

The Kingsclere Tower



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Welcome to this July's Tower. There's a lot going on in the village this month from the Tennis club social nights, Kingsclere Twinning Association Bingo night, Kingsfest on the 13th and 14th at the school and the Kingsclere Singers picnic on the 14th. For the children, the Summer of Fun starts at the Fieldgate Centre on 24th July.

This is your village: why not get involved? The Library and the Parish Council both need volunteers and the Kingsclere Players are looking for actors and backstage crew. Appealing to different interests, there's a wide range of clubs and societies to choose from. And don't forget the General Election on the 4th. At the recent local elections less than 50% voted - get out there and make sure your vote counts!

The Editor

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To all "Tower" Contributors

Copy for August 2024 to the Editor at: kingscleretower@gmail.com

NOT LATER THAN 12th July 2024.

If possible please submit articles as a MS Word document, A5 page size, font Times New Roman 11, single spacing. *If email not possible, post to:*

23 Swan Street, Kingsclere, Newbury RG20 5PP.

Will ALL contributors please include full name and contact phone number/email address.

Kingsclere Parish Council

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Telephone: 01635 298634

Office: 37 George St, Kingsclere RG20 5NH



COUNCILLOR VACANCIES: We are looking for more Councillors to join the team.

A little more about the role and what we do -

- Represent the views of all residents within the parish
- Understand the views and needs of different groups in the community
- Be well-informed, especially about diverse local views
- Deliver services to meet local needs
- Strive to improve quality of life in the parish
- Attend meetings of the council
- Review, monitor and maintain the village financial matters - always striving for best value for money versus the budget
- Represent the local community externally
- Review planning applications and respond from a community perspective

The Parish Council looks after approximately 14 acres of land around the village, including the Holding Field, the Recreation Ground, the 2 Cemeteries Allotments, the Churchyard, the Malthouse Open Space, Crown Green and we are going to refurbish the large flower bed in the Square later this year (its ownership is unclear). Many grass areas in the village are maintained by Basingstoke and Deane or Local Housing Authorities. Hampshire County Council look after the verges and the roundabout. Hedges should be maintained by the owner of the property they adjoin.

KPC needs help. There are always projects which need to be driven forward. The majority of KPC members work full time. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who may like to get involved either in becoming a Councillor or volunteering for a project.

GREEN WHEELY BINS & GLASS RECYCLING – the collections dates are Wednesday 10th and 24th July and then the 7th August.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday 29th July 2024** in the Village Club. We welcome the attendance of all parishioners at our meetings and anyone who wishes to raise any matters will be given the opportunity to do so during Public Questions.



@kingsclerepc



facebook.com/KingsclereParishCouncil

The Parish website: www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk

KINGSCLERE CHARITIES - The Charities were set up to help support residents in the parishes of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley. They are overseen by 9 Trustees who are resident in these parishes and are supported by a Clerk. The Trustees meet 5 times a year where general business is attended to, and approval considered/given to Grant Applications. KPC is looking for a trustee to be part of the team but represent the Parish Council and give feedback on matters requiring attention. Please do contact the office if you think this would be of interest to you. We look forward to hearing from you.



The Fieldgate Centre

Kingsclere Community Association
Your community, your place

The Fieldgate Centre is run by Kingsclere Community Association, as a charity (No 1168366). The association is made up of volunteers who rely on the support and participation of the community.

Summer has arrived with its rain and sun! At the Fieldgate Centre we continue to be bustling and busy with private parties, fun events and coffee mornings, as well as the regular classes and events including Slimming World, Ceroc, Clubbercise, Pilates, Badminton, Songtree, Monthly Meet Up, Racing Welfare Coffee Mornings, Youth Club and HIIT class. Check our website for full details of the times of events and classes you may wish to attend.

July starts with the **General Election** taking place on **4th July**. This means a number of our regular events are unable to take place as the centre will be used as a polling station.

The knock-out stages of the Euro 2024 Football continue into July. Full details of any matches to be shown will go onto our website and social media.

Monthly Meet Up takes place on **Tuesday 16th July** from **2.30pm-4.30pm**. There will be the usual fun quizzes and activities, coffee and homemade cake, and a walk which is proving very popular.

Summer of Fun begins again on **24th July** and runs every Wednesday throughout the summer until **28th August**, from **10am-2pm**. The sessions are free and full of fantastic holiday activities for children aged 2-12 years, including the **new multi-sport activities** for all age groups. Look out for the flyer with full information! If you have any free time and would like to volunteer at any of these sessions, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact us if you need any further information about our activities or if you would like to hold your event at The Fieldgate Centre. Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information.

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Practice Update: Medical Triage from 3rd June 2024

General Practice across the country is experiencing the highest patient demand ever before seen in its history and as such services are struggling to keep up. At Watership Down Health, we want to keep our personalised approach and the important relationship that we have with our patients and to do this we need to continually review the way we work to keep both patients and staff safe. Please continue to contact the practice as you always have done but be aware that from the 3rd June 2024 you may be asked to provide additional clinical information so that your request can be triaged and dealt with by the clinical team more effectively.

‘Triage’ means assessing the needs of a patient to understand the urgency of their need for treatment and nature of the treatment needed. By triaging requests, studies have shown that patient satisfaction improves as clinical queries are dealt with more effectively and efficiently, often avoiding longer waits for clinical advice. By triaging some of our patient demand, we will enable the practice to work toward implementing the BMA’s Safe working in General Practice guidance, to provide patient appointments more flexibly, direct patients to the most appropriate provider of care and prioritise care for those most in need, whilst keeping our clinical teams safe. In the first instance, please ask our dedicated Reception team for an appointment as needed. This can be your choice of telephone or face to face. If you are calling about an on-going or long-term problem, then an appointment with your Registered GP is likely to be more appropriate and may incur a wait of up to 4 weeks.

Same day Urgent care will continue to run in the same way but please be aware that only acute issues will be dealt with by the Urgent Care team. You may be redirected to a more suitable service or appointment type if your need is not immediate. Triage is being introduced to our service provision at this point. If deemed more appropriate, our dedicated Reception team will send you a link to provide clinical information for the triaging team. Please provide as much detail as possible. If you do not feel able to complete an online form, then a member of Reception staff will do this for you. We believe access at Watership Down Health is very good as we pride ourselves on offering face to face appointments with doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, mental health practitioners and pharmacists all within a reasonable time frame. We hope that over the coming months we can improve our access further to ensure our patients are seen by the right clinician, in the right place, at the right time. Please bear with us while we open up our appointment book with a steady flow to allow this to happen.

Kingsclere Tennis Club



Our two-day Kids’ Tennis camp in the spring half term in collaboration with Kingsclere School was a great success with over 20 children enjoying the fun and coaching. We are now planning to run similar coaching camps in the summer holidays for Junior members.

For adults there is a new weekly Cardio Tennis session at 18.30 for an hour and a half, where anyone can join in the fun and get a great workout at the same time. This is open to non-members too - just visit our website www.kingscleretennisclub.co.uk for information.

Social Night on Thursdays at 18.30 continues and has proved popular for all standards of tennis; as well as the usual 09.30 Thursday morning group play.

Please note we offer a 10% discount joining fee for all new members which means a junior (under 18) membership is just £18 for the whole year and adults £85.50!

All details about club activities and membership can be found on our website: www.kingscleretennisclub.co.uk and Facebook page.

Kingsclere Twinning Association



Join us for a friendly **Bingo Night on Friday 5th July** at the **Village Club**. Doors open at **7pm**, Eyes Down at approx. **7.30pm!**

No need to be a member...

- **£15 for 8 games of Bingo** – the money you pay becomes the Prize Pot. The more people who play, the higher the winnings!
- **£5 entry fee** including hotdog and light pudding.
- **Bar serving wine, beer, soft drinks** - and **dabbers!**
- **Proceeds** from the entry fee, bar and raffle will go towards the Kingsclere Twinning Association to facilitate visits between Kingsclere and Cormicy.

Please note that this is an over-18’s only event. Please email kingscleretwinning@yahoo.co.uk to reserve your tickets

**SAVE THE DATE – DUCK RACE RETURNS
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26TH AUGUST!**

Walking The Wayfarers Way in 3 days

I decided to walk and support Chapter2, a charity that mentors teenage boys in Reading who might otherwise get into wrong behaviours. If you would like to support them too, here is my JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/geoff-allwright-wayfarers-challenge>

The Wayfarers Way is a 70-mile path, north – south through Hampshire, and I decided to walk it with my son Darren in mid-May this year. We elected for the “3-day option”, roughly 25 miles per day. We were massively helped by my son Stephen supporting us with a car full of lunches, snacks, drinks and even garden chairs at every stop.

Day 1 The walk takes you into the heart of Hampshire providing a fine selection of coastline, woodlands, gentle rolling hills and rich valley farmlands. The start is at Combe Gibbet, above Inkpen, with mainly chalk surface for the first 2 days. We were able to see for miles from the hills across parts of West Berkshire and Hampshire. The path is well marked, passing close to Highclere Castle and under the A34. In the afternoon we continued over White Hill above Kingsclere, close to Hannington, through the lovely villages of North Oakley and Deane, over the M3, and into Dummer to finish day 1.

Day 2 We departed Dummer in beautiful weather once more. We were grateful as had it been raining & muddy this challenge would have been a lot tougher. Hampshire is a massive agricultural county and it seemed we were always in earshot of tractors and farm machinery as we crossed fields of rape seed, corn, wheat, grass etc. The villages of Brown Candover, Totford, Abbotstone and others were a delight to walk through. We walked past many wonderful looking pubs (stopping for ale would not assist us!). Another feature of Hampshire are the chalk streams and rivers, looking stunning in the spring sunshine. One such is the River Arle, at Old Alresford. This town was by far the largest place we walked through in the first 2 days, a bustling place with many families strolling along the river and through the ancient town. Here we walked along The Watercress Steam Railway line. Later we came to Hinton Ampner, a National Trust house and gardens, and then a long stretch of farmlands and vineyards to Betty Mundy’s Bottom, and a large woodland full of wild garlic. It was a relief when after 9 hours and 25 miles we arrived near to Exton, where our B & B awaited with a hot shower, comfy chairs and a pub next door, The Shoe Inn.

Day 3 Next morning, the day was once again warm and sunny. Mid-morning saw us arrive at a very large tree that had fallen and blocked the path, so that we had no alternative but to clamber over in quite a precarious manner. The Hambledon Church bells could be heard a few miles away. By early afternoon we were walking through more urban towns and on tarmac roads, as the Wayfarers Way signs became less obvious. We walked through business parks and housing estates to Brockhampton looking out over Portsmouth, Hayling Island and Langstone Harbour. We set out along the sea wall towards

Langstone and Emsworth. After about 500 metres, the sea wall was washed away. The only way to avoid a 3-mile detour, was to walk across the tidal mudflats, over some reed beds and fence, into a staff car park and round the security barrier. The final 3 miles was around Langstone Harbour, into Warblington and finally along the sea wall into Emsworth. The scene was idyllic with calm water filling the harbour as we walked the final steps past boats and day trippers to the finish, where Stephen was waiting to greet us with fish & chips and prosecco popping.

The finish, 27 hours and 75 miles of walking. Emsworth!!



This was a really special 3-day 75 mile walk. Thank you, Wayfarers Way, you surpassed all expectations, you didn’t make it easy, but you sure made it a challenge to be enjoyed.

Feel free to contact me if you want to know more, or advice on the walk etc.

Geoff Allwright geoffallwright@btinternet.com

Greener Kingsclere
Reduce Refill Re-use



BIG EVENT
Sunday, 30th June,
10am-12.30pm
The Fieldgate Centre

CAR BOOT/TABLE TOP SALE

Plus:

Repair Cafe

Fight Fast Fashion! Free clothing swap

Recycling

Cafe – coffee, tea, cakes!

Volunteers always needed - please contact us.

Nicki, Sarah, Lucinda & Sue
greenerkingsclere@gmail.com
www.Greener-kingsclere.co.uk



PTA SUMMER FAYRE
Saturday 20 July 2024

11am – 3 pm

Colour Run (12 – 1pm),
inflatables | food | bar
& variety of stalls

Come and join the fun!

Kingsclere Rugby Football Club

Women's Walking Rugby - The club has held walking rugby games for women from 18 up to 70 + every week (weather permitting) since the inaugural game on Thursday 3rd April. The number of participants is gradually increasing and there are now 12 women who regularly turn up. The sessions are held on **Thursday evenings** at The Fieldgate Centre between 7.00-8.00pm. Walking Rugby is a very easy game to learn, no experience of rugby is needed & can be played with just 4-a-side. It's a great way to exercise, walking as fast or as slow as your body allows with low impact on all your joints, you don't need to be fit to play. The main aim is to enjoy yourself, make some new friends & get a little bit of exercise at the same time.

For more information, please contact Joanna Reed – Moreton:
Secretary-Kingsclererc@outlook.com or Geoff Curtis:
Youth-coach-Kingsclererc@outlook.com

Men's Walking Rugby – Thatcham RFC was hosted at the Fieldgate Centre on 3rd June and there were enough players to field 3 teams to play matches. Please feel free to come and join us on Wednesday evenings between 7 – 8 pm.

Annual Awards Dinner – This was held at Sandford Springs on Saturday 11th May. Those who received awards were Jacob Aldridge, Jon Cotter, Oscar Harris, Stefan Morsley and Max Weston.

Charity 10's Tournament – A very enjoyable day was had by everyone on 11th May with Chineham RFC overall winners. A total of £1,400 was raised on the day for St Michael's Hospice.

Summer Touch - The Club will continue to run this on Wednesday evenings at the Fieldgate Centre between 7.00 - 8.30pm. This is open for everyone from 14 years old and upwards. Touch rugby just like walking rugby is an easy game to learn, no experience of rugby is needed and is a great way to exercise and get fit. Come along and enjoy yourself.

To find out more information about the club please visit our Facebook and Instagram pages.



IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT!!



Darkness stirs, as screams are heard. What will you find lurking...
 In the Dead of night!

Come and join the students of Academy of Vocal Arts and NLS Tuition in a bone chilling trip through the horrors of Musical Theatre. This song and dance showcase enables our singers to explore the versatility of their voices through live performance.

So come and join us for a frightful evening of entertainment.

Sunday 4th August 6.30pm at Arlington Arts Centre

<https://arlingtonarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873645920>

Kingsclere Players Panto Auditions and Juniors Summer Workshop



The Kingsclere Players are thrilled to announce auditions for our upcoming panto, "Babes in the Wood." **Auditions will be held at the Fieldgate Centre on Sunday, 4th August at 1.30pm and Tuesday, 6th August at 7.30pm.** We welcome both adults and children aged 9+ to audition. Membership fees are £20 per adult and £10 per child. For those who saw last year's panto, you'll be excited to hear that the LobStars will be making another appearance – come audition to be a LobStar along with classic panto roles including the Villain, Dame and the Hero, Robin Hood! We're also looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our backstage crew.

In addition, we're hosting a **Junior's Summer Workshop at the Fieldgate Centre on Thursday, 15th August from 9.30am-5.30pm.** This workshop offers a fantastic introduction to the world of theatre for children. The participation fee is £25, with a 50% discount for members. The registration deadline is Friday, 26th July. For more information, visit our website at www.kingsclereplayersgroup.com or email kingsclereplayersgroup@gmail.com. Come join us for a summer of fun and creativity!

Wolverton Market

The next Market will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 6th July from 9.30am until 11am.** The last of the summer bedding plants will be for sale, as well as fresh eggs (if the chickens are still in a good mood) and some lovely locally produced honey. There will be lots of bric-a-brac, antiques and collectable items for you to look through and also some lovely items which might make an ideal gift.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

We look forward to seeing you and, as always, thank you for supporting the Market.
Wendy Morgan 01635 297538

Kingsclere Community Library

HOURS Tuesday & Thursday 1.00pm - 5.30pm
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm



Open Day!

On the last general election day in December 2019, the library held an open day. We served bacon rolls and pastries in the morning and cake in the afternoon, accompanied by a cup of tea or coffee or a glass of squash – and invited all comers to visit us! It was a huge success, we had a large number of visitors who popped in and had a bite to eat or drink, or just a look round and a chat. We signed up a lot of new borrowers and thoroughly enjoyed talking to some lovely people. We are therefore going to do it all again for this general election on July 4th! We will be open from 9.30 am until 7.00 pm, so pop in and see us – all food and drink is free, as is signing up as a borrower. We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer Reading Fun

We are running our annual reading challenge again this year and this will start on Saturday 13th July. It is for children of all ages, so come and sign up, read six books and receive a medal, certificate and a chocolate treat.

Volunteers!

We are always in need of volunteers to keep our doors open, so if you have a couple of hours a month (or more!) to spare and would be interested in helping out, please let us know.

Nicki Lee, kingsclerelibrary@gmail.com www.kingsclerelibrary.co.uk
Library phone number: 01635 297464

Career routes into horticulture

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) states that Horticulture employs around 300,000 people across a range of disciplines. A career in horticulture could be anything from a garden designer to a horticultural scientist. Whether you're a young person leaving school or a career changer, there are several pathways leading to a career within the horticulture industry.

Qualifications and training courses

There are a range of qualifications and training courses suiting all ages, of interest to both hobbyists and people aspiring for a career in the horticulture industry. Recognised qualifications can be full or part time. They are practical and/or theoretical at a range of different levels.

A full article including the various courses available on our website www.hardycottagegardenplants.com Here at Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants we will be happy to talk to anyone who is thinking of taking this path. Telephone **01256 896533** or visit us in Priory Lane, Freefolk, RG28 7NJ.

The Church Pages

Hello,

Jesus once said, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

But where should we "come" to? According to Abraham Joshua Heschel, a former Rabbi from New York, "God is not in things of space, but in moments of time". So, the question shouldn't be *where* should we come, but *when* should we come.

This understanding is central to the Jewish tradition of observing the Sabbath. Heschel writes, "The meaning of Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. The Sabbath itself is a sanctuary which we build, a sanctuary in time."

God instituted a rhythm of life when He created the universe, which was to rest on the seventh day. In Genesis, we read that *"God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."* God "made it holy", or in Hebrew, "qdash" - to be set apart, sacred. The Jews call this day Sabbath, which means to cease, to desist. And the "rest" is of a very specific kind, known as menuha. It's a restfulness that makes you happy. It's not that you stop working and sit on the sofa for a day, it's about cultivating an atmosphere to enjoy your life, your world, and your God.

American Pastor, John Mark Comer writes, "We all need a little menuha once in a while, and that's what the Sabbath is for. It's a day when God has our rapt attention...when we sleep in, and are fully available to our family & friends...a day with no to-do list...when we don't accomplish anything, and we don't feel guilty...when our phone is off, and our email closed...when we enjoy nature. It isn't a day to buy, to get more. It's a day to enjoy what we already have.

God invites us to join Him in this rhythm of work and rest. And when we don't accept, we reap the consequences. Fatigue. Burnout. Anxiety. Depression. Starved relationships. Worn-down immune systems. Anger. Emptiness. These are the signs of a life without rest. Comer writes, "When we Sabbath, we tap into God's rhythm for human flourishing."

Maybe a whole Sabbath day seems too much for you, but I think *how long* we give is less important than actually giving *some* time. You could start with an "occasional" time of menuha – such as an hour over the weekend, and build the time up into your regular routine. What might fill your times of rest?

I'll close with a last quote from Rabbi Heschel: "In the tempestuous ocean of time and toil there are islands of stillness where we may enter a harbour and reclaim our dignity. The island is the seventh day, the Sabbath, a day of detachment from things, and practical affairs, as well as of attachment to the Spirit."

Bless you,

Rev. Pete Williams



St Mary's Church

Worship in our Churches



July 2024

Thur 4 th		10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 7 th	9.30am Communion St Peter's, Headley	9am Traditional Service 10.30am Contemporary Service St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thur 11 th		10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 14 th	9.30am Morning Worship St Peter's, Headley	9am Traditional Service 10.30am Contemporary Service St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thur 18 th		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 21 st	9.30am Morning Worship St Paul's, Ashford Hill	9am Traditional Communion Service 10.30am Contemporary Communion St Mary's, Kingsclere
Thur 25 th		10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's, Kingsclere
Sun 28 th	9.30am Communion St Paul's, Ashford Hill	9am Traditional Service 10.30am Contemporary Service St Mary's, Kingsclere

www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk

Saturday Coffee

Fresh brewed coffee, tea and delicious home-made cakes.
All welcome – please do pop in!

10.00-12.00

in the Kingsmill Room, St Mary's Church

July 6th, 13th and 20th

Volunteers welcome – if you're able to pour coffee, welcome people or make cakes occasionally please do contact the church office on:
01635 299528

Lighting up St Mary's

The sight of St Mary's Church when it is floodlit is truly beautiful. Many people sponsor these lights (£15 per evening) to celebrate an occasion, such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary, christening, or some other special day in their lives. To book, contact Emma, our Church Administrator. email: administrator@stmaryskingsclere.co.uk tel: **07422 687125**



July

- 6th In memory of Peggy on her birthday. In our thoughts and hearts. With love from her family. Richard, Elaine, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
- 15th Remembering Roy Hazell on his birthday. Your smile and your memory will never fade away. Forever in our hearts. With love from Wendy, Nicholas, Matthew, Victoria, Gosia, Anna, Lara, Austin and Lily.
- 15th Treasured memories of Roy who was dearly loved by us all. Norma, Julie and Neil.

Kingsclere Methodist Church

Services for May 2024

Sun 7 th	Rev Martin Beukes
Sun 14 th	Mrs Helen Watson
Sun 21 st	Mrs Rosie Greenhalgh
Sun 28 th	Rev Rachel Larkinson

All services begin at 10 am

Coffee Morning 10.30 until 12noon every Thursday
Hall available for hire (see back cover of this magazine)

Christine Westcombe email c_westcombe@hotmail.com

Kingsclere Branch of the Royal British Legion now meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Kingsmill Room at St Mary's Church.



We welcome new members. Please feel free to visit or reach out on

Kingsclere.Chairman@rbl.community **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd (FOSM)

All are warmly invited to take part in our

GRAND FOSM SUMMER DRAW

to raise funds towards repair and restoration work at St Mary's Church

First Prize £100 Cash, 2nd Prize A Case of Assorted Wine

3rd Prize A Tassimo Coffee Maker, and many other exciting Prizes!

Tickets, at only **£1** each, will be on sale at the Churchyard on the mornings of **Saturdays 27th July and 3rd, 10th and 17th August**, on the last of which

Winning Tickets will be drawn at **12 noon**

Come to see us, find out how these funds have been used, and how you can be part of it. **Do join us as a Friend!**

Date for your Diaries: Thursday 5th September, Early evening visit to Park House Stables & Yard, with refreshments, by courtesy of Andrew & Anna Lisa Balding. Ticket details in future Tower issues.

Peter Turner, Chairman

Website: friendsofstmaryskingsclere.org

For membership and other enquiries contact: fosmkingsclere@gmail.com

Kingsclere Village Bunnies Baby & Toddler Group

Where: The Village Club, George St

When: Tuesdays, 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost: £2.50 for 1st child (including snack for child and hot drink and biscuit for adult), 50p per extra child, £1 per extra adult



The Bunnies are looking forward to a fun-filled summer! We have been enjoying lots of arts and crafts recently; decorating pottery and creating presents for Father's Day. We are hoping for lots of sunshine so that the Bunnies can enjoy plenty of outdoor activities, and we are also really excited for our upcoming summer party!

With the summer holidays approaching, older siblings will be welcome along to Bunnies throughout the school break. We will be closed on two dates – Tuesday, July 30th, and Tuesday, August 27th.

We are a very friendly selection of mums, dads, grandparents, and child minders with children, from tiny babies to energetic toddlers and we love welcoming new visitors to our play sessions. We enjoy both indoor and outdoor play, with a craft table, plenty of toys and singing time too. Thank you as always to Swan Street Stores for their continued support of a weekly donation of fresh fruit snacks for the bunnies. For information visit our Facebook page, or regular visitors can join our WhatsApp group for weekly updates.

Tess Watkins 07905 624679

Kingsclere Gardening Association



K.G.A MEMBERS GARDEN VISIT

Our thanks go to our host for June, Karin Tolson, for her kind invitation to visit her garden. I apologize to any member who was unable to attend, as the date was brought forward.

Our next event will be two gardens to visit on **Saturday evening July 28th** at 6pm, they are in close vicinity of each other, and still in Kingsclere, this event is for members only again. Visiting local gardens is always a useful exercise to see what grows well in this area, another reason to join our membership.

Please contact Sylvia Pennington if you wish to join us on July 28th
Sylvia Pennington 01635 298880. sylvia.pennington@btinternet.com

THE ANNUAL SHOW AT THE FIELDGATE CENTRE ON SUNDAY 18th OF AUGUST

This is when members and non-members display their home grown produce. If you are pleased with something you have grown, bring it to the show. Schedules will be available at several venues in the village, and from the chairman. We also welcome visitors to enjoy the displays on the benches

Denise Allen Chairman 01635297966 denise.allen47@icloud.com

Facebook: Kingsclere Gardening Association. Please join our FB group

Kingsclere & Headley Woodlands W.I.

Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street



The June meeting of Kingsclere and Headley Woodlands WI was really interesting as we heard from a new to us speaker, Sarah Cox, telling us some tales of her time in the Met and how she has now become an author of crime novels.

July sees a complete change of topics when we welcome David Styles, telling us about his experiences as an evacuee during the Second World War. He was born in Southampton and evacuated to the country, as were many children at that time. I for one, am looking forward to hearing of his experiences.

The meeting is on **Wednesday, the 12th July at the Village Club** on George Street, the meeting **starts at 1.45pm** and we would very much like to welcome any visitors who care to come to listen to David telling us about this topic. They will be made very welcome. The competition letter for July will be I.

All our members love meeting guests while enjoying chatting and having a cup of tea/coffee during our refreshment break. Hope to see you there.

Margaret Geary, President tel 01635 297197

KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB

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<http://www.kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/kingsclerevillageclub>



Shakespeare in the Garden



Festival Players International will perform **The Tempest** on the evening of **Wednesday 21st August**. *'A triumphant compilation of intrigue, magic, and humour'* This all-male company always provides an excellent evening's entertainment.

Performance starts at 7.30pm, picnics served at 6.30pm.

Tickets £15 performance only, £22.50 performance & picnic. From www.wegotickets.com/event/617599 or Helen (below). Vegetarian option available. Please let us know if you have any allergies or other dietary requirements.

Community Café

This month's Café is on **Saturday 27th July, 10am to 1pm**, featuring a fun quiz at 11 o'clock and a craft table for younger visitors from 10 to 12. This month's theme is butterflies. Board games available on request. All welcome.

Children's Performing and Making Workshop

A fun, exciting and interactive day, led by the New Project Association. **Saturday 10th August, 10.15am to 2pm**. Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years, with other activities for 3 & 4 year-olds (plus parents). Only £5 per child. Places are limited so please purchase in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk> or at this month's Community Café. More details on our Facebook page and website.



Family History

Are you interested in tracing your family tree? We are starting a group to share ideas, help each other out and give beginners a helping hand. Led by experienced researcher, Jessica, we will be able to assist with on-line research and accessing a wide variety of records. The initial meeting will be **Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm**.

Board Games

We have had an enquiry about setting up a boardgames evening. Would you be interested? If there is sufficient support, one could be arranged. Let me know!

Helen 01635 297390 or events@kingsclerevillageclub.co.uk

FOSM 200 Club

The winner of the June Draw: Angela Green – No.1 **Congratulations, Angela**

Next month's Draw will take place at Bel & the Dragon at about 7pm on

Thursday 4th July

200clubkingsclere@gmail.com

What's on in July at Shipinnarts

The Ship Inn Country Hotel, Ashford Hill, RG19 8BD
Tel: 01189 814504 Website: <https://shipinnarts.org/>



July 5th Friday – Open Mic – free event – come along and join in, or pop by for a drink at the bar.

July 9th Tuesday Crafts – 11am – 2pm please bring own packed lunch. Tea and coffee available. £5 cash on door.

July 20th Saturday – FAMILY EVENT – Summer Panto!

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!

Tickets: Child £8 (incl. craft activity) and Adult £5.

Two performances 11am and 3pm. Please bring own packed lunch/tea depending on which performance you want to come to. This is a ticketed event only. For the links for adult and child tickets:

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/shipinnarts-44285623453>

Or alternatively look on our website and go into Events 2024.

Kingsclere Singers

*Kingsclere Singers in partnership
with Kingsclere Community Association present...*

Music Around the World

A cultural journey of song through the continents

- Bring-Your-Own Picnic -

Pack a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of singing inspired by destinations across the globe with the Kingsclere Singers and Kingsclere Primary School Choir!

Refreshments and ice cream will be available for purchase at the Fieldgate Centre bar.

Sunday 14th July 12pm-2pm at the Fieldgate Centre

Tickets £10

Children FREE

Tickets can be purchased in advance at:
<https://fieldgatecentre.co.uk/>

Kingsclere CE Primary School



It has been a brilliant Summer Term with children taking part in many enrichment activities during and after the school day.

The weather was perfect for our Sports Day! Children from all year groups took part in a variety of sporting activities including, welly wanging, sprints, standing long jump and (new this year) our Kingsclere CE Primary School marathon! The children were resilient, and supportive to one another in each race, and we were so proud of each child's participation. We were supported by Mrs Dannii Randall-Bird and her brilliant PE students from The Hurst School who helped our children in their sport activities. Mums, dads, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers and grandparents also took part in the family races and fun was had by all!

Simon Murray, author and illustrator of children's fiction books, led art workshops with many year groups at the start of June. The children created some brilliant illustrations in Simon's artistic style.

Our Year 5 and 6 children visited Calshot Residential and spent a week participating in an array of fun activities including archery, climbing, skiing, snowboarding, kayaking and visiting Calshot Castle. In the castle, each group performed a play linked to a key historical event that took place at Calshot.

The children have been enjoying swimming in our school pool and our super swimming instructors and staff team, have been making children aware of the importance of water safety as well as supporting children in improving their swimming strokes. The pool is heated so everyone has kept warm even on some of the colder days!

The Half Term Tennis Camp was a huge success, and children improved their tennis skills using the tennis courts across from the school. There will be a further Holiday Sports Camp taking place at the school and Tennis Courts this summer holiday. Further details will be sent out via Facebook.

We are looking forward to our Music Soiree in July. Not only are our two choirs performing but also many of our instrumentalists who are keen to share their musical skills. Our choirs will also be performing with the Kingsclere Singers and our KS2 choir at the Mayor's Variety Show in coming months.

Safety

We are delighted to welcome Miss Nicola Stanley who has been appointed as School Crossing Patrol for the crossing on Love Lane. Thank you to everyone for keeping our children safe by driving carefully through the village.

Our Year 1 and Year 5 children received a visit from the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Education team. The workshop helped children to learn about what to do if there is an emergency and how to keep ourselves safe.

D-Day

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in the village D-Day Commemoration Service. The children have also recently been learning about D-Day and have used their learning to write some outstanding compositions which were extremely engaging to read. Well done children!

Jo Messenger, Headteacher



Friends of Kingsclere School
Kingsfest 2024
 Sat 13th July 2pm - Sun 14th July 10am



Past, present and future KPS families are invited to join us for a weekend of fun, friendship and live music from The Only Band in the Village and others, with the option to use the pool and camp out on the field. Hot food included in ticket price. Sweets, toys and bar available.

We would like our community to be advised that there will be live music over a PA system which will go on no later than 10:30pm. This event takes place once a year, is enjoyed by many, and raises funds for Kingsclere schoolchildren. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Past KPS families: use the QR code for details and tickets.

Current and future KPS parents: use the What's On tab on Classlist.

Anyone reading: can use the QR code to make a donation to Friends of Kingsclere School.

Kingsclere Pre-School



This time of year is busy and full of fun with summer activities and celebrating our Butterflies as they get ready to go to primary school. It's always sad to say goodbye but we will enjoy the time they have left with us and wish them the best of luck in their next adventures.

It's not only our school leavers we are saying goodbye to this year. Caroline, our Deputy Manager, is moving on after 24 years with the Preschool. Her experience, care and sense of fun will be greatly missed. Thank you Caroline for all your hard work and commitment for so long!

Kingsclere Preschool is currently full, but we are accepting applications for September 2024. Please contact admin@kingsclerepreschool.co.uk for more information

July in the Garden

So far it has been a disappointing summer. Hopefully this month will improve. One outcome from all the rain we have experienced is that there has been an enormous amount of growth in the garden. Unlike most years I'm finding it necessary to give some of the early flowering shrubs a good cut back, instead of the usual trim, it has been hard work, but this happens when shrubs become large and out of hand. Cutting the shrubs low to the ground takes away some of the messy growth that accumulates at the base of the plant plus any weeds that are not welcome.

This month is usually the most colourful in the garden. Summer perennials are looking their best, although some have been early this year, annual and bedding plants plus patio plants should be at their height. To prolong the flowering time of some of the perennials etc. deadheading should be done. Feeding is also a must, good old tomato feed, which is higher in potash, ideal for shallow rooted plants and pots. Hoe in rose feed around the bushes after the first flush of flowers. Clematis will enjoy the same treatment, as they are also greedy plants. Water in the feed so that it reaches the roots. Some perennials will flower again in the autumn if cut right back to the ground after flowering. Delphiniums and astrantia are two plants that will perform again.

Time to cut back wisteria, cutting back the long whippy shoots to keep it neat. The plant also needs another tidy up in the winter. Tomatoes are ready now, take care with watering as irregular watering can result in blossom end rot. If this appears remove affected fruits and water regularly to keep the soil moist. Epsom salts as a soil dressing will treat magnesium deficiency, which causes colour discoloration between leaves, another problem that can arise with tomatoes.

Water vegetables regularly, particularly runner beans, as the flowers will not set if they are too dry. There is plenty to harvest in the vegetable garden, shallots, early potatoes, onions, and herbs can be picked hung to dry for winter to use. Winter brassicas should be planted out now, and spring cabbage seeds can be sown.

Tidy up raspberry canes, cut back old canes to the ground tying in the new growth for next year's fruit. If your strawberry plants are three years old they will decline, some gardeners will plant the new shoots on in pots to make new plants, this is fine as long as the mother plant is healthy.

If the weather turns warm this month, do not be tempted to cut the grass short, this could result in it turning brown. The grass will recover from hot weather so watering with valuable and expensive tapwater is unnecessary. A couple of jobs worth doing now are dividing bearded irises and trimming some of the evergreen shrubs - they could also be trained into a simple Topiary!!

Flowers to enjoy in the garden this month, love -the -mist, alstroemeria, roses, and phlox.

Denise Allen

Nature Notes

I must start this month's Nature Notes with some feedback from a reader. Last month, I mentioned that a Red Kite may have preyed on a fledgling from our garden; someone has kindly written in to the *Tower* to point out how gentle kites are, and how, in their garden, smaller birds feed alongside these beautiful birds of prey, unperturbed. The RSBP handbook explains how Red Kites mainly eat carrion, though can drop from the air for live prey such as small mammals and young birds. Happy are we that in Kingsclere, our local kites are clearly sufficiently fed on road kill and bird tables and I shall assume our fledgling met its sad end via a different poacher. Thank you, reader, for your informative letter.

A beautiful blue flower has popped up in our wild (read: neglected) front garden this month - *Nigella damascena* or 'Love-in-a-mist'. Architecturally, such an interesting flower and a striking blue; the 'inflated' seed pods are just as intriguing to our daughter when we split one open to show her the tiny yellow seeds inside.



Nigella damascena
or
Love-in-a-mist

We have a large and noisy hornet visiting our birdbox regularly (the bluetits did not decide to nest in there after all). I looked up the sighting to double check it was not the invasive Asian hornet, and was amused to discover that there are a species of both moth and hoverfly that have taken on the stripy characteristics of a hornet to look threatening and therefore warn off predators.

We are thinning out the micro woodland in the bottom of our garden and discovered a mouse hole in the earth. The following day the hole had a small curated collection of twigs and leaves over the top. The mouse must have returned to the newly-exposed hole and decided it needed camouflaging.

The greatest joy for me this month must be honeysuckle. Its scent is fresher and more delicate than any chemical perfume; it perfectly encapsulates the sweet excitement of the long, light summer days ahead.

Lydia Harley-Tomlinson



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Our Latest Exhibition

'Janet Phillips & the Weavers of Whitchurch', is a special event bringing together early work of our Weavers, Weekend Demonstrators, and some of our alumni Whitchurch Weavers, along with stunning woven pieces by Janet Phillips. (Access is included in your entry tickets).

Our Silk Ribbons Go on a Trip to the States!

Collaboration with Jane Austen's House in Chawton has led to representatives taking our ribbons to the States next year for the American Jane Austen Society's celebrations of the 250th anniversary of her birth.

The Sex Lives of Kings, 9th July, 7–8.30pm

This illustrated talk by former Beefeater Tony Stafford will show how, for almost a thousand years, the sex lives of England's Kings have affected the day-to-day life of ordinary people. Tickets are £15 and must be pre-booked. Doors open at 6.30pm, and tea and coffee will be available for donation.

Weftival Textiles Festival, 5th–6th July

Friday 5th

- talk by Janet Phillips, handweaver, fabric designer and author
- a chance to meet and talk to the production skills manager from Coldharbour Mill, one of the oldest woollen mills in the country
- 'All Things Rafia' workshop

Saturday 6th

- a 'small craft' fair, showcasing the work of small crafts makers
- children's craft area for those 10 and under
- workshops *Tabby and Tweed* and *Elka Textiles*

Both days

- workshops & demos *Silkewoman*, *our own weavers*, *Kennet Valley Guild*
- a production tour of the weaving floor (must be booked in advance)
- a weaving exhibition

Rotations Charity Shop

The Mill will be resident in the Rotations charity shop from **15th–29th August**. We'd love donations of clothes, shoes, books, jewellery, DVDs and bric-a-brac. Please bring them along to the shop during our residency.

Pins and Needles Craft Group

Our adult crafting group meets from 2–4pm on the **first Thursday of the month** and is open to all. On **4th July** we'll teach you how to create a beautiful Cut Paperwork Picture. Tickets £12.50 per session including tuition, materials and a hot drink. Booking is essential as places go fast.

Tickets for our events are generally available from the Mill Shop or from our website via the 'What's on' page.

On Twitter, Facebook and Instagram or subscribe to our email newsletter via our website.

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The Golden Age of Children's TV

Join author and TV historian Jeff Evans on a journey through the fascinating story of children's television in the UK. Jeff's colourful talk covers the period from the start of television to the 1970s, truly a golden age for those of us who grew up glued to the small screen. Some will remember TV stars such as Muffin the Mule and Andy Pandy; others will recall series such as Crackerjack, Ivor the Engine, Thunderbirds, The Magic Roundabout and the rather spooky The Singing Ringing Tree.

Join us on
Wednesday 17th July at 10am
St Mary's Hall, Overton
Free to members - Non-members £3

ART EXHIBITION



OVERTON ART GROUP

17th and 18th August

2024

10am – 5pm

**Recreation Centre, Bridge Street
RG25 3HD**

Entry free

Free parking



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The Kingsclere Cancer Research Ball 6th September 2024, Oakley Hall Hotel

Limited tickets for the event are still available, and everyone is invited! As well as ticket sales, we have had fantastic support in the form of sponsorship and prizes for the online Silent Auction - thank you so much, Kingsclere. We are still welcoming these - please get in touch if you can offer something: <http://kingsclerecrf.org.uk/>

We also invite anyone reading to add a name to the Wall of Hope, proudly displayed in lights at the Ball. You can view it here: <https://tinyurl.com/WallOfHope24> You do not have to attend the Ball to submit a name.

Email the name(s) you want displayed to admin@kingsclerecrf.org.uk call Sean on **07787 527326** or add names(s) directly to our donation page: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kingsclere-vs-cancer> (QR code above). Suggested minimum donation £5.

Thank you so much for your support.

Beccy, Claire, Mandy and Sean

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