

The Kingsclere Tower



August 2019

Your Village Magazine

The Kingsclere Tower

Editors Mike Stokoe, Nicki Lee and Sarah Hewitt

Advertising Brian Elborn, b.elborn345@btinternet.com ☎ 298704

Distribution Brian Elborn ☎ 298704

Assembly Andrew Kitch ☎ 299743

Printer Kingsclere Design and Print

Layout/Cover James Cruickshank

Layout Volunteer Needed

Are you interested in design/graphics packages?

Fancy bringing some extra creativity to the Tower's appearance?

We need an additional Layout team member to format the magazine. Computer literate, ideally with some knowledge of a graphics/publishing package such as MS-Publisher. Training provided.

Our Layout team work alongside the month's editor to design the layout of these 'white pages' (not the chevron-edged advertising pages, which are done separately). Each layout person works on 3-4 magazines a year.

The majority of the Layout activities typically take place between 12th-26th of the month, around 6-10 hours per month in total.

Please contact the editors for more information.

Thank you!

Neither the Editor, nor the Management Committee accept responsibility for the opinions expressed or the goods and services advertised in the Kingsclere Tower magazine.

To all "Tower" Contributors

COPY FOR September to the editors at 3 Blue Meadow, Garrett Close
kingscleretower@gmail.com by 12th August
Copy MUST include name, address/phone number

Kingsclere Parish Council

KINGSCLERE PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

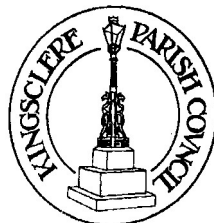
Chairman: John Sawyer (297221)

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



VE DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY – Friday 8th May 2020, has been designated by the Government as a Bank Holiday to enable as many towns, parishes, district, community and other councils, along with individuals, voluntary organisations, the holiday and hospitality industry including pubs, clubs and hotels etc, to join in the VE Day 75 celebrations, so we do hope that you will take part over the VE Day weekend of the 8th – 10th May 2020, providing you with the opportunity to pay your personal tribute to those who gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today.

The Parish Council is willing to produce a flyer detailing all of the events that will be occurring in the village to commemorate this important time. Please send the Clerk details of any planned events for inclusion when available – a reminder will be published nearer the time.

VILLAGE DIARY – The Village Diary was created as a central place to check for events, not only for those wanting to see “What’s on” but also as an aid to avoid booking an event when there is already something else going on. If you would like your event listed in the online village diary, please send the details to the clerk at the above email address.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – will be at 7:30pm on Monday 19th August 2019, 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.

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

@kingsclerepc facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

GREEN WHEELY BINS – Collection days: 14th and 28th August

Police Report

Kingsclere and Ashford Hill

There have been three reports of damage to vehicles. The first incident was at 2am on 1 June, to a van at Strokens Road. A similar report was also made at Elm Grove. On 8 June, a vehicle parked overnight at The Crown pub was damaged.

In other news, on 31 May, a TREK mountain bike was stolen from a garage at George Street. On 7 June, a CCTV camera was stolen from an address at St Mary’s Road. On the same day, someone attempted to steal lead from an outbuilding at Foxes Lane, and several GIANT bikes were stolen from another address in the same street. On 19—20 June, a Honda quad bike was stolen from Baughurst Road.

Did you know? According to the charity Missing People, someone is reported missing every 90 seconds in the UK. The most common reasons include problems at home, abuse, mental health issues and dementia. Children and teenagers are more than twice as likely to go missing as adults. A vast majority of missing people are found within 24 hours, and over 96% are found within a week.

Fraud prevention advice There have been further reported incidents this month where persons have been cold-called by people pretending to be from the police. The person receiving the call is asked to attend the bank and withdraw cash, which is then handed over to a courier. This is a scam! Genuine police officers would not ask you to do this.

Dear Editor,

My sons’ and I would like to thank all the wonderful people of Kingsclere for all the cards, messages of sympathy and offers of support received following the death of my husband Nigel. We were totally overwhelmed by them all. Thank you also to all those who attended his funeral, donated to the UK sepsis trust, and for the ongoing love and support we continue to receive.

Christine, Ryan and Darren Westcombe





Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands W.I.

Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street

There is no meeting in August. Instead, our W.I. will be hosting members from the three other W.I.s in our North Downs Group.

We look forward to welcoming VISITORS at our next monthly meeting (with guest speaker) at just £2.00 per person, on Wednesday 11 September, details in the Sept. magazine.

Nova Saunderson - 01635 299570

Camaraderie

Wednesday 7th August in the Methodist Schoolroom at 2.30pm

There will be entertainment followed by Afternoon Tea.

£2.00 to include a free raffle

ALL WELCOME

200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200

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

St Mary's 200 Club Winner July, no 107, Janet Sturgess

Well done, Janet

JL Bookkeeping

Reliable and Affordable Service

VAT Returns

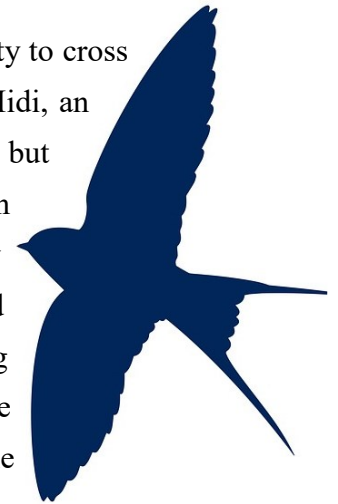
Fully Compliant with Making Tax Digital

Call Joanne on: 07833 163111

Email: jlbookkeeping1@outlook.com

Nature Notes

On a recent trip to Catalonia we had an opportunity to cross into France to travel by barge on the Canal du Midi, an interesting trip especially down the lock ladder but very noticeable how the scenery must have been transformed recently. Ash die-back has seriously affected bankside trees leaving them bare and twiggy and as the trees are removed they are being replaced with a different species, possibly plane saplings. This results in a more open feel to the area.



While swallows, swifts and housemartin numbers are low in our own area, swifts and martins were truly abundant in N.E. Spain. Hordes of swifts flickered over the buildings and in one instance were using nest holes deliberately built into a hotel wall, the nestlings with their heads at the entrance of each ready to snatch a meal from the parent. In a hilltop fortress town we visited martins in hundreds found ideal conditions for nest building on the rough stone walls and beneath the projecting terra cotta tiles.

The HIOWWT has a new reserve and we went to see it recently. The site lies between the River Test on one side and the redundant Romsey canal. It is old farmland which was viable only by pumping out water but has, over time, reverted to natural bog and rough pasture. Skeleton trees stand in the centre having succumbed to the wet and the whole area has grown wonderfully wild with vegetation and flowers. Access paths have been laid and areas fenced off to allow British white cattle to graze. The old canal was full of colour along its length with brandy bottle lilies.

Diana Tait and Rod Eldred

Kingsclere Community Library

Kingsclere Summer Reading FUN!

It's not too late to sign up!

Children of any age welcome!

IT'S FREE!

Sign up, read 6 books, win a medal & a prize!

The third Tuesday of each month is Jigsaw Puzzle Day, come along and join in putting together a puzzle.

Volunteers Needed! Join our friendly team and spend a pleasant couple of hours helping in the library. No experience needed! If you can even do one shift a month – especially Saturdays – you will be very welcome.

Interested in your family history? Use the Ancestry Website FREE at your library.

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

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com



Enquiries 0345 2601501 or www.andovercats.org.uk

Fund-raising/volunteers 07733 242196,
coord@andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale 01256-892773

This is Lulu, she is around 14 years old and in good health for her age. She is looking for a quiet retirement home with no young children or other pets. She has not really been out much but might enjoy a potter around the garden on a sunny afternoon. Last month's cat, Saffi, has been lucky to find a lovely home in the country.

Our Pawesome coffee morning back in May was very successful and we managed to raise a fantastic £250 to help the cats in our care. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event.

Whilst the weather is particularly warm, it's important to make sure there are plenty of shaded areas in your garden for your cat to take shelter whilst out and about. It is also important to make sure there is plenty of fresh water available for them to drink; they prefer this to be away from their food source.



Overton Art Group

Annual Art Exhibition and Sale

Free Entrance

August Bank Holiday Weekend, Saturday to Monday from 10.00 until 17.00



The Recreation Centre, Bridge Street, Overton RG25 3HD

This is a celebration of work completed throughout the year by artists of Overton and the surrounding area. The works are in various mediums including acrylic, oils and watercolour. Most are framed and ready to hang but some are mounted ready for framing. We also have available a selection of greetings cards. Please come along and browse, you never know you may find a piece of original artwork that you would like to own or to give as a very special gift.

Parking is available and our opening time are not affected by Car Fest traffic. Tea and Homemade cakes are also available to purchase at various times throughout the day. We accept cheques and cash only, and a catalogue is available to purchase if you choose. We hope you are able to pop along.

Kingsclere Fete Accessories Stall

We are looking for accessories for our stall
at the August Bank-Holiday
Village Fete.

Please can you donate good-as-new scarves, pashminas, belts, hats,
handbags, purses or jewellery. Also quality gifts required.

If you can help, please phone 01635297234
or email: suzystokoe@btinternet.com.
We will be happy to collect any items.
Suzy Stokoe



The Fieldgate Centre is run by the Kingsclere Community Association. The association is run by volunteers (not the council) so your help is always welcome. Facilities can be hired for events, celebrations and activities.

Summer of Fun at The Fieldgate

Every Wednesday from 24th July until 28th August

No need to be bored...come to the Fieldgate Centre and have some fun! FREE play activities for children age 2-12yrs, with an adult. Come rain or shine.

Dave Turlin

We were deeply saddened by the sudden death of Dave Turlin. Dave was our cleaner, but he was much more than that. He was committed to the success of the Fieldgate Centre, going out of his way to make sure users of the centre were set up for their events and becoming part of the team that run the Youth Club. As a keen gardener he brightened up the flower beds where he planted many new plants. He will be greatly missed.

Events in September

Sunday 1st - **Caribbean Festival** Celebrate the best of the Caribbean.

Midday – 7.30pm FREE Admission. All welcome.

Saturday 14th - **Last Night of the Proms** Classical music spectacular, flag-waving and delicious food. All welcome.

MONTHLY MEET UP @ THE FIELDGATE

2.30 – 4.30pm TUESDAY 20th August

Don't stay at home - come along for tea, coffee and cakes.

All welcome

If you need transport, please contact The Fieldgate Centre on 01635 298497 during office hours.

Make friends – Social activities – Refreshments - Volunteer

Run by Kingsclere Community Association for the community

01635298497 fieldgatecentre@btconnect.com
www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk



Restarting Hearts in Headley Ball

It's time to dress fabulously!

Saturday Sept 21st 7pm till late

@Sandford Springs Golf Club, Kingsclere.

£40 includes 3 course meal, fun, & live band playing pop covers and jazz

100% of proceeds from the evening will help fund a defibrillator in Headley.

Christine and Geoff Allwright 07932247363.

geoffallwright@btinternet.com



SWALLOWFIELD SHOW

A COUNTRY SHOW FOR ALL AGES

WHY NOT JOIN THE FUN!

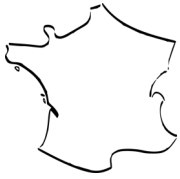
AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

SUNDAY 25TH AND MONDAY 26TH

SWALLOWFIELD PARK, SWALLOWFIELD RG7 1TH

For more information and to book tickets visit

www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk



Kingsclere Twinning Association

Thank you to all those who supported us and came to cheer their ducks on at the 2019 Duck Race in June! Congratulations to the Dymond family, Ellie (5 yrs) and Phil and Maggie who came 1st 2nd and 3rd, winning £50, £20 and £10, as well as Sue Earl whose last duck across the finish line won her a solar powered dancing duck! We look forward to seeing everybody at the 2020 Duck Race.

The money raised from this event will help welcome our Cormicy visitors, whose next visit is anticipated in May 2020 – please await further details regarding their visit. The Twinning Association has also recently donated a sum of money to Kingsclere Primary School to thank them for their support.

We always welcome new members. Why not consider joining in 2019-2020? Family membership is £5 per year and includes reduced admission prices to most of our events, free monthly French conversation/class (from beginner to conversational level), and the opportunity to visit Cormicy in the beautiful Champagne region of France. Please contact kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk or telephone Sue Watson on 01635 298940 for details regarding membership or hosting.

Kingsclere Twinning Association

Kingsclere Gardening Association

Regretfully, our planned visit to the carnivorous plant nursery has been cancelled, as we had so few members interested.

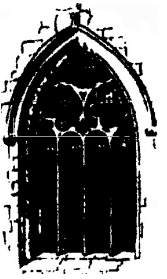


Our summer show this year is on Sunday, August 18th, at the Fieldgate Centre. Staging of exhibits is from 9.30am. Judging is from 11.30am, doors open to the public at 2.30pm. Prize giving will be at 4.30pm. Schedules will be available in the library and the village butchers. There will be a tombola running during the afternoon and there will also be refreshments available. Classes for photography, and children's exhibits included.

Our programme of talks begins in September on the 12th, in the village club.

John Eckton 01256 850017

The Church Pages



What a difference no school run makes to my life! No frantic mornings making sure everything is ready for the day ahead. No scrabbling around for swimming stuff or gym stuff. No desperate rushing to try and make the back of the line as it moves into class! How the day begins differently when there is no deadline to get somewhere! And I bet the children are appreciating not being bossed around for 15 mins by two panicking parents, desperate not to be late! I suppose another approach might be just to be late but at the moment, we're trying not to do that, and to take bit of responsibility for them, which I guess is liberating for them even if they don't know it!

One of the great freedoms of being a Christian is that God is our Father and we are his children. Being children of God is something we've been thinking about quite a bit on Sunday mornings. One Bible verse that springs to mind is See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! (1 John. 3:1). It reminds us of the abundance of God's love shown in Him inviting those who believe into His family. It means that God is no longer someone to hide from or cringe in fear before, worried whether He will approve of our lives or not, but He's a God we can run to like a child would their parent. The love we feel for our children is only a glimpse of the love that God has for His children. He, after all, sent Jesus to die for us so that all could have the opportunity to become His child.

We'd love to welcome you one Sunday morning at Kingsclere church and hope that when you come you might sense something of the presence of the God who lavishes His love on us. As I write that word 'lavishes', it feels a bit outrageous, even uncomfortable, but that's the God we have. Each Sunday, we meet at 8:45 for breakfast followed by the service beginning at 9:15. Services are also held at 8 or 11 on other Sundays – please see details in this magazine.

I hope you have a great August, with plenty of time to rest, and the chance to ponder the lavishing love of God.

Blessings,

Ben

Services in August 2019

Sunday 4 th August Trinity 7	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion with Junior Church – St Mary's, Kingsclere (breakfast 8.45am)
Sunday 11 th August Trinity 8	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 18 th August Trinity 9	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 25 th August Trinity 10	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 1 st September Trinity 11	8am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Ashford Hill
	9.15am	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 in St Mary's church on 19th August at 9:30am.

From the Registers of St Mary's

Funerals *I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord*
 20 June Eric Rampton
 27 June David Turlin

Methodist Notes

4th August: Rosie Greenhalgh, Morning Worship
 11th August: Rev'd Jenny Ellis, Holy Communion
 18th August: Steve Green, Morning Worship
 25th August: Alan Green, Pastries and Praise
 All Services begin at 10am

Lighting up St Mary's

25th July 28.2.1937 - 25.7.2013. Rev. David John Carter. Six years now since you left us but never far from our hearts and thoughts. A Loving Husband, Dad, Granddad and Father-in-law who will always be loved and missed so much. Pauline, Nick, Helen, Kev, Jo, Mark Sam, Tom, Abbie and Elliot.

5th August For Mark Bassett - we love and miss you every day. Amanda and Rocket.

14th August Birthday Wishes Michael Hopkins (Mick). Time passes, Love stays forever, Missed everyday. Jac xxx

14th August Mick / Grandad still so missed on your birthday. Love Carla, Nick, Ellie and Lucy. xx

15th August Phippen. Remembering our Dear Mum Monica on 15th August which would have been her 90th Birthday and also our Dear Dad who's 96th Birthday was July 4th. Gone but forever in our Hearts. Love Always Pat. Marie, Karen and Families.

18th August Mam passed away two years today Your smile lit up our lives and today it lights up our hearts. With all our love Christine Sheila Susan[deceased] Nanny to Amanda Caroline Sarah Christina. Joanne Tracey Peter sons in law, partner, & great grandchildren.

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 £12 per evening, block booking discounts. Cheques payable to St Mary's Kingsclere PCC, gift aid welcome. Deadline for September Tower is August 10th

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@stmaryskingsclere.co.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

Changes to St Mary's Church Interior

Since last month's entry in the Tower the next set of plans have been prepared and are currently on display just inside the West Door of St Mary's.

We have included a drawing of the mezzanine floor arrangement in the Kingsmill Room to show how it will enhance the existing windows and make them visible on both floors using a 'trough' type arrangement. We have added light to the upper rooms by incorporating light from the Chancel area.

Much needed additional space will be created by the addition of this mezzanine floor which can be used by local groups and societies.

We have also included four different seating layouts to show how much more flexible the seating will be in the Nave of the church. This will allow for larger group meetings and concerts along with the flexibility of a large open space. Using individual seating, which can be easily stored, we will be able to adapt the area for many different uses.

The plans will remain on show and be updated as we make any changes.

Please don't forget that we have available an email address for you to make your ideas and suggestions known to the project team so that we can discuss and enhance our plan as we progress the project: Project.team@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

Our plans are about to come under the watchful eye of the church authorities as we have a visit during late July to discuss what we are proposing.

The team will be on hand during the church fete on August 26th to discuss your thoughts and ideas.

A lot of comment has been made about 'how long will this take'? 'When will the work start'? How much will it all cost? Will the church have to close? We haven't got those answers yet but we will continue to seek the opinions of the people of Kingsclere to achieve a final plan. We are confident that as soon as our plan is complete, we can start the more intense process of preparing technical specifications to determine the cost of the project and start to plan its implementation.

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Many thanks to all of you who helped make our **Art from the Attic Sale** in mid-June such a great success, either by donating pictures for sale or by buying them. We were extremely pleased to have almost 300 items to display, in a wide variety of styles and subjects, to suit every taste and pocket. Thanks to your generosity, the Sale itself raised the splendid total of some £2,000 towards future fabric restoration and repair works at St Mary's, and we also have a considerable number of unsold pictures to carry forward. We are at present working out how to make best use of this bounty, which will boost the final figure even higher. Watch future issues of The Tower for details!

As last year, we will be manning a **FOSM recruiting tent at the Church Fete** in August. In a village of some 3,000 people, our membership is currently only about 150. Individual membership is only £10 a year, or £20 for a family, and it is an extremely worthwhile cause. You support our events magnificently and generously, but we'd like more of you as Friends, so do come to see us!

Peter Turner, Chairman

Sandham Memorial Chapel

Shared themes: Works inspired by Stanley Spencer

Wednesday 31st July – Sunday 4th August 11am-4pm

Artist Robert Senior presents an exhibition of work with themes linking to those of Stanley Spencer; in particular, spirituality expressed through the everyday, rooted in autobiographical events and relationships, and a keen interest in humanity. Entry to this exhibit is free

Chapel Service

Wednesday 7th August 10:15

Join us for one of our monthly services conducted by our parish rector.

Hampshire Open Studios with Made in the Hood

Saturday 17th- Monday 26th of August 11am-4pm

Come and see the work of local artists and craftspeople in the beautiful setting of Sandham. Perhaps treat yourself or find a gift amongst the paintings, ceramics, sculpture, photography, glass and jewellery. This exhibition is free.



Kingsclere Royal British Legion

Wow! We hope you enjoyed the D Day 75 convoy which came through the village 22nd of June, a once in a lifetime event for our great community.

The branch held a Waterloo Supper night in The Crown on the 28th June, to remember the 8 Kingsclere men who fought and sadly were killed in action at the battle; the event went well with more memorial suppers planned.

Those who walk through the churchyard will have seen the new Commonwealth War Grave headstone remembering Private Leonard Cramp; who was injured in France during World War 1 and underwent recuperation here in the village. We believe Leonard married a local lass and at some point died of his wounds. The work to have him remembered has been a long journey, but thanks must go to the Parish Council and St Mary's committee for their dogged determination to get this important work completed. A dedication service will be conducted before the launch of this year's Poppy Appeal in late October.

With agreement from the family, we plan to place a memorial stone in the Memorial Garden outside of The Crown for Jim Beasant, our last D Day Veteran who sadly passed away in January this year. Current plans see this event conducted on the last Saturday in August and we would welcome your support.

Plans for the 2019 act of Remembrance are underway and our new village Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mike Carrington, is busy with his preparations for the Poppy Appeal Launch. If you or your organisation wish to have a wreath to lay at the Remembrance please contact either Mike or Tracy Holden (01635 628004) who will arrange for a wreath to be ordered for you; earlier the better to enable the team to get organised!

Our village branch continues to grow steadily in numbers and in our planned events and socials, so why not come along to a meeting which we hold every first Tuesday of the month in The Crown, starting at 7pm or join us for Brunch! This is a great way to support our community!

Mark Holden, Kingsclere.Chairman@RBL.Community, 628004

Kingsclere Tennis Club

GET ACTIVE! Play socially or in Basingstoke league matches.

Adult, Junior and Family memberships available at very reasonable rates. ALL WELCOME!

Adults interested in playing social tennis sessions this summer contact:

Thursday mornings - Daphne Snook on 07768 664347

Sunday mornings – Nigel Baker on 07785 763967

The club hopes to offer summer junior coaching sessions after school.

Further details on request.

For Tennis Club Membership contact:

Adam Price on 07725 901362 or email: adamprice27st@gmail.com



KINGSCLERE RUGBY CLUB

Kingsclere Rugby Club would like to invite you to come along and join us for the new 2019-20 season.

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.

We train with RFU qualified coaches from 7:00pm on Wednesdays at The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere RG20 5SQ and play our matches on Saturday afternoons.

Pre-season training has started so please come along and join no matter what level of experience you have.

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

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

f Please follow us on Kingsclere RFC

Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship





Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby and Toddler Group

We all had a brilliant time at 4 Kingdoms Adventure Park for our summer outing last month. From train and tractor rides to go-karts and soft play there was something for everyone. The staff were great at entertaining the children who all had fun exploring the park. All of the children enjoyed the lovely weather and a ice cream to keep them cool as a summer treat from Bunnies.

We will be running sessions through the summer holidays, keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. Older siblings are welcome, the more the merrier. Often our holiday sessions are a lot quieter so if you haven't been before, this is your chance to find out what we are all about, come and join us!

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



Busy Bees Pre-school Kingsclere

Thank you to all who attended our Fun Run, it was a great morning raising some much needed funds for the pre-school. Everyone enjoyed the stalls and their picnics so much, it could be an annual event!

We need to say goodbye to our Butterflies and wish them well as they move onto school. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new children and their families in September and our caterpillars are growing into butterflies and will be the big kids!

Busy Bees is closed for the summer holidays and we will reopen on Thursday 5th September 2019.

Thank you to our Committee for their support this past year.

Charlotte De Souza



THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF KINGSCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Now that the term is over for the year, we would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all who attended any event that we ran during the term. We really appreciate all the support that you provide and the funds go directly back into the school for the children to have increased learning opportunities.

With regards to funding going back into the school, at a recent meeting, we agreed to pay for 15 new iPads for the school. We couldn't do this if it wasn't for you (the villagers/parents/carers), so more thanks! This is part of a longer-term plan that the school are implementing in regard to updating current IT equipment and getting more new equipment to benefit the children in their day to day learning.

As I am sure neighbours of the school are aware, the 3rd annual Kingfest was held recently and was a humungous success, raising just under £2,000! We would like to thank all who attended and of course special thanks to the neighbours of the school who could hear our glorious band, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Upcoming for September, we have our Autumnal Ball at Sandford Springs Golf Course. Tickets are £45 each and include a welcome glass of prosecco, 3 course meal and disco with an addition of a photo booth this year! Tickets will be available from the school office in the new term.

Hope you all have fantastic Summers and we look forward to seeing you at one of events in the new term! Keep a look out in next months Tower for dates for your diary!

If you require any further information about any of our events or want to get involved, please contact fksccommunity@yahoo.com.

Harriet Gabbott
Chairman Friends of Kingsclere School

Notable August Events throughout history, from Historic UK Website

1100 King William II (Rufus) killed by a crossbow bolt in mysterious circumstances while hunting in the New Forest, his ghost is still said to haunt the woods.

1346 With the help of the longbow the English army of Edward III defeats the French at the Battle of Crecy.

1485 Richard III becomes the last English king to die in battle, killed at Bosworth Field at Leicestershire.

1587 Birth of Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents to be born in the Roanoke Colony in what is now North Carolina, USA. What became of Virginia and the other early colonists remains a mystery to this day.

1646 Birth of John Flamsteed, Britain's first Astronomer Royal. He would go on to publish a catalogue that identified 2,935 stars.

1675 King Charles II lays the foundation stone of the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.

1740 'Rule Britannia' sung for the first time in public, in Thomas Arne's 'Masque Alfred'.

1757 Birth of Thomas Telford, Scottish civil engineer credited with opening up northern Scotland by building roads, bridges and waterways.

1765 King William IV born. William would go on to serve in the Royal Navy, earning him the nickname the "Sailor King".

1819 The *Peterloo Massacre* took place in Manchester at St. Peter's Fields.

1840 Britain bans the employment of climbing boys as chimney sweeps.

1875 Matthew Webb (Captain Webb) started his attempt from Dover in Kent, to become the first person to swim the English Channel. He reached Calais, France at 10.40 am the following morning, having been in the water for 22 hours.



1888 Birth of Thomas Edward Lawrence 'of Arabia'.

1896 Mrs. Bridget Driscoll of Croydon, Surrey, became the first pedestrian in Britain to die after being hit by a car.

1897 Birth of best-selling children's writer Enid Blyton, whose books have been among the world's best-sellers since the 1930s, with more than 600 million sold.

1900 Britain's first long distance bus service begins between London and Leeds. The journey time being 2 days!

1900 Coca Cola is sold for the first time in Britain.

1914 Britain declared war on Germany in support of Belgium and France, and on Turkey because of her alliance with Germany.

1926 Britain's first set of electric traffic lights appear on the streets of London.

1940 The first night of the Blitz as German planes bomb the city of London.



1940 Winston Churchill referring to the RAF pilots, says "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few".

1945 Japan surrenders to the Allies, ending the Second World War.

1962 Nelson Mandela imprisoned for attempting to overthrow South Africa's apartheid rule.

1963 Britain's Great Train Robbery – £2.6 M stolen from Royal Mail.



Kingsclere Film Club

Second Saturday of the month at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm) at the
Village Club, George Street.
Saturday, 10 August, 2019



(1955 – Crime/Drama - 117min)

The wife and mistress of a loathed headmaster plan to murder him while having the perfect alibi. They carry out the plan, but the body disappears....

Starring Simone Signoret. Directed by HG Cluzot. English subtitles.
Next month: Saturday, 14 September – **The Elephant Man** (1980)
Kingsclere Film Club welcomes guests at £7.50, subject to space.

New members welcome at any time.

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

Would you like your Tower on-line?

Subscribe and receive the Tower by email every month. Please email Kingscleretower@gmail.com with 'subscribe' in the subject line. Do you know anyone who has left the village but would like to keep up with the news? Please let them know, too.



THE KINGSCLERE TOWER DIRECTORY

Editor: 3 Blue Meadow, Garrett Close.
email: kingscleretower@gmail.com
Advertising: Brian Elborne ☎298704
b.elborn345@btinternet.com

POLICE, FIRE or AMBULANCE **Emergency 999**
Police Enquiries/Information **non Emergency 101**
Kingsclere Health Centre: 296000
North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke 01256 473202
Kingsclere & Ashford Hill with Headley Care Group:
General Enquiries 01635 298794 *Transport only* 07388 539 730
Parish Council: 37 George Street (see page 2) 298634
Dial-a-Ride 01256 462101

Churches: *see contact details within Church Pages inside*

Bas & Deane	01256 844844	Cub Scouts	298413
Buses	0345 8101000	Girl Guides	299875
Trains	0845 748 4950	Kingsclere Library	0300 555 1387
Gas Emerg.	0800 11999	Swan Street P O	297035
S.Electric	08000 727282	Vet	29557 or 40565
S.Water	0845 278 0845	Dentist	299981
Busy Bees	299566	Fieldgate Centre	298497
Chemist	298419	Village Club	297913

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Ken Rhatigan 07850 530319 cldr.ken.rhatigan@basingstoke.gov.uk
Clare Kinnear 07970 400864 cldr.clare.kinnear@basingstoke.gov.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Tom Thacker 01264 738464 tom.thacker@hants.gov.uk

MP for N.W Hampshire:

Kit Malthouse 01264 401401 kit.malthouse.mp@parliament.uk
2, Church Close, Andover, SP10 1DP

**There is a more comprehensive list of local contact numbers on the
Parish Council website. Go to www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk/directory**