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What an extraordinary summer it has been! The gardens filled with glorious colours in the sunshine after a wet Spring, now look faded.

What a difference a year makes! The editorial for last September makes interesting reading. Sarah describes how difficult it was for farmers to get the harvest in because the fields were too wet! Very different this year. The only common factor is that farmers are rarely happy with the weather. Plus ça change!

Many young people are starting somewhere new this month, perhaps a school or college or maybe university. I'm sure we can all remember the nervous excitement that we felt as children when September brought new challenges. Our good wishes to you all.

This Autumn also brings the centenary commemorations of the 1st World War to a close. There are number of events taking place in Kingsclere in November which you may wish to attend. More details next month in the Tower.

**The Editor**

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS** – Plans are underway to present the awards in January 2019. We are asking you to help us recognise those residents who deserve a big, public “thank you” for their commitment. Please nominate 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”. For an application form, please contact the clerk. Please include as much detail as you can on the application form and return all nominations to the Parish Office by 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Thank you.

**COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH** – The Speedwatch team are looking for additional volunteers and a new coordinator. Volunteers use equipment that can monitor the speed of passing traffic but will need to record the details for adding to a database. Vehicle checks are then undertaken by the police and letters sent to the registered keepers. As the coordinator, you’ll be required to hold the equipment and submit the results as well as organise sessions.

**HEDGES** – We are getting complaints in the office about overgrown hedges, verges and overhanging branches that obstruct the footways, paths and high-ways around the village. As the nesting season is over, now is a very good time of year to cut hedges. We respectfully ask all property owners with hedges bordering the footways and highways to cut them back to **within** their boundary. The full width of the footway/pavement or road should be clear of any overhanging hedge – it is **not** reasonable to say it is still possible to pass. The Highway Authority may serve notice requiring the cutting or felling of a hedge, tree or shrub which endangers, obstructs or interferes with the passage of vehicles or pedestrians, including the view of drivers or the light from a street lamp. The work is required to be carried out within 14 days. Note: A 'hedge, tree or shrub' includes vegetation of any description. (*Ref: Highways Act 1980 section 154*)

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A LETTER OR A NOTICE IS SERVED**

The Parish Council contractors will start cutting all of the hedges on parish owned land during September but scheduling may mean that some will not be completed until later in the Autumn.

### GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING

The collections dates are 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**PARISH PATHS** – The July Parish Paths Group went out on the Monday evening as, remarkably, the planned Sunday morning was a wash-out! The group continued to clear channels and cut back undergrowth from the Ecchinswell road to Frobury.

We are always keen to welcome new members to the group so if you feel that you'd like to contribute two to three hours on one Sunday morning a month, then please get in touch or come along !

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October meeting at 9.45am in the garden of the Village Club.

Contact us on [kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com](mailto:kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com)

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – will be at 7.30pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 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.

## Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

In the April Tower we said we would be arranging another of our most enjoyable annual **Friends' Lunches at Sasso** in the Autumn. Sadly, this will not now be possible. We send Domingo and his family best wishes for the future and are currently considering possible alternative venues.



By the time this issue of the Tower reaches you, St Mary's Fete on Bank Holiday Monday will be over. We hope that many of you will have visited the Friends' tent – a new venture for us – and had the opportunity to see, both in photos and in amounts of money, the various major projects to which FOSM has contributed since it was established in 2002. **With the community's support for our fund-raising events we have so far been able to make grants for repair and maintenance of the Church totalling more than £100,000.**

Membership of the Friends (at only £10 a year for individuals, or £20 for a family) thus makes a very real and practical contribution to St Mary's as a much-loved village landmark. If you would like to join us, please contact Alan Denness, on 01635 298376.

**Peter Turner, Chairman**

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



## Update

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 our merger with Oakley and Overton surgeries will be

complete. Our new name will be **Watership Down Health**. As part of the process we have recently appointed Susie Altmeyer-Ennis to be our new Practice Business Manager.

Joining the practice at the start of July, Susie said:

*"I am really looking forward to meeting all the patients, carers and staff at Kingsclere, Oakley and Overton practices to work together to realise Watership Down Health"*

All households will get a letter regarding the merger. We hope to keep any disruption to a minimum, but if there is any short term impact on our service it will be communicated to you nearer the time.

### Other News

We also welcome Toni Lloyd, an experienced clinical pharmacist, who is assisting the GPs in helping patients make the most of their medicines.

### Flu Clinics

This year there will be a different vaccine given to those patients over 65. We especially recommend vaccine for patients over the age of 65 years, pregnant women or for patients with a history of heart disease, lung problems or diabetes since influenza can be more serious for these people. You can start booking your appointment from mid-September.

**Win Harfield Practice Manager**



## Poppies

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who has created poppies. Ladies all over the village have contributed, some with no particular club membership, just a feeling of wanting to join in this very special month.

Please do not carry on after September 30th because we will then have to start mounting them on cords.

This is an appeal for help to do the sewing. No skill is required (except for some of us) only an ability to thread a needle! I need volunteers to help with this task during September. I will arrange a date when I know who is coming. If you feel you can spare a morning or afternoon, please give me a call.

Anyone who wants poppies collected just let me know and I will come and get them. Once again THANK YOU

**Janet Bond 01635 297610**

## Kingsclere Royal British Legion



August has been a very special month for your village branch of the Royal British Legion. The branch Standard Bearer and Chairman attended the "Great Pilgrimage 90" in Ypres, Belgium, where over 1,300 Legion standards paraded through Ypres and the Menin Gate on the exact route taken by hundreds of thousands of British and Commonwealth soldiers on their way to the front in World War 1 including the men from the village who fought in the conflict, many not to return home. We laid a wreath with the village name at the Menin Gate in what was a very moving ceremony. There are many photos for anyone interested on our Facebook site: "**Kingsclere Royal British Legion**". An article will be in The Newbury Weekly News soon regarding our participation in the event!

### Kingsclere RBL Standard Bearer and Chairman attending GP90, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Ypres, Belgium

We also supported in late July the Biker Night at the Crown and with superb support from the village and beyond, we raised some money for the RBL and, more importantly this year in particular, the Poppy Appeal. We are now focusing on support to other village events in August and September, so if you have an event which we can help with please get in touch.

Some of you may have noted that another Silent Soldier silhouette is now on duty in the village and he will be joined by others on the build up to the November Remembrance Day parade.

We will continue to lay a wreath every month before our branch meeting (First Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Crown function room) on the village memorial to remember those who were lost in World War 1.

All are most welcome to attend these occasions and our meetings. It is a myth that you must have served in the military to be a member of the RBL. All are most welcome and we would encourage you to come along to a meeting to see what we are about. If you would like more details, please contact me via the Facebook page or call on 01635 628004.

**Mark Holden Chairman**

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**St Mary's 200 Club Winner August 2018**

**no 9 Norma Absolom**

**Well done Norma**

**Entries drawn first week of each month, various village venues**

## Police Report July 2018

Please find below the latest news summary of some of the crimes which occurred last month. In the month of July there were 18 incidents (13 in Kingsclere and 5 in Ashford Hill/Wolverton) which have been classified as crimes by the Home Office.



Current Neighbourhood Priorities are:

1. Burglary Residential / Burglary Business/Community
2. Traffic Related Incidents
3. Theft
4. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
5. Criminal Damage

### Burglary Business/Community

There has been one reported this month. A hedge trimmer was stolen from a shed on Frith Common Farm.

### Traffic Incidents

There have been nine reported this month. Eight were damage-only road traffic collisions and one a minor injury traffic collision (none were on the A339). Also a vehicle was seized for being SORN on Newbury Road.

### Theft of Vehicle

There have been two reported this month. A van (VK11\*\*\*) was stolen from Longcroft Road and a digger was stolen from King John Road. This was later recovered on the M4.

### Theft from Vehicle

There have been two reported this month. Entry was gained by smashing windows in two vehicles parked at the White Hill carpark. A spare wheel and handbag were stolen.

### Theft

There have been four reported this month. Of note, a number of items were stolen from Sandford Springs Golf Club after an unknown male paid for them using counterfeit currency and a trailer plug was stolen from a farm on Woodhouse Lane.

### Criminal Damage

There have been three reported this month. Of note, damage was caused to a vehicle parked on White Hill and a window was smashed to a vehicle parked at Cannon Heath.

### Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

There have been five reported this month.

### Suspicious Incidents

There have been seven reported this month.

### Assault with injury

There have been two reported this month.

### Assault without injury

There have been two reported this month.

### Community Speedwatch

Kingsclere Community Speedwatch is in need of a new Coordinator and extra volunteers. Volunteers use equipment that can monitor the speed of passing traffic and then record the details, later adding them to a database. Vehicle checks are then undertaken by the police and letters are then sent to the registered keepers advising them of their speed and reminding them of why it is a community concern. **Please note** Community Speedwatch is an educational scheme, not enforcement. As the Co-ordinator, you'll be required to hold the equipment and submit the results as well as organise sessions. Please contact me if interested or for further 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 and Laverstoke 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 Film Club

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

**. Saturday, 8 September, 2018**

## A United Kingdom

*(2016 – Drama/Biography/Romance - 111min – PG)*

**True story of inter-racial marriage in post-war southern Africa.  
'One of the greatest love stories ever told.'**

**Saturday, 6 October (NB – First Saturday of the month)  
AGM and Darkest Hour (2017)**

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.

## AUTUMN SPRINKLES!

**A VERY SPECIAL VARIETY CONCERT**

**St. Paul's Church Ashford Hill  
SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018  
7pm– 9.30pm**

**Raising money for  
Riding for the Disabled Association  
and St Paul's Church kitchen cupboards**

**Ashford Hill School Choir, The East Anglian Minstrels,  
The Barfield Hand Bell Ringers, Sf Saxes, Occasions Singers  
and some interesting solo performances**

**Delicious refreshments  
3 special raffle prizes**

**We would love to see you  
Tickets £10 to include refreshments  
Early Bird Tickets online for sale from [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)  
and at The Village Butcher, Kingsclere and Headley Community Shop  
from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 at £8.  
Any queries, please contact Vanessa Martin 01635 299227**

## Kingsclere Twinning Association



**2018 AGM**

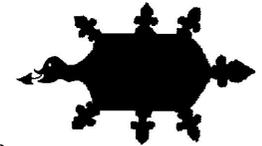
**The AGM will be held in the Atkinson Room at the  
Fieldgate Centre on Monday 10 September at 7.30 p.m.  
All are welcome.**

Save the Date: **Bistro and Quiz Evening on Saturday 1st December 2018.**  
More details to follow.

We always welcome new members. Why not consider joining in 2018-2019? Family membership is £5 per year and includes reduced admission prices to most of our events, free monthly French conversation/class (depending on confidence level), and the opportunity to visit Cormiey in the beautiful Champagne region of France.

Please contact [kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone Sue Watson on 01635 298940 for details regarding membership or if you would like to receive newsletters with details of future events.

## Kingsclere Heritage Association



### Kingsclere Heritage Association Open Day

On **Sunday, 23rd September**, the KHA will be holding an Open Day at the Village Club from 11am to 4pm. There will be a display of old photographs of the village, an opportunity to view old scrapbooks of the village belonging to Margaret Ingram and Sue Woodman and access to the archive's photographic records. In addition, there will be an opportunity to explore your Kingsclere family history [just bring along any family details you may have]. We are always looking to add to the archive and we would welcome people bringing along any photos of the village or of local people [we will be able to copy them on the day] and any other information relating to the village.

**Richard Croft, Chairman. Tel. 01635298114**

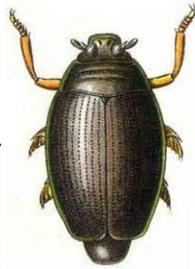
Our monthly speaker meetings for 2018/9 will commence on **Thursday 27th September at the Village Club at 7.30pm** when our Chairman, Richard Croft will present "The Continuing Story of Kingsclere Part 4". Richard's previous talks in the series have been very informative and this time he will cover the nineteenth to the twentieth centuries, a long period of change and development. Visitors are always welcome at £3 p.p.

**Michael Leah Hon Secretary Tel 297403**

## Nature Notes

The lake at Hosehill looked perfect. With little breeze its surface was like glass and the sun was still subdued, however all was not well. We quickly became aware of notices on trunks and fences warning walkers and dog owners not to touch the water due to blue-green algae bloom and we soon became aware of it by its stench. It lay suspended in large clouds of vivid green in the shallows and where it had dried on the shore it was a colourful blue. It happens occasionally and was most certainly aided by the prolonged heat wave we have had. On the open water there was plenty to see. On the beach of the largest island 36 cormorants, young and old, stood sunning themselves. Great crested grebes were still involved in family groups as were tufted ducks who, we have noted before, are late breeders. They were in convoys of duck at the head followed by a line of eight well grown ducklings. Meanwhile back in the shallows, countless whirligig beetles like drops of golden dew spun and danced their way on the surface of the water.

House sparrows, once a rarity in one of our gardens have recently adopted the dense hedge, the seed feeder and bird bath as home territory. A group (collectively a host, tribe or quarrel) of about a dozen live very harmoniously in and around the garden using the hedge as their base and comically peeping out to survey the area. Once the bane of farmers and gardeners as crop raiders, sparrow numbers are still declining. One theory is the lack of opportunity for large social nesting sites in modern building construction.



Diana Tait and Rod Eldred



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

September sees the start of a new school year and FKS hope we can rely on your support to continue to be able to provide fun events which raise vital funds for our school.

We will be holding the AGM soon at which a new committee will be elected and new members are needed to continue the fantastic role our PTA plays. So please attend the AGM and offer your support.

Dates for your diary.

**Sat 3 Nov - FKS fireworks event at The Fieldgate**

**Rachael Knight FKS Chairperson**

**07747 773325**

**[knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk)**

## Reflections



“If there is a God in heaven, help me to find you!” Those were the words cried out by a young man from Liberia called Jasper Toe in 1908 as he looked up to the sky, wondering if God was there or not. That same night he sensed these words: “Go to Garraway Beach. You will see a box on the water with smoke coming out of it. And from that box on the water will come some people in a smaller box. These people in the small box will tell you how to find me.” Jasper duly got up and made the seven day walk to the coast.

Sometime before this, a couple called John and Jessie Perkins felt that God was speaking to them and asking them to be missionaries in Liberia. They approached their Christian mission board for support but were declined, despite their previous support for a mission trip by John to the country a few years previously. However, they felt so strongly that they decided to buy their own tickets and make the trip to Liberia convinced that God has called them and also convinced He would lead them to the right place. On Christmas Day, as they sailed along the coast of Liberia in the steamboat, they suddenly felt they needed to disembark. The captain initially refused as it wasn't a scheduled stop and he feared for their safety as it was cannibal country. But they were insistent and eventually he relented. He put them in a canoe with all their belongings and they rowed ashore.

As they came to the beach, who was there to welcome them, but a young man named Jasper who had just seen a box on the water with smoke coming out of it and a smaller box with people in it come to shore! John and Jessie followed Jasper back to the village and shared the good news about Jesus Christ and he found God. Today there are hundreds of churches in Liberia who trace their establishment to three people who heard God's voice, listened and more importantly, stepped out and did what He called them to do.

Will we reach out as Jasper did? Will we listen and follow? *Call to Me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known* (God's words in Jeremiah 33:3).

**Blessings,  
Ben.**

## Methodist Notes

Preachers for September

2nd Christine Thomas Morning Worship

9th Rev. Steve Sankey Holy Communion

16th Jane Sutton Morning Worship

23rd Rev. Rachel Borgars Morning Worship and Harvest Festival.

Donations of tinned and packet food would be wonderful and will be donated to the Basingstoke Food Bank. We are delighted that during this Service, Myla, the second daughter born to Ryan and Emma Alexander is to be baptised.

Following the Service we shall be having a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch. We hope as many of our friends as possible will join us. Just bring along a bowl or plate of food to share.

30th Local Arrangement Morning Worship

All Services begin at 10am.



Wendy Morgan

### Camaraderie

Our **October Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** when our Methodist Minister, Rev. Rachel Borgars, will be sharing some of her experiences with us.

Please come along to hear what she has to say and enjoy tea, sandwiches and cakes together.

**We meet in the Methodist Schoolroom at 2.30 pm.**

£1.00 per person, to include a complimentary raffle ticket.

**Pam Kitch 01635 299743**

## CHURCH CONTACTS

### St. MARY'S CHURCH:

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Sarah Mussett sarah.mussett@hotmail.com 01635 291900

**Administrator:** Emma Rivers

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**Secretary & Hire of Hall** Jeanette Billington 297585

**ROMAN CATHOLIC:** Rev Patrick Tansey 0118 981 4572

tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Trinity 14	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Communion with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	<b>9.15am</b>	Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 16	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	<b>9.15am</b>	All Age Messy Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September Trinity 17	<b>11am</b>	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	<b>9.15am</b>	Morning Worship with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 18	<b>6pm</b>	Harvest Worship and Supper St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 19	<b>9.15am</b>	Morning Worship for Harvest with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Communion with Junior Church St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)

**ABC, our service for pre-school children and their carers will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am.**

## The Bus of Hope

The Bus of Hope has already visited Kingsclere four times over the past few months and we look forward to its next visit on 13th September.

It is “somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to” for the young people in Kingsclere and surrounding areas. It is already established in several areas around Newbury and Thatcham and when it visits Kingsclere it will be staffed by volunteers from St Mary’s Church. It’s a place for young people to hang out, enjoy refreshments and just “be”. It has separate areas for younger children to enjoy crafts and activities (upstairs) and teenagers to meet (downstairs). It will be parked in the Bowls Club car park (near the Holding Field) from 6.45pm to 8.30pm on 13th September. We look forward to welcoming young people on board! For more information please contact Emma on 0779 0934972 or [administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk).



**Janet Larkins 01635 297813**

## Lighting up St. Mary’s

September

- 9th 1918 Second Lieutenant Ernest Owen Davies  
 10th 1918 Captain Edward Stanley Davies  
 Both killed in action in Northern France whilst serving with the 8th Bn North Staffordshire Regiment.  
 In memory and gratitude.
- 16th Neil Westcombe. The years are going by, but you are missed more each day. Love Always. Elaine, Christopher, Suzanna, Helen, Chris, Thomas and Oliver.
- 28th For Nicola on her birthday. Loved and missed so much every day.



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 October Tower is September 10th.

### From the Registers of St Mary’s

Weddings	<i>Those whom God has joined together</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Megan McGill and Jonathan Elliott
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Kevin Sutton & Shelley Palmer
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Caroline Phillips & Joss Knight



## Busy Bees Pre-school (Kingsclere) Est. 1976



As we come to the end of another academic year it has given us time for reflection. What an enjoyable but extremely busy year we had, full to capacity and days seeming to go by in a flash. We enjoyed a visit from Zoolab who brought a variety of creepy-crawly critters for the children to learn about and handle. A huge “thank you” to Rita from Songtree Music who has provided thoroughly enjoyable music and movement sessions this year and is now an established highlight at Busy Bees.

The main feature of the year has been the renovations at The Scout Den. Using our LIF Grant we have been able to install new flooring inside the building and new fencing outside. Hopefully, by the start of the new term the outside renovations will be completed too. Thank you to our parents and children for being so patient throughout this time and bearing with us. You will all be invited to experience the finished product.

Lastly, we must say goodbye to our leaving children who are now moving on to primary school. We have had a fantastic year which was finished off with a wonderful leavers trip to Peppa Pig World. Great fun was had by all! I would like to thank everyone for their continued support both past and present. As the current Butterfly group move on, the older Caterpillars will now emerge as Butterflies in September and *guess what?* we’ll do it all again!

We now have some availability for the Autumn term so if you would like your child to come and join our Busy Bees family, please contact us via email on [admin.busybees@btconnect.com](mailto:admin.busybees@btconnect.com) or telephone **01635 299566**.

Enjoy your summer holidays everyone and we will see you on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** when the new term begins.

**Jacque [admin.busybees@btconnect.com](mailto:admin.busybees@btconnect.com)**

## Kingsclere Gardening Association



Meeting Thursday September 13th, 7.30pm at The Village Club. Speaker Mr Bryan Madders from Bournemouth. His talk will be on “Unusual Perennials for Pleasure”.

The table competition:- A vase of dahlias (max 5 stems), a single stem from the garden, a flowering pot plant, a vase of any other flowers, a pair of vegetables-(same kind).

Entry: members free, visitors £2.00. Membership available on the night £8.00, seniors £6.00.

Regrettably, our Summer Show was cancelled due to lack of entries.

Denise Allen tried to get notices about this prominently displayed.

I am sorry for giving the wrong date for the August show last month.

For our October meeting we have Chelsea Prize winner Rose Hardy.

We hope for a full hall.

**John Eckton 01256 850017**

## Kingsclere Community Library

**Giant Book Sale -  
Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th September  
9am-4pm  
FREE Refreshments!**



Our **big** Book Sale is even bigger this year - it will be over 2 days! Please drop any books you may be able to donate to the Library by 28th September. (Books only please, no CDs/DVDs) Thank you for your support!

This is one of our major fundraising efforts for the year - so do please come and buy and spread the word!

We are grateful to the new volunteers who have come forward to join our team. If you have a couple of hours to spare each month, won't you help us keep our doors open?

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

## Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands WI

Village Club, 35 George Street, Kingsclere

We're back on-stream with our monthly members' meetings + guest speaker - *come rain or ('scorching') shine!* Well known author **Fiona Barker** will be telling us about her satisfying career on **Wednesday 12 September** in "*Writing for Children*". Her presentation includes a display of illustrated books for the young and she will have copies of her own work for sale at discounted prices. It's not unlikely that you may find among the titles the perfect Christmas gift for one or another youngster in your family. Check out the wistful '*Amelie and the GREAT OUTDOORS*' which tells how shy Amelie is helped to find the outside world just a little less threatening and a lot more fascinating.

**MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Letter-clue for the September competition is 'R' (for 'Romeo')**

**VISITORS WELCOME @ JUST £2 PER PERSON.**

Arrive 1.30pm, sign in as a visitor at the desk, take your chances on a raffle offering many prizes and sit in on our meeting. Then a tea break and biscuits, good company including a scan of items on the Bring 'n' Buy sales table will be followed by the talk . . . So, what's not to like?

**Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570**

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## KINGSCLERE RUGBY CLUB

Kingsclere Rugby Club would like to invite you to come along and join us for the new 2018-19 season. Rugby is a full-contact, team game, inclusive of all ages (17 to old!), shapes and sizes - where the 20-stone bulldozers are valued just as highly as the small, pacy whip-pets!

Rugby's values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship are what define the game of rugby.

We train with RFU qualified coaches from 7pm on Wednesdays at The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere RG20 5SQ and play our matches on Saturday afternoons. Come along and join no matter what level of experience you have.

Our first game of the season is at home on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September against Isle of Wight 1<sup>st</sup> in the Hampshire Cup. So please come along and support us.

We welcome all new members to the Club both on and off the field.

For further information please contact Aurie Woodley on 07733 367900 or alternatively, please email: [fixtures@kingsclererfc.co.uk](mailto:fixtures@kingsclererfc.co.uk)

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Please follow us on Kingsclere RFC Facebook



## KINGSCLERE MINIS RUGBY CLUB

Kingsclere Minis Rugby Club would like to invite you to come along and join us from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Mini rugby is a fantastic way of gradually introducing children to the great game in a carefully structured format in line with their physical development and motor skills. In addition to keeping children fit, rugby creates a strong bond of friendship and mutual respect not just for team mates, but for opposition players and the rules of the game. The life skills children learn through rugby are invaluable and many of the friends that the children make during their rugby career will be with them for life.

Minis Rugby is currently for Ages 4 to 10 years but please feel free to contact us regarding any other age groups.

We train with RFU qualified coaches from 10.30am on Sundays at The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere RG20 5SQ

And after the action packed and fun filled sessions all the children get a bacon/sausage butty!

For further information regarding the Kingsclere Minis please contact Nikki Shouesmith on 07958 568620 or alternatively, please email:

[youth-coach@kingsclererfc.co.uk](mailto:youth-coach@kingsclererfc.co.uk) Kingsclere Rugby Club Minis Coaches  
Please follow us on Kingsclere RFC Minis Facebook

**Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship**

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy Play Day and especially to those of you who gave your time, energy and enthusiasm making it such a great day. 145 children from Kingsclere and 19 other villages took part in the free activities which were funded by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and the feedback from everyone was so good that we're going to do it next year!



What a pleasure it has been to host so many weddings and family celebrations over the summer. The marquee style drapes are a success and the arrival of new doors, windows and stage curtains this month will make the venue even more special.

**Kingsclere Youth Club** is back, better than ever!  
Every Tuesday from 6-8pm for children age 7-12yrs.

**For your diary in September:**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 7am – 10pm** Neighbourhood Referendum Polling Day.  
Documents are currently on display in the entrance area.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.45 - 11.45am** NEW CLASS  
Welcome to Caterpillar Music for babies and young children. To enjoy a free trial session of music and activities contact Jaz on 01256 560500 or 07952 935021 or visit [www.caterpillarmusic.com](http://www.caterpillarmusic.com)

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm** Race Night with supper.  
Ticket info. on our website and local stores.: 01635 298497 Website: [www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk](http://www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk) Email: [fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com](mailto:fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com)

## Library Book Club

Interested in reading & discussing some new books and making friends?

The book club meets on the last Thursday of each month from 7.30–9.00pm. We have space for a few extra members.

If you would like to join us please email [georgestreetreaders@gmail.com](mailto:georgestreetreaders@gmail.com)



## Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

### Table Top Sale

Join us at the Village Club on Sunday 16 September 10am -12.30pm for our first table top sale! Have you had a declutter over the summer? Come and sell your unwanted items and support your local toddler group at the same time. If you would like a table, get in touch: £10 inside or £5 for an outside pitch (bring your own table). See Kingsclere Village Bunnies on Facebook.



Tea and cake available  
Entry £1 per adult, children free

### New School Year

We would like to wish all the Bunnies who are off to school the best of luck! We will miss you at Bunnies, but we know that you will have a brilliant time at school making lots of new friends. With our older Bunnies departing, there are spaces for any baby Bunnies to join us. Come along for free for your first session and see what we are all about.

**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.

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

## St Michael's Hospice House to House Results



I would like to thank Mrs Ellie Hamilton, our new House to House Volunteer Coordinator and all of our fantastic willing volunteers who were out in the village in June collecting for St. Michael's Hospice. The residents of Kingsclere this year have raised the brilliant amount of £806.94 which is truly wonderful, and I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped support this year's campaign.

The continued support of the local community and our volunteers is hugely important to everyone at St. Michael's Hospice and without this generosity and kindness we would be unable to provide the vital services to patients across North Hampshire with life limiting illnesses. With your help we can continue to provide the best professional care for our patients and families at a time when it is truly needed, and for that we thank you.

Lynne Grimshaw [www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk)

## World War 1 Commemoration

Please note in your diaries

**3<sup>rd</sup> November.** The Film Club will be showing a WW1 themed film.

**8<sup>th</sup> November.** Village Library Guest speaker:  
Col Newbould will deliver a talk on WW1.

**10<sup>th</sup> November.** “Lest We Forget” Commemoration in Drama,  
Song and Dance at The Fieldgate Centre.

**11<sup>th</sup> November.** Village Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

**18<sup>th</sup> November.** Village Club “Victory” tea party.

Other events to be announced nearer to the date.

## Overton and District U3A

### University of the Third Age

University of the Third Age is an organisation that promotes learning and education for those who are not in full time employment so it is mainly for the retired. We are an active group with around 270 members and meet monthly for a talk and have 30+ activity groups that members can choose to be involved in.

### Monthly Talks Overton and District U3A 2018

Monthly talks take place at St. Mary’s Hall, Overton at 10am.



DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	An Extraordinary Life	Charles Cardiff
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	The Silver Thread	Elizabeth Gowing
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Behind You and Backstage Antics	Tony Harris
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 8	All Things British	Susan Howe

### Extra-Curricular Talks Overton and District U3A 2018

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	A Family Tribute to a Fallen Soldier	Geoff Davies

This talk will be at 2pm at St Mary’s Hall, Overton.

## Computer Nanny

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## Singing 4 me

At the Ship Inn

'Singing for me' Tuesday  
Sept 4th 7.45pm

'Lunch and Laugh' Wednesday  
Sept 19th 12.30pm

The Voice at Sainsbury Cafe  
Tadley 1st & 2nd Thursday of every  
month 7.15pm

'Hardwiring Happiness' workshop  
Thursday 13th Sept

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Items for resale 01256 892773

If you are a cat owner, it will come as no surprise to you that your moggy likes sleeping. On average cats spend about 16 hours a day asleep. A cat's need to sleep is a result of evolution. In the wild cats have to hunt in order to eat and the stalking and chasing involved burns up a lot of energy. Hence the need to replenish it with sleep.

Our Whitchurch charity shop will be opening on the afternoon of Friday 14th of September. We have lots to offer at reasonable prices. Why not come and visit us.

### Eight year old Lily is still looking for a home.



Meet **Autumn**, a one year old petite female looking for a quiet home. She has not been out much and will take time to settle. She would be suited to a household with older children and someone who will spend time with her each day, boosting her confidence and giving her lots of attention. She can be shy and nervous when meeting new people and experiences so will take time to settle in her

new home.

## Kingsclere Village Club

Free taster: "Move it or Lose it" class. Come join the class on Wednesday 5th Sept for a free taster of this evidence-based exercise class which is sweeping the nation and geared towards improving mobility and balance. Enquiries about this and the autumn term generally: Tracey 291248 [education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk](mailto:education@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk)



Villagers are invited to meet us and hold the trustees accountable at the Village Club's AGM on Weds 19th Sept in the Holding Room at 8.00pm. Please contact our clerk Vonnie [clerk@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk) if you intend to come along.

Free training on how to use the hearing loop - there is still a chance to get involved which will help you comply with your DDA requirements whether you are a villager, hirer, or community group. Again, if interested, please notify our clerk.

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY!

### Home-Start North West Hampshire

has worked in Basingstoke & Deane for 13 years. Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them achieve their full potential.

To Home-Start every family is special and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home-visiting support and group work. The one-to-one relationship which develops between a volunteer and a parent means our support can be exactly tailored to the needs of each family we visit. We need volunteers to support families in the Community.

### YOU can make a difference to someone's life

This voluntary work is unpaid but is highly rewarding and out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed. Volunteers are required to attend a 40 hour preparation course spread over 7 weeks which starts on

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
**9.30am-2.30pm**

**INTERESTED? – WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

**Tel: 01256 405988**

**Email: [info@homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk](mailto:info@homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk)**  
**Website: [www.homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk](http://www.homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk)**



## BARN DANCE

Music performed by  
The Jigalots!



**Saturday 29th September 2018**

7pm to 11.30pm

Ploughmans served at 7.30pm

Home Farm Barn, Farleigh Wallop, RG25 2HX

(By kind permission of Viscount Lymington)

£20 per ticket incl. Ploughmans

(over 14s only)

Wine & Beer will be available to purchase

Ticket reservations: [info@homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk](mailto:info@homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk)

01256 405988

## Basingstoke Male Voice Choir

Sample what singing has to offer!



Basingstoke Male Voice Choir was formed in 1964. It's been through a number of changes since then and we want to continue the fine tradition of the choir into the next 50 years!

We want new choristers to help us achieve that aim. You don't need to be an experienced singer just someone who wants to sing, enjoy music and the social aspects of singing. Singing is good for you, it's great fun - it's even been found to be therapeutic and is recommended by the British Heart Foundation.

We have a dynamic, new American Music Director who is keen for us to sing more modern material whilst keeping some of the traditional numbers in the repertoire. We rehearse 2 hours per week, so not too onerous. We would love you to join us!

We are holding an open 'taster' evening on **Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** at our rehearsal venue (United Reformed Church, Basingstoke). We want you to experience choral singing, try it for yourself and then decide if you want to be part of the choir. The evening will be informal with plenty of opportunity to sing and ask questions. You won't be disappointed!

Come along on the night at **7.30pm** or contact us via our website [www.basingstokemvc.org.uk](http://www.basingstokemvc.org.uk) or Facebook page BasingstokeMVC or phone **01256 768608** for more information.

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