

The Kingsclere Tower



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Your Village Magazine

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As always, this double edition is bursting with items, so it may appear a little more crowded than usual, however, it's an indicator of how much goes on in our busy village, and how important our unassuming magazine continues to be in communicating events in an age of social media and fake news!

We would like to thank all the volunteers involved in getting the Tower to you; and thank you, our readers, contributors and advertisers, for your continued support of our village magazine.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019.

The Editors

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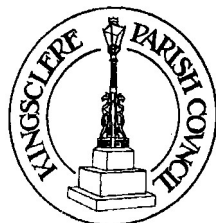
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Kingsclere Parish Council

KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

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STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019 – If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2019, they can start school in September 2019. For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions where you will also find information about schools in Hampshire. Alternatively, parents can phone 0300 555 1377 for further support.

The national closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January 2019.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS – At the time of going to press, we hope that the presentations will be held on Thursday 17th January 2019 at the Village Club. Mel Barrett, CEO of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will be presenting the certificates to the worthy winners, who will be named in the next edition of the Tower. We would like to congratulate all those who were nominated and thank you all for the work you do for making Kingsclere a better community.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING – Any real trees that need recycling after the celebration can be done so at The Fieldgate Centre from Wednesday 2 January until Sunday 27 January 2019.

FESTIVE BIN COLLECTIONS – Christmas can mean extra rubbish. Therefore, extra sacks will be collected on the first collection after Christmas ONLY. As normal there is no limit on how much residents can recycle.

- Flatten large cardboard boxes and leave them next to your recycling bin.
- Wrapping paper cannot be recycled so please put it in your black waste bin.

The collections days for your black (general waste) bins are Friday 28 December; Friday 4 January; Thursday 10 January. Unless adverse weather affects bin rounds, collections should return to normal from Monday 14th January.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 28th January 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Website www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk

@kingsclerepc facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days: 5th, 19th Dec, 4th, 16th, 30th Jan

Kingsclere Parish Paths

It was a glorious day and a small group of volunteers set about clearing the undergrowth on the footpaths around the Dell and chopping back a fallen tree on the footpath behind Fox Hall.

We are taking a break in December so the next working group is Sunday 27th January meeting in the garden of the Village Club at 9.45am.

New volunteers always welcome.

For more details contact kingsclereparishpaths@btinternet.com



Police report for October 2018

This month there have been no thefts from dwellings, but 3 from rural buildings, and a collection box was stolen from the church.

The 7 reported traffic accidents included 4 damage only and only minor injuries, none of which were on the A339. Theft from cars is becoming more common, with side windows being smashed, so please take care not to leave handbags or any other valuables visible, especially in the run-up to Christmas.

There were over 10 cases of anti-social behaviour or assault or public order offences. These are not usually serious in themselves but do cause anxiety in the general public, as do cases of criminal damage, of which there were two this month.

Please be aware of suspicious and unusual activity and report via 101. If patterns of behaviour and descriptions can be built up, this is very helpful to the police.

PCSO 16173 Emma PAGE

Kingsclere Almshouses Charity

A one bedroom Almshouse Bungalow will become vacant in Kingsclere from the 1st February 2019. The Charity welcomes applicants from the Parishes of Kingsclere, Headley and Ashford Hill.

Written applications must be received by the 31st December, 2018. Please apply in writing with a brief explanation of your interest to:

Mrs Jan Pearce, Clerk to the Trustees,
 Kingsclere Almshouse Charity, Russell House, Ashford Hill Road,
 Headley Thatcham, Berks, RG19 8AB

Kingsclere Royal British Legion

By the time this edition of The Tower is on your doorsteps, Remembrance Weekend will be long gone and all the poppies and shadow soldiers will have been removed from in and around the village; only the wreaths on the memorial will remain as a reminder of events. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the community for their positive support to the branch during the build-up and delivery of the village Act of Remembrance.

We have been busy! In September members of the branch visited the Trafalgar Cemetery in Gibraltar and laid a number of crosses on behalf of the village; the Trafalgar Cemetery is the final resting place for sailors and marines of many nations who fought in the battle in 1805.



Trafalgar Cemetery, Gibraltar

Along with the Guides and other members of the community, we have been busy putting together Christmas Gift Boxes for UK servicemen and women who will be deployed overseas at Christmas; as was done during the early stages of World War 1. Although the final total of boxes is yet to be finalised, we expect to dispatch at least 60; spreading a little Kingsclere festive cheer to those away from home at this special time.

We meet in the Function Room of The Crown at 7pm on the first Tuesday each month. All are most welcome. If you would like more detail, please contact me via the Facebook page or call on 01635 628004.

Mark Holden, Chairman, Kingsclere Royal British Legion

Camaraderie

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th December 2018, when The Woolton Hill Handbell Ringers will join us for an early Christmas Celebration. Come along and join us for what promises to be a very entertaining afternoon.

We will be serving a Christmas Tea and there will be a raffle, which is all included in the £2.00 entrance fee.

We look forward to seeing you at 2.30 pm in The Methodist Schoolroom.

Pam Kitch

Nature Notes

This has been a bumper year for beech mast and acorns and drifts of both have been regularly crunched underfoot. Acorns are known to be toxic to horses but enjoyed by pigs. On a walk in the Newtown Common area we were surprised to see sheep eagerly foraging in the long grass for acorns and munching them noisily. Knowing that sheep are nibblers of short grass, seeing them enjoying the hard shelled nuts was a revelation. The annual custom of pannage occurs when pigs are released into woods to fatten on acorns and is still practised in the New Forest today.



The morning was misty with an autumn sun just showing and making distant trees on the fringe of the Common indistinct. The mist appeared to be particularly thick low down, covering bush and other vegetation alike. As the sun broke through the carpet of mist sparkled as hundreds upon hundreds of cobwebs were suddenly revealed by the angle of the sun and heaviness of the dew.

In a narrow lane a large pine tree at the gate of a house had been felled which had left a stump several metres high. This has been skilfully transformed into a wonderful carving of a pine cone. Sculpturing with chain saws has really advanced.

On the same walk we passed an area where variegated bamboo has escaped from a garden and is romping across the footpath and into the adjacent woodland. It is hard to eradicate once it is established and swamps all woodland plants.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

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Monday 3rd Dec. – local author Penelope Stokes discusses:

The Common Good: The Story of Greenham Common
“Stories, maps, pictures and personalities from five centuries”

To many people the words “Greenham Common” conjure up an image of peace women in conflict with the police, but the common has had a much longer and more varied history, surviving several military occupations since the English Civil War.

Tickets £5 from the library and Village Butcher, includes glass of wine.

Rhymetime with Rita: On the second Tuesday of every month, 2:30

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

Holiday Closing: Tues. 25th Dec. Merry Christmas!

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com



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.

Sessions:

First Tuesday monthly from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

****New location from November's meeting****

Guest speaker topic:

6 November: talk by Community Police Officer

4 December: helping you to cope with anxiety and stress through Emotional Freedom Technique.

8 January: South Western Railway talk by their disability access and inclusion manager

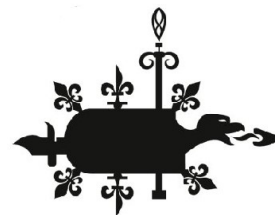
NEW Location: Church Cottage (behind St Michael's Church) All FREE, everyone is welcome, no booking needed (just turn up). For more information, please contact us: Telephone: 01256 423869

Email: info@bddf.org.uk web: www.bddf.org.uk

Holiday help required on local smallholding April 2019.

We are searching for a reliable adult with some livestock/horse experience to come and look after our animals for 2 weeks in April 2019. We have horses, sheep, goats and poultry. No mucking out or poo picking involved. A one hour daily visit required.

Please call Fiona on 07867 523908.



Kingsclere Heritage Association

December and January Meetings

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13th December when Clive Williams will give us a presentation entitled "The Nabobs of Berkshire".

The so-called Nabobs tended to be remarkable chaps, especially from England, who made their fortunes in the Orient and mainly India and working for the East India Company.

Clive will tell us of the many who on returning to this country settled in Berkshire and became the "landed gentry" of their day and thereafter. A fascinating story and Clive will bring with him his book of the same title.

Our first meeting of 2019 will be on Thursday 24th January with a return visit by Tony Cross retired curator of Alton Museum. Tony will give us an illustrated talk "A history of Hampshire through ten objects". He will present ten interesting topics he has personally researched in respect of varying aspects of the history of our county. Not to be missed! Come along to hear just what he has to tell us.

Both meetings will be at the Village Club commencing at 7.30pm and visitors will be very welcome at £3 p.p.

Michael Leah, Secretary

"Autumn Sprinkles" Concert 20th October 2018 at St Paul's Church Ashford Hill

We had a heart-warming concert, with some wonderful performances, and a good variety too! Thank you to all who came along and thank you to our fabulous team of people who helped on the night and made it all work!

Sf Sax, Ashford Hill School choir, The Barfield Handbell ringers, Occasions singers had some fabulous pieces to play and sing.

Bruno and Paul with violin and theremin, own composition called "Shortwave", very unusual and creative!

Soloists included Lucy Smith (1st public performance) who stunned the audience with her passionate singing, Hannah Martin playing "The Fjords of Norway" own piano composition to film. Trevor Pitman with his funny story about "Cinderella" and what really happened! Sara Ball (soprano) led the finale song "We'll meet again" with all performers on stage and audience singing a rousing chorus together.

The concert produced over £1,000 (and rising) to be equally shared between Riding for the Disabled (Kingsclere) and St Pauls church.

Our next concert is on 27th April 2019 7pm; Angela Moore and friend, a dual harp concert.

Vanessa Martin



The staff, committee and volunteers at The Fieldgate Centre would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We warmly invite you to celebrate the season with us at any of our events which are open to the whole community.

December

- Sat 1st 'Hansel and Gretel' Children's play performed by Proteus Theatre Company. Suitable for ages 6 years and above. Doors open at 5.30pm. Tickets from The Village Butcher and The Fieldgate Centre. Prices: Adult £8, Child £4, Concession £6, Family £22.
- Fri 7th Charity Rock Night. Headliners 'From Dusk 'Til Dawn', lead singer Carole-Anne Dykes. Fancy Dress and air guitar contest. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets £10, including cancer charity donation. Available from The Village Butcher and the Fieldgate Centre.
- Sat 8th Les's 60s, 70s, 80s Disco. 7.30pm – midnight. Tickets £7 on the door. Over 21s.
- Sat 15th An Evening with Gary Miles. FREE ENTRY to this established musical favourite.
- Sun 16th 7pm. Nathan's Singers' Christmas Cabaret. Songs, fun and amazing talent. Featuring guest singers from the West End. Tickets £10 on the door, include wine and mince pies.
- Fri 21st Yule Sing with the Kingsclere Singers, led by Hazel O'Leary. Doors 7pm Singing 7.30pm Come and raise the roof with us at the community singalong..... FREE ENTRY, FREE MINCE PIES AND MORE! Mulled wine available from the bar. Voluntary collection for charity.
- Mon 24th Ceroc Xmas Eve Freestyle 8pm – midnight.
- Contact Val or Dave for more info. 07958 587256

January

- Fri 18th Friends of St Mary's Annual Quiz.
Doors 6.45pm Quiz begins at 7.30pm
Tel: 01635 298497 Website: www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk
Email: fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com

Kingsclere Village Club

Come join us on Thursday 31st January for a lecture by Professor Emma J Clery from Southampton University about her ground breaking dual biography of Jane Austen and her favourite brother Henry. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £9pp from the Village Butcher, Sharon 298370 chairman@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk or on line at we got tickets.



There is still time to join one of our art or yoga classes, or book a free taster of Move It or Lose It which is an exercise programme designed with the over 50s in mind. Optional post class refreshments available. Enquiries to Tracey 291248.



Happy Hoppers – Kingsclere's Run Group!

Calling all running rabbits! Want to explore the Watership Down and the rest of the village / the beautiful surrounding area? Keen to make new friends and run happy?

Great news: Your free, friendly, informal, non-affiliated run group is here!

Mondays, 7pm, outside the Fieldgate

Suitable for individuals who can run 5k comfortably. Routes around 5/10k with faster runners doing run-backs to ensure we all stay together.

High viz and head torches recommended during winter.

Search our Facebook group: 'Happy Hoppers – Kingsclere's Run Club'

Sandham Memorial Chapel Events

Chapel Talk Monday 3rd December 11:00-13:00

Listen to the story behind one of the most important 20th century artists - Sir Stanley Spencer and how his dream of a "Holy Box" came to fruition. Tickets £6, to book please call 03442491895

Festive Papercraft workshop Friday 7th December 11-12:45

Learn about the artistic medium of paper craft and create festive cards and three dimensional projects. Tickets £12, to book please call 03442491895

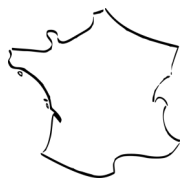
Decopatch for Christmas Friday 7th December 13:45-16:00

Learn the art of decopatch using gorgeous papers for unique Christmas decorations for gifts. Tickets

£22.50, to book please call 03442491895

Christmas Service Wednesday 12th December 11-12

Join us for our Christmas Service with festive tunes and carols by our local handbell ringers. Entrance is free, donations are welcomed.



Kingsclere Twinning Association

Thank you to all our members and supporters for making this another successful year for the Twinning Association. In 2018 both old and new links were further strengthened with a visit from our Cornicoy friends in May, and representatives from Kingsclere attending the Cornicoy Harvest Celebrations, and the Armistice Commemorations.

Save a Date in your diaries for our next event: a Bedbug Beetle Drive on Saturday 30 March 2019. All welcome, including families, and details to follow.

We always welcome new members. Why not consider joining in 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 Cornicoy in the beautiful Champagne region of France. Please contact kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk or telephone Sue Watson on 01635 298940 for details regarding membership.

Kingsclere Singers

Yule Sing with the Kingsclere Singers

Join the Singers for their annual Christmas carols sing-a-long.

Fun for the entire family - and it's FREE!

Welcoming the entire community to two nights full of Christmas cheer!

Saturday, 15th December at 4-6pm, Kingsclere St Mary's

Friday, 21st December at 7:30pm, Fieldgate Centre

Collections for charity

www.kingsclere-singers.co.uk or Follow us on Facebook!

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Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are the key to our success. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and are what makes our service unique.

We currently have vacancies for Volunteer Advisers, and Office Admin & Reception staff. Full training will be given.

If you are interested in either of these roles, please phone the office on 0118 981 7567 or email us at admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk to discuss further.

The Church Pages



It's the most wonderful time of the year sung by Andy Williams, first in 1963, is a Christmas song that we'll hear many times before the big day on the 25th. It speaks particularly of the joys of being with loved ones and friends at Christmas.

And if you're looking forward to this wonderful season, then we'd love to see you at some of our classic Christmas events, such as Candlelit Carols in Ashford Hill church on the 16th, an opportunity hear the Christmas story and sing some of your favourite carols accompanied kindly by the Kingsclere Singers; or Midnight Communion in Kingsclere, a popular traditional Christmas Eve service; or the Christmas morning communions in Kingsclere and Ashford Hill. There's also a new Family Carol service in Headley on the 23rd, offering a warm welcome whether you come as a family or on your own, young or old. The Christingle this year is on Sunday 9th at 4 p.m. at Kingsclere, followed by a children's Christmas party. We are also holding our popular Christmas Eve Nativity service at 4 p.m. and the theme this year is The Mystery of the Noisy Neighbour – do join us dressed as your favourite nativity character!

But, in a way because of songs like It's the most wonderful time of the year, it can be a difficult time, particularly when we face loss, when family members are no longer with us. Because of this, I'd like to highlight the Remembering at Christmas service in Kingsclere on the 19th. This is particularly for those who would appreciate a gentler, quieter service before the hectic festivities, with chance to remember loved ones who've died.

As a church, we would love to see you over the Christmas period, whether it is a wonderful or difficult time of the year for you. We believe there is reason for us to be of good cheer, as the song puts it, not because we're surrounded by friends and family, but because of the birth of Jesus Christ, the coming of the Son of God into the world. This awesome event reminds us of the depth of love that God has for the world and for each one of us. I'm praying for that to be foremost in our mind so we can all celebrate this wonderful event no matter what.

I hope you have blessed Christmas and New Year.

Ben.

Services in December 2018

Sunday 2 nd December Advent 1	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 9 th December Advent 2	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	4pm*	Christingle Service & Christmas Party – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 16 th December Advent 3	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	9.15am	All Age Messy Worship – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	6pm	Candlelit Carols – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 23 rd December Advent 4	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Family Carol Service – St Peter's, Headley
Monday 24 th December Christmas Eve	4pm	"The Mystery of the Noisy Neighbour" Nativity Service – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Tuesday 25 th December Christmas Day	9.15am	Christmas Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	11am	Christmas Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 30 th December Christmas I	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)

*Please note the Christingle service on 9th December will be held at 4pm. Unfortunately, the card handed out at the Remembrance service giving details of our Christmas Services showed the wrong time.

ABC, our service for pre-school children and their carers, will take place on at 17th December at 9.30am.

From the Registers of St Mary's

Wedding *Those whom God has joined together*

20 Oct Kelly-Jayne Munslow and Matthew Barker

Services in January 2019

Sunday 6 th January Epiphany	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 13 th January Baptism of Christ	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
Sunday 20 th January Epiphany 3	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	9.15am	All Age Messy Worship– St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sunday 27 th January Epiphany 4	8am	Holy Communion – St Mary's, Kingsclere
	9.15am	Morning Worship with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
	11am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Sunday 3 rd February 5 th before Lent / Presentation of Christ	8am	Holy Communion – St Peter's, Headley
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere

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St. Mary's Church

Vicar	Rev Ben Read, The Vicarage, Foxs Lane	☎ 298471
Churchwarden	Sarah Mussett Sarah.mussett@hotmail.com	☎ 291900
Churchwarden	Andrew Kitch andrewkitch16@gmail.com	☎ 299743
Administrator	Emma Rivers administrator@clerewoodlands.org.uk	☎ 07790 934972

Roman Catholic

Rev Patrick Tansey tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 0118 981 4572

Methodist Chapel

Chief Warden	Wendy Morgan	☎ 297538
Secretary/Hire of Hall	Jeanette Billington	☎ 297585

Christmas

..... isn't always fun, is it?

As well as being open for all the celebrations and services over Christmas, St Mary's Church will be open on

Friday 28th December (between 10am and 3pm)



The kettle will be on in the Kingsmill Room and there will be people available to chat if you want to. So if you want to get out of the house, if the children are driving you crazy or if you feel alone please do come along.

St Mary's 'Staycation' 31st January

To help cheer the January gloom, a team at St. Mary's have decided to create a 'Staycation' on Thursday 31st January. 12 noon until 4 pm.

It is our intention to transform the Kingsmill Room into Blackpool for the day. We invite you to come and join in the fun. There will be illuminations, kiss-me-quick hats, fish and chips, bingo and other entertainment. Ice cream will be obligatory, but we cannot guarantee donkeys.

The day's 'holiday' will cost you £10.00 to include all entertainment, lunch and refreshments. Tickets are limited, so book yours early. Help may be available with cost (if required). Transport will also be available if needed.

Look for Notices around the village for further information, or call: Pam Kitch on 01635 299743, or Emma Rivers on 0779 0934972

Email: administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

Remembering at Christmas
an opportunity to remember those who have died

St Mary's Church, Kingsclere

19th December

7pm for refreshments

7.45pm service

If you are unable to attend, but would like the name of your loved one read out in the service please contact administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk or telephone 0779 0934972

Methodist Services

December 2nd	Rev. Steve Sankey	Morning Worship	10am
December 9th	Rev. Carmel Ieraci	Morning Worship	10am
December 16th	Local Arrangement	Morning Worship	10am
December 16th	Rev. Rachel Borgars	Carols with Candlelight	6.30pm
December 23rd	Rev. Rachel Borgars	Holy Communion	10am
December 25th	Local Arrangement	Morning Worship (Short Service)	9.30am
December 30th	Local Arrangement	Morning Worship	10am
January 6th	Christine Thomas	Morning Worship	10am
January 13th	Rev. Jenny Ellis	Morning Worship	10am
January 20th	Rev. Rachel Borgars	Morning Worship (Covenant Service)	10am
January 27th	Rev. Steve Sankey	Morning Worship	10am

Wendy Morgan 297538

Lighting up St Mary's

- 22nd November To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Wedding of Sarah and Graham Hewitt.
- 11th December For Nicola. Two years now without you. There are no words to describe how much we love you and how much we miss you everyday. Mum.
- 15th December Paul Read. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. "Always", Alyson, Eleanor and James. Xxx
- 19th December For Marjorie.
- 21st December In loving memory of Bob Cowley. We miss you Dad. Jan, Sue and families.
- 25th December Christmas wishes for Michael Hopkins (Mick). Loved and missed every day. Jac. xx
- 25th December Mick / Grandad. A very special friend that's still missed so much. Merry Christmas love Carla, Nick, Ellie and Lucy. xx
- 4th January Andy, Wishing you a Very Happy 50th Birthday
- 14th January On the 5th Anniversary of your death my dearest Eileen ...Forever in my thoughts and in my heart...with Love Anne xxx

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 February Tower is January 10th.

Flowers in St. Mary's

St. Mary's has a dedicated and happy band of volunteers who ensure that our Church is always bright and welcoming. Even in a difficult year, with repairs and redecoration, we have had some wonderful flower arrangements in Church most weeks. We would like to thank all of the ladies who have made this possible.

We would welcome new members to our team – You do not have to be professional. So – if you have an interest in anything floral, plant based, or any form of art or craft, you may like to expand your skills and join with us. You can do it on your own, in pairs or with a current member of the Flower Team. We would love to hear from you.

Memorial Flowers

The redecorations should be completed by Christmas. The Flower Team are hoping to fill St. Mary's with floral displays to celebrate the Season.

We are always happy to provide an arrangement in memory of loved ones. If you would like to do this – then any donations would be appreciated. We can either dedicate a specific arrangement or put the donations towards the overall floral displays. We will acknowledge all donations and record those who are being remembered.

For more information on the above please contact Pam Kitch on 01635 299743.

Bus of Hope

Happy Christmas to everyone who visited the bus this year.

The bus will be off the road in December and January so it won't be coming to Kingsclere for two months.

Janet Larkins, 07711732672

200 Club - It's that time again.....

£12 a year for one ticket, gets you 12 chances to win £50 in the monthly draw – what's not to like??

Did you win in 2018? Why not try again in 2019? It may be your lucky year. Tickets as a Christmas present with a difference? – 12 months' worth of potential interest?

If you are already in membership please let us have your name/money again - £12 - and you will be re-registered keeping the same number.

If you are new to the Club – let us have your contact details (name, address, email/phone number) plus £12...cash or cheque. All cheques to be made out to : PCC of Kingsclere

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much,
Maggy / Les Wallace, Jada, Union Lane, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks. RG20 4SS or contact us on 01635 298794 or mjwwatershipdown@msn.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Closing date for 2019 membership is Friday 11 January 2019.....

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St Mary's 200 Club November 2018, no 33 Ron Walker

Well done, Ron

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

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Two events for your Winter diaries. First we look forward to a really good turnout for the **Annual Village Walk** on the morning of **Thursday 27th December. Assemble in St Mary's Churchyard from 10 a.m, for a 10.30 start**, and return, glowing and happy, for **refreshments and mulled wine or soft drinks in the Kingsmill Room** afterwards. All are welcome. Suggested donation £5 per adult, to include a Raffle ticket; children and dogs join free!

Then we have our usual highly enjoyable **Quiz Night with Ploughman's Supper** (including a glass of wine) at the Fieldgate Centre on **Friday 18th January**. Doors open at 6.45, and **Quiz starts at 7.30p.m. prompt**. There will also be a Bar and a Raffle. Application forms and Tickets (£15 per head) from The Village Butcher from January, or by 'phoning 297430. Make up a team of 8, or come along and join others. **Early booking advisable**, as this often sells out!

Peter Turner, Chairman

St. Mary's Church – Redecoration

By the time you read this, the project to redecorate the interior of St. Mary's should be nearing completion. We very much hope that you will find time to visit the church when all the work is finished, either attending one of the Christmas services or dropping in as a visitor. It is the hope and intention of the PCC that the redecorated and relit interior will enhance our worship and keep St. Mary's at the centre of the Kingsclere community.

You may have a personal attachment to the church, through worship, or through family weddings or funerals. If so, and if you wish to contribute towards the cost of redecoration, your support would be most welcome. Go to The Good Exchange (<https://thegoodexchange.com/what-is-the-good-exchange/for-donors/#find-project>): at the bottom of that page is a 'Donate Now' button which takes you to the various projects. Just look for St. Mary's Kingsclere.

Nick Selsey, Chair, St. Mary's Fabric Committee

Messy Church

Tuesday, 4th December at Kingsclere Primary School 3:20pm-5:30pm

We are really looking forward to our Messy Church in December, the theme is 'God so loved the world' so there will be an opportunity make some fabulous crafts, learning more about our theme through worship songs and a Bible story. We will then finish off with a delicious home cooked meal. Do come and join us - we have lots of fun. You don't have to be a pupil at Kingsclere Primary School to come along.

For further information please contact Sarah Mussett at sarah.mussett@hotmail.co.uk

Kingsclere Gardening Association

We have no meeting in December. This has never been a good month for attendance, either through weather or other events.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on January 10th, again in the Village Club. Once business is over there will be refreshments; cheese and wine, and a chance to mix and chat.

We are planning a meal/social evening most likely early February, possibly at Sandford Springs. This will be arranged before Jan 10th so we can announce it that evening.

This autumn we have had 3 very good speakers. All of them brought plants for sale so our members will have new introductions to their gardens.

The Speaker for February comes from Hillier Nurseries so again is likely to be a source of plants. Happy Christmas and a great gardening new year.

John Eckton 01256 850017

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KINGSLERE & HEADLEY WOODLANDS W.I.

Venue: Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street

Our Christmas / December meeting: As speakers go they just don't come along more entertaining or better qualified on any number of subjects than this month's presenter, Jane Burrell. So diarise: 1.30 On Wednesday 12 December @ our usual venue, the KVC. Her subject: 'Every Picture Tells a Story' - Snippets of New-

bury's History Through Paintings & Photographs.

Potential visitors please know: £2 per person for the talk, a 'Christmassy' afternoon tea and companionship. We welcome you with open arms!

MEMBERS: The Letter-Clue of this month's competition is 'A' (for 'Alpha')

Nova Saunderson - 299570

RealMe Yoga

Learn the essence of your posture, physical and mental traits using focussed breathing and relaxation techniques. Yin yoga helps decompress the joints, de-stress the mind and replenish energy reserves.

Stretch * Relax * Revive

Be ready for the demands of the festive season.

Sunday 2 December & 13 January at Kingsclere Village Club. 5.30-7.30 pm. Suitable for beginners, returners & yoga veterans.

Bookings: 07970 166675.

Further information @ FaceBook : RealMeYoga or www.RealMeYoga.co.uk



THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A new committee was elected at the FKS AGM in October. The new committee is as follows; Harriet Gabbott – Chairperson, Beccy Preston – Vice Chairperson, Roberta Windmill – Treasurer, Jo Brown – Secretary, Mandy Keable, Rachael Knight, Sue Elliot, Jayne Verney, Gemma Jordan, Romin Tehrani, Steve Wells & Lois Humphries

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Firework and Bonfire event. It was a fantastic community event and we are again hugely grateful to the fireworks team who continue to put in a great amount of effort to make the event such a success, and thank you to everyone who helped set up, on stalls, as marshals or with clear up - it can't happen without you! Thank you to all those who attended with family and friends, it was great to see so many people enjoying themselves. THANK YOU also sponsors who include - Haltag, BCMS Corporate, Station Tyres & Service Centre, Howe & Son, Lord & Lady Lloyd Webber, Rivar Sand & Gravel, Castle Windows (Newbury) Ltd, J Verney Plumbing & Property Services, A Sewell Lighting & Electrical, Fast Flowing Screeds, Park House Stables, Alan Abinger Joinery, Graham Vine Plumbing & Pro Tech.

Saturday 8th Dec, 2pm -4pm - Our School Christmas Fayre - Wells (our annual Christmas Fayre with a chance to say farewell to Mr Wells!)

ALL WELCOME. Pop along to see Santa in his Grotto. There's a brilliant raffle with £100 1st prize or win a festive hamper plus other great prizes. Get into the festive spirit with seasonal refreshments plus games, crafts and stalls. It's lots of fun and a great chance to catch up with friends. We look forward to seeing you there!!

FKS thank you all for your support in 2018, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Look out for what we have planned for 2019 in the next issue of The Tower.

Dates for your diary

Friday 7th Dec - non uniform day in return for Christmas Fayre donations

Saturday 8th Dec - 2-4pm - School Christmas Fayre-Wells

Thursday 13th December - Happy School Bag Collection

Rachael Knight knightrachael@hotmail.co.uk 268160



Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

We are all looking forward to our Christmas party on 11th December. As well as fun and games, we will have some special entertainment and a party lunch (bring a plate). We hope to see all of the children to wish them Merry Christmas with a small gift.

After the success of our table top sale we are planning to host another in early March. So if you are wondering what to do with those unwanted Christmas presents, or items that have been replaced, why not book a table and have a clear out – more details to follow.

The Bunnies committee would like to wish all children and families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Kingsclere Allotment AGM

Notice for ALL allotment plot holder to attend an Annual General Meeting on Monday 18th February at 7.30pm in the Village club (upstairs Holding room).

The agenda will include background and responsibilities of Parish council and Allotment Management Group; Plans for 2019; financial report and opportunity for suggestions from plot holders.

Please put this date in your diary and plan to attend so your views are included.

On behalf of AMG- David Hey 01635 297350

BBC Children in Need

A BIG Thank You to all those people who came to watch the BBC Children in Need Rickshaw Challenge pass through the village. By serving hot drinks and pastries to you all, we managed to raise over £150.00 for this worthy cause.

Pam and Andrew Kitch 01635 299743

HeartStart—Join a nation of life savers

Every year, 30,000 people suffer from a cardiac arrest during their everyday lives. Three quarters of those people could survive if they had access to prompt defibrillation.

When used alongside Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) provides an unconscious person who is not breathing with the best possible chance of survival. Bluebird Care, a home and live-in care provider based in Kingsclere Business park is delighted to be working with the charity Heartstart to deliver “Call Push Rescue” training. Bluebird Care has installed an AED device outside its offices in Kingsclere business park, which is available to members of the Kingsclere community to use in the event of a cardiac emergency.

The “Call Push Rescue” training will cover the following:

- ♥ How and when to perform CPR on an adult or child
- ♥ How to put someone in the recovery position
- ♥ How to use a publicly accessible AED device

The one- hour training course will take place at Bluebird Care, 17 Plantagenet House, Kingsclere Business Park, RG20 4SW on January 22nd, 2019. We will be running 2 sessions;

- ♥ Session 1: 5.30 – 6.30 pm
- ♥ Session 2: 6.45 – 7.45 pm

Spaces for this free training are limited so if you would like to book a place then please contact Bluebird care on kingsclere@bluebirdcare.co.uk or contact our office on 01256 762324.

AGEconcern
Hampshire

Your Village Agents

Your volunteer Age Concern village agents are Bronia and Yvonne.

We are in contact with local services, and have access to the accredited Information and Advice service at Age Concern Hampshire, as well as links to Hampshire County Council’s Support Services – all of which will help get the right information to you as swiftly as possible.

We can help you find information on a variety of matters eg: Benefits, Blue Badge scheme, Community Groups, Meals on Wheels, Nuisance Calls, Tradespeople, Transport, Shopping Assistance, Residential Care – & more.

We can be contacted on 07813 369032 (Bronia) or 07813 368259 (Yvonne). If we are unavailable, please leave a message and we will call you back, or call Age Concern Hampshire on Freephone 0800 328 7154.





Kingsclere Film Club

Second Saturday of the month at 7.30pm at the Village Club, George Street.

Saturday, 8 December, 2018 - Paddington 2



(2017 - Certificate PG - 103 minutes)

A heart-warming and funny film for our Christmas 'do'; Paddington gets a job to buy a present for Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, but it gets stolen....

Christmas Party. Please contact the Secretary (Fiona Sawyer - 297221) to let her know if you are coming and/or if you are bringing guests.

Saturday, 12 January, 2019 – Finding your Feet

(2017 - Certificate PG13 - 111 minutes)

A suburban snob finds her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her inner-city bohemian sister. Funny and touching.

9 February: Breathe (2017)

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

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

New members welcome



Kingsclere Rugby Club

Kingsclere Rugby Club would like to invite you to come along and join us for the annual **Chris Smith Memorial Match** (Old Boys v Current Boys) which takes place on

Saturday 15th December 2018 – Kick off 12:30pm at The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere RG20 5SQ

There will be many amazing auction and raffle prizes as well as food, fun and entertainment

ALL MONEY RAISED IN AID OF CHARITY

Rugby is a full-contact, team game, inclusive of all ages (17 to old!), shapes and sizes, where 20-stone bulldozers are valued just as highly as small, pacey whippets!

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

We welcome all new members both on and off the field and train with RFU qualified coaches from 7:00pm on Wednesdays at The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere RG20 5SQ and play our matches on Saturday afternoons.

For further information please contact Aurie Woodley on 07733 367900 or alternatively please email Captain@kingsclererc.co.uk

Kingsclere Minis Rugby Club

Kingsclere Minis Rugby Club would like to invite you to come along and join us.

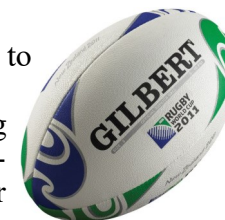
Mini rugby is a fantastic way of gradually introducing children to the great game in a carefully structured format in line with their physical development and motor skills. In addition to keeping children fit, rugby creates a strong bond of friendship and mutual respect not just for team mates, but for 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.

KRFC Minis Rugby is 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 please contact Nikki Shouesmith on 07958 568620 or alternatively please email Youth-Coach@kingsclererc.co.uk



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