am**

St. Mary's Church		
Vicar	Rev Ben Read, The Vicarage, Foxs Lane	☎ 298471
Churchwarden	Sarah Mussett	☎ 291900
	Sarah.mussett@hotmail.com	
Churchwarden	Eileen Selsey	☎ 42962
	eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk	
Administrator	Emma Rivers	☎ 07790 934972
	administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk	

## From the Registers of St Mary's

Funerals *I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord*  
23rd June Alice Winifred Ann Warwick

## Methodist Notes

6th August Local Arrangement  
13th August Terry Ayres Morning Worship  
20th August Revd Rachel Borgars Alternative Worship  
27th August Revd Colin Scarrett Holy Communion  
All Services start at 10a.m

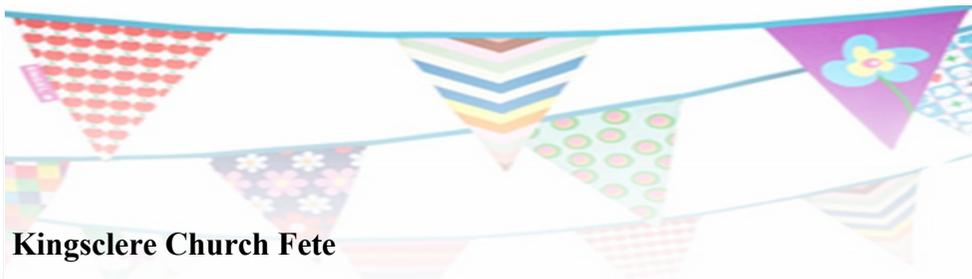
## Lighting Up St Mary's

11th July Congratulations Alistair Green on graduating as a doctor, love Mum, Dad and family  
5th August For Mark, we love and miss you everyday. Amanda and Rocket  
5th August Remembering David on his Birthday with love from the Sanders family  
14th August Birthday memory for Michael Hopkins (Mick) 14.8.1952. Love never fades your memory will stay with me forever. Love Jac xxx  
14th August Loving memories of Mick / Grandad on your birthday. Miss you always Carla, Nick, Ellie and Lucy xx  
20th August In memory of Alan Roy Smith and William Derick Holden. Two dads, gone but never forgotten.  
31st August In loving memory of Janet Lavina Cox on your birthday. Always in our hearts and minds. Love from all the family. xx

To book please contact Andy and Sarah Bates, Brook House, Popes Hill, Kingsclere RG20 5SJ. 01635 299710.

Online [www.clerewoodlands.org.uk](http://www.clerewoodlands.org.uk) £12 per evening, block booking discounts. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for September Tower is August 10th.

Roman Catholic		
Rev Patrick Tansey	<a href="mailto:tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>	0118 981 4572
Methodist Chapel		
Chief Warden	Wendy Morgan	☎ 297538
Secretary/Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585



### **Kingsclere Church Fete**

Don't forget the fete – BH Monday 28 August 2017. St Mary's Churchyard 12noon -4pm. Lots of attractions - puppet shows, Dog Show, craft tent, coconuts, food and drink galore, tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac and loads and loads more. See you there. If you want to help or bring contributions ring 01635 298794.

### **Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd**

At the time of writing there are still a number of tickets available for our all-day return visit to Frith Farm, Wheathold, Wolverton, on Saturday 12th August.

The party will assemble at Frith Farm (postcode RG26 5SA, and the farm will be well signed) at 10a.m. We will then divide into two groups, one of which will be shown round the herb-drying sheds and oil distillation processes, while the other will be taken by tractor-trailer to see the herb fields with the harvest in full swing. We will then come together for a sit-down lunch, hopefully alfresco, and in the afternoon the two groups will swap places. As some of the surfaces are a little uneven, and the visit involves being in the herb fields, sensible footwear is advised! The visit will finish between 3.30 and 4.00 p.m.

The last time we ran this event the response was immensely appreciative. Tickets are £20 each, to include a hearty lunch of ham, home-made quiches, pork pies, salad and cheese, and a glass of wine. Please ring Jane Royle on 01635 297430.

**Peter Turner, Chairman**

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St Mary's 200 Club Winner July 2017 no 102 Susan Stamp

Well done, Sue

Entries drawn first week of each month, various village venues

### **Sandham Memorial Chapel**

Sunday 6th of August First World War Poetry Reading 11am – 4pm. Normal entry charge to the chapel

Monday 7th August Chapel Talk led by one of our volunteers to unveil the story behind Stanley Spencer's 'Holy box'. 11am-1pm. £6. To book call 0344 249 1895

Wednesday 9th August Service led by Revd David Bartholomew 4.15pm. Free. Donations welcome.

Saturday 19th-Monday 28th August Hampshire Open Studios – Made in the Hood. Celebrating the work of local artists. Open during regular hours, Wednesday-Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday 11am-4pm. Free.

**Adrian Speed**



### **MUSIC ACTIVITY DAY!**

**St PAULS CHURCH ASHFORD HILL RG19 8AZ**

**WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST 2017 11.00am – 4.00pm**



Lots to do and loads of fun!

Open to Primary school aged children and early secondary aged children. Lots of fun music-based activities.

Please bring lunchbox, wellies, an instrument to show others if you play one! (I have percussion instruments to share if you have not got an instrument)

Craft, games, listening, singing, making an instrument of your own

A surprise after lunch!

A chance to show others how you play your instrument if you want to.

Parents are encouraged to stay with their children

£10 per child

Contact Vanessa Martin to book your place

(01635 299227 there is an answerphone)

## Obituary

Beryl May Thomas passed away suddenly in hospital aged 89 years on 11th July. Loving mother to Susan, Graham and Adrian, and grandmother to Tom, Alice, David and Andrew. Former teacher at The Shrubbery School, Basingstoke, The Hurst School and Kingsclere Primary School; and member of the Kingsclere community since 1962, she will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. The funeral service was held on Friday 28th July at Kingsclere Methodist Church. Donations in her memory may be made by cheque to "Stroke Association" c/o Howe and Son Funeral Directors.

**Graham Thomas & Family**

## CAMARADERIE

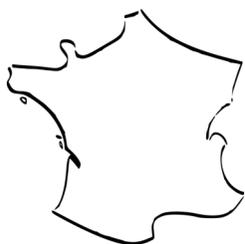
Together in friendship

The next Camaraderie meeting is on Wednesday 16th August at 2.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Do come along and meet friends old and new.

Entertainment, tea and cake.

Entrance £1 includes a raffle ticket.



## Kingsclere Twinning Association AGM

**Monday 25 September at the Fieldgate Centre**

We would like as many people as possible to come to the AGM and all ideas for activities/social events will be welcomed. Wine and light refreshments will be provided.

This is of course also a good opportunity to renew your membership (£5 per household per year) – benefits include reduced ticket prices for social events, the opportunity to travel to our twin town Cormicy in the lovely Champagne region of France, and free French conversation evenings with qualified teachers catering for all levels.

Sue Earl 01635 298286



# Kingsclere Film Club

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

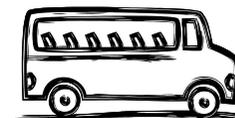
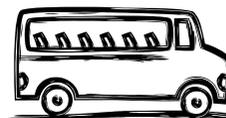
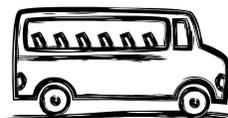
August - Summer Break - no film

Saturday, 12 September, 2017 - The Imitation Game  
(2014 - Drama, Thriller)

October, 2017 - AGM - New Season starts - See next Tower and noticeboards for details - New members welcome.

For further information about the Club or use of our equipment, please contact John Sawyer (Chairman) 297221 or Diana Tait (Membership Sec) 298494

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



## Coach Outings from Kingsclere

Wed. 16/8 We are visiting the National Trust property at 'Nyman' West Sussex. The coach will pick up at the bottom on King John Road at 9am, then the Square and finally at the junction of Garrett Close and Newbury Road. The coach fare is £17.75, N.T. members free admittance and non members £11. The coach will leave Nymans at 4pm.

Wed. 13/9 We are visiting the National Trust property at Standen West Sussex. The coach will pick up at 9am at King John Road, the Square and Garrett Close. Cost of coach is £17.75, N.T. members free admittance and non members £10. The coach will leave Standen at 4pm.

If you wish to come on the above outings or only on one, please give me a ring to book your seat or seats.

**Josie Norton 298059**

## Kingsclere Gardening Association

55TH ANNUAL SHOW –

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2PM

AT THE FIELDGATE CENTRE

Come along and enjoy our spectacular annual show or put in some entries – schedules available from the Village Butcher and the library. There are lots of prizes to be won, tombola, refreshments and craft items will be available to purchase. Entry is 50p, free to exhibitors. Trophies will be presented at 4:30pm.

COACH TRIP TO RHS WISLEY  
WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER



This visit coincides with the RHS Garden Wisley Flower Show – highlights include:-

Top quality plants and garden sundries from specialist nurseries and garden trade stands, including RHS Chelsea and Hampton Court Palace Flower Show medal winners



The National Dahlia Society Annual Show, showcasing the very best in dahlia cultivation with more than 100 exhibitors taking part

The cost will be approximately £15 per seat, and admission to the gardens and show is free. The coach is due to leave The Square at 9am.

Meals and snacks are available from the food hall, café, and coffee shop and plants and gifts from the Wisley shop and plant centre, in addition to the trade stands at the Show. Please contact Sylvia on 01635 298880 to reserve your place or for more information on this visit.

**Chris Earl 01635 298286**



**Jessica Elliott enjoys Kingsfest**

Thank you to everyone who supported our School Summer Fair, we raised £2,500.

Huge thanks to Sarah Mussett, Mary Gyse-lynck and their team for organising our third Campout - now known as Kingsfest. Thank you to Jamie Howell, "The only band in the village", Kingsclere Rock School and other budding musicians and who provided the entertainment. It was a fantastic event with a record 30 tents pitched and many more enjoyed the evenings entertainment and hog roast.

Lots of fun was had by pupils at the end of term 'Leavers' Disco which was run by Absolute Entertainment who brought along a photo booth for the KS2 children.

FKS appreciates all your support this academic year, we hope you have a fantastic summer holiday and we look forward to an exciting school year ahead.

### Dates for your 2017 diary

FKS AGM/Cheese & Wine

Thurs 21st Sept, School Hall

Fireworks & Bonfire event

Sat 4th Nov at The Fieldgate Centre



## Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

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.

Welcome! 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.

We would love to expand our group with new friends and we promise to make you feel welcome and offer any support you may need.

Please check our Facebook page (search “Kingsclere Village Bunnies”) to find out about any closures over the summer holidays. We also have a Preloved page on which you can buy, sell and give away items locally.

**NOTE:** We will be closed the 1st and 29th August.

Email address: [villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com](mailto:villagebunniestoddlergroup@gmail.com)



## Chineham Board Gamers

The board game world has changed a lot since Cluedo and Monopoly were made. Think of the difference between music or fashion from the 1930s when Monopoly was released and today. Board games have changed that much too! From games where you can terraform Mars to a simple game where you compete to make

the best burger, the main purpose is to have fun and enjoy each other's company.

We meet twice a month at Chineham Christ Church. Dates in August are 12th and 26th starting at 6:00pm. Search for us online.

**James Cruickshank 01635 622217**



## St Michael's Hospice Coffee Morning

**Saturday 17th June 2017**

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at the St Michael's Hospice Coffee Morning on Saturday, 17th June.

Special thanks go to Mr Butt at the Village Pharmacy and the Village Store for raffle prize donations. Honesty café donated some wonderful bread and treats to have with our coffee! Rob from Landscape Gardening donated eggs. Hazel O'Leary and Ann O'Shaunessy provided musical accompaniment. My loyal band of helpers and stall holders. You all know who you are. Thank you! We raised a fabulous £460.85 for the Hospice!

**Sarah Melling**

## Fund Raising for St. Michael's Hospice

For twenty-three years I have been the fund raiser in Kingsclere for the hospice. In the past I ran the Coffee Morning, but Sara Melling has now taken this over, and again in the past I collected the Loose Change boxes; Claire Risoe has now taken this on. So for the last few years I have only arranged the House 2 House in Kingsclere, which takes place once a year, from the 1st-30th June. I am now stepping down and I really do hope that somebody in Kingsclere will step forward and take my place. If you feel you could help raise money for St. Michael's Hospice in this way please get in touch with me.

**Josie Norton 298059**

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## KINGSCLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS W.I.

PLEASE NOTE - potential visitors only - that we have no scheduled meeting for the month of August; instead we have arranged a lunch at a local venue for current W.I. members only. We hope to see you next month.

### W.I. MEMBERS & VISITORS ALIKE:

Please watch this space in the September issue of this magazine for details of our 13 September meeting which will take place at our usual venue, Kingsclere Village Club.

**Nova Saunderson - 299579, Speaker Secretary**



As we come to the end of another academic year, we have lots of Thank You's to make. Firstly, to Swan Street Stores who donate fruit to Busy Bees every week. To our brilliant Committee who have given their time to support and advise us throughout a rather difficult year. To our brilliant Parents/Carers who have been wonderfully supportive and to the many members of the community who have sent messages saying what a good job we are doing. Thank you all for the positive feedback.

Then of course, there are the children. Such a range of ages and personalities who have kept us on our toes and enjoyed the many things we have done throughout the year. As we say a fond farewell to our Leavers, it is safe in the knowledge they are ready and looking forward to the challenge of primary school. We welcome the Caterpillars moving up to the Butterfly group and say 'Hello' to our new starters. Busy Bees will be closed throughout the summer holidays and re-open on Tuesday 5th September. Have a great summer everyone!

**Busy Bees Pre-school (Kingsclere), 01635 299566**

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