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We're having a bit of a change around this month. Instead of the adverts being mainly at the back, we're putting them throughout. We want you to read them. Someone said to me: "you have some great advertisers in your magazine." Well, given they pay for the product, let's try to make them more easily read. Feedback welcomed.

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A letter from our Vicar, Ben Read



My friend is dying. He's in his late thirties and has a wife and three children under 10. Many have prayed for healing over the last few months, for hospital appointments to go well and scans to be clear, but healing doesn't appear to be coming. This is really tough and we may ask ourselves why and where is God in this.

And yet as Christians, even when surrounded by pain and suffering, we choose to believe that God has an everlasting love for us, that He works everything out for the good of those who love Him. And we choose to believe those things, because they are promises God makes us in the Bible and because of His work in our hearts, helping us to experience His love and goodness. For my friend, I pray he will continue to remember and trust these things even in his final days, remembering the glorious hope he has, life forever with a God who loves us with a love unimaginable.

Last month, I wrote about making faith a priority and not putting off the big questions. My friend's situation reminds me that we have limited time in this life. So please don't dismiss faith questions but take time to consider them properly and if you'd like anyone to talk to, then please do get in contact.

As I also mentioned last month, we will be moving from our home in a few weeks' time, and this is partly prompted by our conviction that we must make the Lord, our faith if you like, a priority. We've taken this decision having prayed and thought through what we believe the Lord is calling us to. We want to take the opportunity to invest in deepening our relationship with Him and learning what it means to serve Him in a different context, perhaps, we think, overseas where people haven't had the opportunity to hear about Him.

We'll be moving to do some training for 5 months with an organisation called Youth with a Mission at their base The King's Lodge in Leicestershire. During that time, we'll be praying that the Lord would make clear the next step. We'll also go on praying for our friend.

We believe we are being called to 'Go', but we will miss many in these villages and are so grateful for the support we've received over the years.

Blessings, Ben

Church Services & Rota – March 2022



Services in our churches this month will be as follows:

Date	6th March	13th March	20th March	27th March
Time	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am
Service type	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
Where	St Peter's, Headley	St Peter's, Headley	St Paul's, Ashford Hill	St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Service Leader	Revd Ben Read	Bryony White	Bryony White	Revd Rupert Shelley
Chalice	Petronelle Eastwick-Field	N/A	N/A	Patrick Taylor
Sidesperson	Paddy Dring	Penny Stewart	Paddy Dring	Lorraine Cusworth
Reader	Petronelle Eastwick-Field	Ann Hoddinott	Heather Taylor	Susie Sainsbury
Readings	Acts 7: v51-60	Psalm 27 & Luke 13: v31 - end	Psalm 13 & John 1: 35 - end	Psalm 34: v 8-18
Intercessor	N/A	N/A	N/A	Patrick Taylor
Altar Colour	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple

This month, services will be held at St Mary's, Kingsclere as follows:

Date	Time	Type of service
6th March	10:30am	Holy Communion with Junior Church
13th March	10:30am	All-Age Worship
20th March	10:30am	Morning Worship with Junior Church
27th March	10:30am	Morning Worship with Junior Church

Every Thursday at 10:30am, there is a Morning Worship held in St Mary's, Kingsclere

Other Church Activities

Please continue to look out for notices on email ([contact 07422 687125](mailto:contact@stpaulsashfordhill.co.uk) or administrator@stpaulsashfordhill.co.uk if you are not signed up to our mailing list). Our online calendar is also updated regularly so please look there for the most up to date information.

Jobs in the Garden for March



Hoorah, the sun is shining at last after a wet week-end. We haven't seen too much sun over this winter despite a dry January. The ground was very workable a couple of weeks ago when I planted out six Minarette fruit trees. We had our enormous old Bramley apple tree ripped out of the ground during one of the winter storms, hence the replanting. Today I will be planting broad bean seeds into modules in the greenhouse. It will be time to start the tomato and pepper seeds in a little heat come early March. I already have onions and leeks in pots on a bedroom windowsill, together with some primrose and polyanthus seed which are showing signs of germination. March is the time to get the greenhouse working with your seeds generally.

Here are a few jobs to be going on with:

Lawns

- Remove mole hills and repair worn patches.
- Cut on a high setting, weed and feed.
- Lay turf before the end of the month.
- Clean up/sharpen the mower and replace the oil.

Shrubs, roses and climbers

- Continue planting pot grown shrubs and roses, use root grow, expensive but good.
- Finish pruning roses, buddleia and the summer flowering clematis. Do not hard prune the winter flowering clematis as these should be flowering soon on last year's growth. Only prune the early summer varieties down to 3-4 feet, these may flower twice then rather than a single session. Type 3 varieties which flower from late summer onward should be pruned hard down to the first large emerging buds on 3-5 stems.
- Tidy up overgrown climbers.
- Finish planting trees, roses and shrubs.
- Don't forget the Wisteria.

Flower Borders

- Tidy up, fork over removing weeds etc. and give plants a feed with fish, blood and bone or something similar.
- Apply mulch at 2-3 ins thickness.
- Divide up perennials and replant.

Tubs and containers

- Sow seeds for the plants you need for your tubs and containers, petunias, begonias etc.
- Clean out all your containers in readiness for planting up in late April.

Vegetable Garden

If the weather has been kind and the soil has dried out a little, we may be able to sow the first of the outdoor garden vegetables.

- Plant out onion sets and shallots.
- After preparing the soil, sow onions, carrots, parsnip, peas, broad beans etc.
- Plant out module grown brassicas. Remember the pigeons will eat all the cabbage plants if not protected.
- Towards the end of the month plant out the early potatoes.

In the Greenhouse

- Finish cleaning out the greenhouse
- Sow tomatoes, chillies etc. in a propagator at 15 -18deg C. Also half hardy summer annuals.
- Start begonias and summer flowering corms into growth in pots or boxes.
- Do not over water anything as wet and cold is the biggest killer.
- Pot up the plug plants as these arrive.

For the February meeting of the garden club, we had a good practical demonstration of pruning given by Kevin Mason who is a lecturer at Sparsholt Horticultural College. It covered most aspects of pruning including roses, general shrubs and fruit trees. For March we have Geoff Hawkins visiting to talk on 'Shrubs – the backbone of the garden.

Well done all our members, we almost had a full house for the last meeting which was a great relief after the drop in attendance following covid. Please, please keep this up.

Geoff Hawkins is one of our favourite speakers and can be guaranteed to give a great talk whatever the subject matter.

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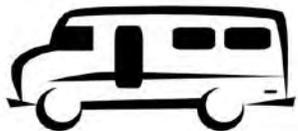


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To Love or Hate a Dandelion?

Meteorologically speaking, March is the first month of Spring so as Dandelions are among the first to appear here's what they'd like you to know about them.



"Hello, I'm a Dandelion.

I am one of the first bloomers in Spring meaning, hopefully, Winter is now behind us.

Many people call me a weed but I'm a meadow herb and part of the Sunflower family! I'm here to help improve the quality of your soil. So how do I do this?

If the soil is compacted then my roots will loosen and aerate it. If the soil is calcium deficient my deep roots draw up minerals to replenish it. If the soil is too acid I will help to correct this.

So you see your soil needs my help so just let me grow without disturbance. Our roots usually go down 18-24 inches but in harsh conditions we have managed to get down to 15 feet, and that's a lot of effort to help you! If you try and remove me then I will grow back twice as strong until my work is done.

Then I will disappear, but this might take 10-13 years!

During the day, and if it's warm, I open my flowers but in the evening I quickly close them. Typically my flowers are the first feed for insects after hibernation and unlike most other plants my flowers have pollen and nectar, not just one or the other! And I have lots of both to share around.

You might like to know that my pollen doesn't cause allergies although if you're latex intolerant you may get contact dermatitis from the sap in my stalk. Sorry about that but as Dandelions have been around for over 30 million years you could have sorted this out in your evolutionary past!

By the way, my flowers are delicious for you folks and you can also eat my leaves. Benefits to you include minerals calcium, iron, potassium and manganese and vitamins A, C and K. Did you know that? In past times I was called "honey (or gold) of the poor" because my flowers are so sweet and can be used in jam, sauce or salad. That tech marvel – the Internet – is full of recipes so do check them out. But please wait until the end of May, or later, to start picking my flowers and even then don't pick every flower. The bees and biodiversity will be very grateful, as will I!

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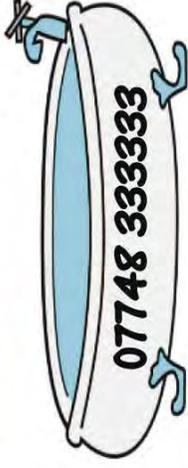
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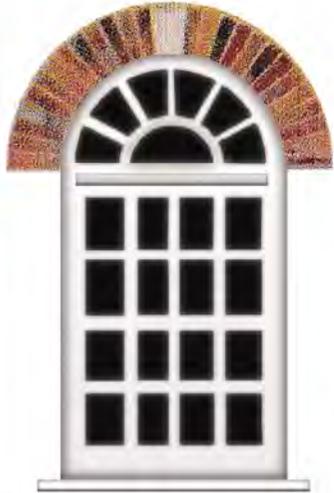
Here are some facts about us Dandelions I bet you didn't know:

- The name Dandelion is taken from the French word 'dent de lion' meaning lion's tooth, referring to the coarsely toothed leaves.
- Worldwide there are over 100 species of Dandelion but we adapt to local conditions so there are over 200 micro species in the UK.
- The height of our flowers is typically 6-24 inches but the tallest recorded is 70 inches (this was in North America where everything is bigger!)
- What you call petals – averaging 180 per plant – are actually individual flowers each producing a seed in less than 10 days. The seeds are self-pollinating so we're a very self-contained herb.
- We have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant. But then again we do have a lot of soil improvement to do!
- Every part of the Dandelion is useful: root, leaves and flower, which can be used for food, medicine and dye. The flowers create yellow/ greens and the leaves purple dye.
- Our seeds are transported away by a gust of wind, travelling like tiny hang-gliders, and can be carried up to 5 miles away.
- Birds, insects and butterflies consume our seeds and nectar and we also feed (more reluctantly) grazing animals.
- We were well known to the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, and for the last thousand years have been used in traditional Chinese medicine.
- We are used in folk medicine to treat infections and liver disorders, and tea made from Dandelion is used as a diuretic.
- We can be used in the production of wine and root beer and the root of Dandelion can be used as a caffeine-free substitute for coffee. Not sure how these compare!
- In past times people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for Dandelions which also encouraged other useful plants like chickweed, malva and chamomile. The good old days!
- Our flower is the only one to represent the three celestial bodies of sun, moon and stars. The yellow flower resembles the sun; the puff ball resembles the moon and the dispersing seeds resemble the stars.
- We are, quite possibly, the most successful plants that exist, masters of survival worldwide.
- As you may have noticed if you mow us down we will grow shorter stalks to really irritate you!"

(Many thanks to our early riser Dandelion for its insightful comments).

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A reflective story

TWO HORSES IN A FIELD

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Listening, one will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, one will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her bridle is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so she can follow her.

As one stands and watches these two friends, one sees how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by God and those whom he places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see God.

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Mother to young son after first day of school: "Well dear, what did they teach you today?"

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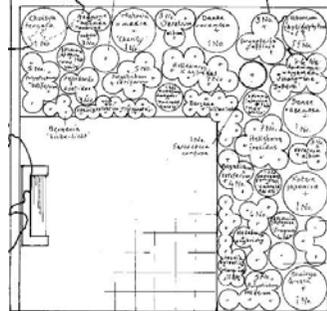
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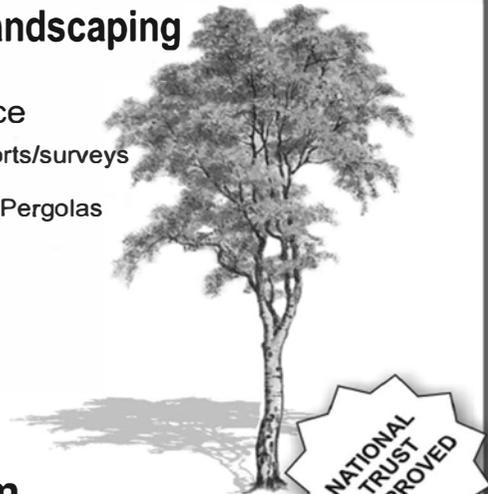
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If you are arranging any event which you would like mentioned in this magazine, please do let me know. Send details to patrick@ourparishmag.com
Please take note of the following:

Village drinks at St Paul's – Sunday 6th March – 12:00 noon – 14:00hrs

You are all invited to a village drinks. Come and meet your neighbours who you may not have spoken to in years! There is no charge. There will be simple drinks – wine, beer, soft drinks – and some nibbles. This is a simple idea hosted by the PCC to enable us all to get to know each other. Do come and support this initiative.



Kingsclere Photo Club – Wednesday 2nd March – Kingsclere Village Club, 35 George Street, Kingsclere RG20 5NH – doors open at 7:15pm; finish around 9.45pm

Photographing glass – practical evening. Bring your camera, tripod and a selection of glass objects to photograph.

John Porter Centenary Exhibition – Saturday 12th (12 noon - 5:00pm) & Sunday 13th (12:30 - 5:00pm) March – Kingsmill Room, St Mary's Church, Kingsclere

John Porter, legendary Kingsclere trainer featured in last month's magazine, died 100 years ago. This is an exhibition of his life and legacy.

Parish Council meeting – Mon 14th March – Headley Village Hall – 7:30pm

If you have any issues or questions you want to put to our Councillors, this is your chance. They work for our good. Attend the meeting and show your support.

Ashford Hill Garden Club – Wed 16th March – Ashford Hill Village Hall – 7:30pm

A talk by Geoff Hawkins on: Shrubs – the Backbone of the garden

Kingsclere Local History Association – Thurs 17th March at Kingsclere village club at 7.30pm

A talk entitled: "The Mary Rose" It will be given by local military historian Alan Turton retired curator of Basing House. Alan is official presenter for the Mary Rose trust. He will give a comprehensive account of the life and times of this famous vessel. Visitors welcome £3 pp.

Annual Village Litter Pick – Sunday 20th March – meet at 9:30am at:

- the Ship Inn, Ashford Hill or • the top of Common Road in Headley
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Thursday 2nd June 2022

Headley Common
12pm onwards

Food, Drink, BBQ, Fun, Games,
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There are plans afoot for Ashford Hill, which we will be able to announce in the next issue of this magazine.

The National Anthem – let's all learn the words:

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

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To sing with heart and voice,
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A recipe for March

Here is a good easy dish that I was reminded about recently and thought it was great one to share with you. Great for a gathering or a simple dinner. I hope you enjoy this one. Very much looking forward to some warmer weather and enjoying the outdoors again.

Toby Barrett (*Head chef of the Dolphin pub in Newbury lives just outside Ashford Hill*).

Smoked haddock and prawn fish pie (serves 8)



Method

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas
6. Put the potatoes in a saucepan and cover with water, bring to the boil and cook for 15-20 minutes until very tender. Drain, then return to the pan over a medium heat for 30 seconds to dry. Mash with 40g of the butter and season to taste.

2. While the potatoes are cooking, in a large deep frying pan melt the remaining 60g butter and add the onion and leeks. Fry for 5-8 minutes, then add the garlic. Gently cook for 2-3 minutes. Add the smoked paprika, mustard powder and flour to the pan, cook for a minute more, then add the wine.

3. Turn up the heat and bubble for a minute, stirring, until the sauce has thickened. Lower the heat, then gradually stir in the milk and cream to form a thick, luxurious sauce. Taste and season.

4. Turn off the heat, then stir in the prawns, haddock, capers, lemon juice and parsley. Spoon the filling into the dish, then top with the mashed potato and sprinkle with the grated cheese.

5. Bake for 30-35 minutes until golden and crisp and the filling is piping hot. Serve with lemon wedges for squeezing over, with steamed peas or greens.

- 2 litre oven dish
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- 100g butter
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3 leeks (about 500g), finely sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp mustard powder
- 80g plain flour
- 250ml white wine
- 400ml whole milk
- 150ml double cream
- 2 x 180g packs sustainable raw peeled king prawns, patted dry
- 500g sustainable undyed smoked haddock, skinless and boneless, cut into 2cm chunks, patted dry
- 1½ tbsp capers, drained
- Juice ½ lemon, plus 8 wedges
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Ashford Hill School News



We are now half way through a challenging and exciting term. Our new curriculum is well under way with the children in Oak and Hornbeam exploring volcanoes including writing some wonderful non-fiction articles.

The children in Chestnut and Maple are exploring Kabuwambo in Uganda. They have had visits from Reverend Dodie who has visited the school in Kabuwambo many times. She shared lots of photographs, experiences and objects from the area. Maple Class have been on a walk around Ashford Hill village taking photographs so they could compare different parts of the two places.

Willow Class had an unexpected note delivered to them from 'Aliens in Underpants' who had crash landed in their garden. They enjoyed a week of writing to them and exploring what they might look like.

This term we have introduced gold sparkly badges to reward children who are demonstrating the learning behaviour of the week. So far Rosie R (Hornbeam) and Max (Willow) have received them for showing that they are great team players. Evey (Hornbeam), Eli A (Willow), Naomi (Maple) and Charlie H (Chestnut) have been

showing that they are motivated in their learning. We look forward to awarding more gold badges as the term progresses.

We are delighted to have received news of a well-deserved award received by Ron and Maureen Andrews. Ron, until recently, was our lovely caretaker. He, along with his wife Maureen, has spent a great deal of time helping others from raising money for cancer research to litter picking in Tadley. They were presented with a Good Citizen Award by the Chairman of the Tadley Town Council, Avril Burdett. We are so proud of such a lovely couple who we are delighted to call friends.

Our PTA continues to be as busy as ever: they have held successful film nights, a Valentine's sweet sale and have more plans afoot as the Covid restrictions begin to relax and they can plan face-to-face fund raising events.

As always, we welcome visitors to our school – if you have any spare time and would like to volunteer your help would be gratefully received. Please feel free to email or call the School Office on **0118 9813822**.

Sue Yockney, DHT



Exploring volcanoes, Ashford Hill Church & Kabuwambo Church & Ron & Maureen Andrews with their Good Citizen award.



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Now that some people are becoming more relaxed about using cash, it would be a help to the shop if customers could pay cash for the smaller purchases under £3.00.

I have brought this next point up before and that is: we are anxious to market the shop as effectively as possible. Increasing our customer base, new products and encouraging our existing customers to let us know what we are not providing, that they would buy on a regular basis.

This last point has had a poor response, so please help if you can. Rest assured we are looking at the other two points very studiously.

Spring is nearly with us, and it won't be long before the flowers are back in the shop for you to snap up

Graham Stewart

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Meetings of Governors include discussion and presentations in a range of school matters including curriculum, recruitment, finance and welfare and safeguarding of children and staff.

As a member of the Governing Body, you would be expected to attend 4-6 meetings a term, normally in the evenings. This may involve both full governing body meetings and committee meetings.

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Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Update March 2022

It's on its way!

Our NP has been approved by the Parish Council and submitted to Basingstoke and Deane (B&D) together with our Consultation Statement (which has details of the publicity we did and details of the various formal and informal consultations) and our Statement of Basic Conditions (which demonstrates how we believe that our NP meets the various legal requirements). **All these documents will be on the NP website <https://ashfordhillheadley.wixsite.com/neighbourhoodplan> once B&D give us the heads up to publish them.**

There are now various formal steps for the Plan to pass through.

The first is B&D doing a review to ensure that we have complied with all legal requirements. We are told that this takes 2 weeks.

Assuming success in the first step, B&D will launch the formal Regulation 16 Consultation which takes 6 weeks. We do not have to deal with comments received as all comments are sent to B&D who pass them to the Independent Examiner.

The Independent Examiner (who is selected by the Parish Council from a list provided by B&D) then carries out their review and produces a report which may require us to do more work. The results of the review are published by B&D.

After any issues raised by the Independent Examiner have been dealt with, the next stage is for B&D to organise the Referendum where you all have the opportunity to vote on the NP. This is publicised 28 days in advance.

I'll keep you posted on how we are doing in these final stages.

Caroline Hellings

Kingsclere Community Library

Thank you to everyone who participated in 'Have Your Say' to help us decide what new books to buy! We should begin purchasing this month with money donated specifically for this!

We are so grateful to everyone offering us their used books, but may we ask you please to hold onto them until September, when we will be collecting for the book sale 8th-9th October? We simply do not have any storage available until then. This is our biggest fund raiser and every book helps!

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A SHORT HISTORY OF KINGSCLERE PHOTO CLUB



An open day at the newly expanded Kingsclere Village Club took place in the autumn of 1999. The half of the building previously used as the caretaker's house had been knocked through, and some more community rooms created, one of which was a basic darkroom. Basic as in comprising a sink, worktop and clipboard, upon which any interested parties were invited to put their name down.

Initial thoughts evolved into starting a camera club, the names recorded along with word of mouth formed the basis of the first meeting of Kingsclere PHOTO Club, a talk on Composition by Gareth Martin, in the small committee room at the Village Club in January 2000.

A newsletter was produced and distributed by hand, no-one had email then, and as membership slowly grew the club met in the Methodist Schoolroom for a while, until the Holding Room upstairs in the Village Club became available.

The Saxon Fayre in June 2000 at St Mary's Church gave an opportunity to have our first publicity stand.



Meetings were a mixture of looking at prints and slides (no-one had a digital camera then) for a chosen topic, practical sessions and talks.

By the end of 2005 the original club officers were starting to run out of ideas, and all stood down. The club could have folded, but other members took the lead and put themselves forward forming a new committee, and initiating a questionnaire to gauge member's interests and opinions. Thereafter it was agreed that any chairman would step down after 3 years, to keep the club fresh with new ideas, which has worked very well since.

In 2005 we were invited by Jane Baikie to take part in a combined art group and photo club exhibition 'Images of Kingsclere', our first exhibition of members work, in the Village Club. We instigated a 'vote for your favourite picture' for visitors, who proved successful, Mark O'Leary of MOL Photography won the photographic section with a manipulated picture of cottages along George Street, Kingsclere.



Two years later in October 2007 we held our very first own exhibition in the Village Club, having borrowed some display boards from Newbury camera Club.

Things were picking up, we has applied for a laptop and projector as part of a 'digital projection packaged' which we were awarded and were able to start projecting digital images in our 2008 season.



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The following year we applied for another grant for display boards, which we were also fortunate to win and use for our send exhibition in October 2009. We have has an exhibition of members work every year since...



2012 brought another initiative, it was decided to produce a calendar to inspire members to take quality local photographs and help fund the exhibitions, our first '2013' calendar sold 250 copies and we have produced one for almost every year since.



2013 was another memorable year as though a member were delighted to host a key speaker, Matt Doggett, who had been awarded 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year' for this we hired Sandford Springs and invited other clubs and the public, and proved very popular.



Also in 2013 we were invited via Kingsclere Twinning Association to participate

in the 'Triennale de la photographie' in our twin village of Cormicy, near Rheims. Two of our members stole the show by winning 1st and 2nd prizes in the themed competition 'Tree'.

We reciprocated by inviting Cormicy to exhibit in our annual exhibition, and have been exchanging images for our respective shows ever since.

In the 2014 the Whist Club, one of Kingsclere's oldest clubs and who met in the main hall, unfortunately folded. By then we had outgrown the Holding Room, and have since been able to make use of the very much larger main hall, so much better for projection!



At the start of the 2020 season we celebrated our 20th anniversary! Shortly after we went into lockdown, and switched to Zoom for

most of our meetings and our 2020 exhibition, which actually worked out very well as photography is after all a visual medium!

Today we have a very mixed membership of around 30 members, all ages and abilities. We have a very mixed programme, a calendar and annual exhibition, and the darkroom where it all started is still in occasional use by some members into film or analogue'.



If you are interested in photography, digital or film, and not checked us out, please do contact us and see us at one of our meetings at the Village Club, George Street, Kingsclere, RG20 5NH
Our 2022 programme is on our website <http://www.kingsclerephoto.org> under club activities.

Gareth Martin Feb 2022

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Book Review

West With Giraffes By Lynda Rutledge



The book is based on the true events of transporting two giraffes across the USA, from New York to San Diego Zoo in 1938.

Seeing a giraffe in 1938 was rare. The director of

San Diego Zoo funded the shipment of two giraffes from Kenya and they were loaded onto the SS Robin Goodfellow for the journey. The giraffes were in crates for the 52-day journey to New York. Unfortunately, in the final few days the ship was caught up in a devastating hurricane on the east coast which killed at least 700 people. The female giraffe had a badly damaged leg from being rolled around in her crate. A vet declared her fit enough to travel after a period of quarantine and the journey west begins.

The story revolves around Woody, Woodrow Wilson Nickle, a 17 year old boy, "dirt-farm rowdy, pure as a cow pie, cunning as a wild hog" orphaned in tragic circumstances in the Dust Bowl. He is trying to escape Texas and its lawmen and finds his way to New York to meet a distant cousin. The cousin was killed on board the SS Robin Goodfellow during the hurricane.

He sees the giraffes, crated up again this time in the back of a truck, and determines to follow them to California, 'the land of milk and honey' and a new life. Eventually Woody manoeuvres himself into being a driver helping the Old Man and caring for the giraffes. Also, in the mix is Red, a vivacious girl in a green Packard who is also following the giraffes purportedly to take photos of the journey as a record for Life Magazine.

It is a dangerous road trip, and a coming of age story with secrets and lies, sadness and hope. The characters may be hard-bitten and flawed but they are sympathetic and very real.

This fictional account follows the giraffe truck across the Lee Highway and illustrates the scenes of America in 1938. The country had endured a Great Depression, filling the barren landscape with shantytowns and migrants searching for a better life.

After twelve days on the road the truck finally reaches the San Diego Zoo entrance on October 17, 1938, the nearly unthinkable had been accomplished.

As for the giraffes, Lofty and Patches lived at the San Diego Zoo for nearly 30 years and produced seven offspring.

Sheena Crisford
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Now come on folks ...

Over the past few months, we have included in this magazine a request for someone to come forward to fill a vacancy that exists on the Parish Council to represent Ashford Hill. So far, I am informed, the vacancy has not been filled.

The parish council comprises people like you and me. They want our parish to be well looked after and are prepared to put in a little bit of time to make that happen. Please folks, don't tell me you are too busy. The Parish Council meeting that takes place once a month lasts approximately 1½ hours; and then there may be a bit of time required in between meetings but it really isn't much.

But then why does nobody come forward and offer a little bit of their time for our community?

Please, if the plea for help touches a tiny little bit of your conscience, get in touch with Joe Woodford, the Chairman of the Parish Council, and have a chat with him. **His contact details are: cllr.joe.woodford@ashfordhillheadleypc.org or 01189 814074.**

Don't leave the job of looking after all of our interest to others. Please come forward, give a little bit of your time for others and play your part.



Mistakes Competition

I am pleased to say that I received quite a few emails in response to last month's Mistakes Competition. Sheena Crisford spotted that the Morning Worship service at St Paul's, Ashford Hill on 20th February was stated as starting at 6:00pm! Penny Stewart, Emily Bernard and Fiona Gamble all correctly spotted spelling or grammatical mistakes. But, the prize this month goes to Ian Rowland who not only spotted a number of spelling and grammatical mistakes but also pointed out that 'Gethsamane' in the Vicar's letter should have been "Gethsemane". So, Ian wins this month's prize on the grounds that not only was his spot correct but that he has clearly read the magazine very thoroughly! Thank you to all for your entries.

The competition continues throughout this year. The rules are as before, viz:

- In the event of a dispute as to whether a "mistake" is a qualifying one, I shall be the absolute and final arbiter.
- You can only win once in every 6 months.
- Your entries must be sent to me by email by the 10th of the month of the said issue so that you can receive appropriate recognition and praise in the following month's issue. If you don't have a computer or can't hack emails, please put your entry on a piece of paper and drop it into the Community Shop. Your entry must state the month of the magazine issue and clearly reference the mistake. Please also give your name and contact details.

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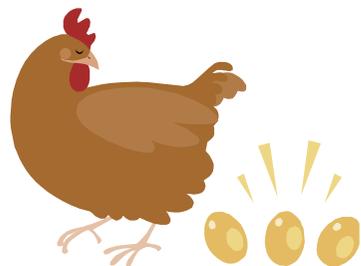
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ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2021

Present

Mr J Woodford (Chairman), Mrs K Saunders (Vice Chair), Mr S Hoskins, Mr A Saunders and the Clerk. Cllr Rhatigan and Cllr Mellor were also present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Stewart and Dunn.

2. Declaration of interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of previous meeting or approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th November 2021 were approved.

4. Matters arising

The Clerk had written to the Cricket Club regarding the condition of the surrounding grounds following the cesspool works and had received confirmation that the current weather conditions prohibited any further remedial work to restore the ground effected by the works.

The Chairman had been able to supply Councillors with bespoke email addresses which are to be used in conjunction with matters related to the work of the Parish Council.

5. Precept & Budget 2022/2023

The Chairman explained that further to discussion with Councillors and the Financial Responsible Officer, it had been agreed that a 3% increase in the Precept was required in order to ensure a balanced budget was achievable and given the fact that there had been a freeze in the level of Precept last year. Cllr A Saunders queried the fact that the proposed budget indicated a deficit forecast and expressed concern with that potential outturn eroding the level of reserves. The Chairman explained that specific cost centres, namely the Contingency and Equipment Maintenance had both received

significant increases in their level of budgeted expenditure due to the need to address foreseen and unforeseen issues. It was not to be considered an opportunity to spend those full amounts if such expenditure were not necessary, but such provision was regarded as a measure of prudent financial management.

The Chairman commented on the fact that an advantage of the additional housing will allow the increase in the Precept to have a diluted effect on the costs borne by the average tax band household.

The Chairman asked for a proposer and seconder to adopt the 2022/2023 budget and Cllr K Saunders proposed and Cllr A Saunders seconded the adoption of the new budget.

6. Highways

Cllr Hoskins reported on the fact that he reported request on 1st November 2021 to remove vegetation encroaching on pavements on the A339 in Headley had not yet been undertaken.

7. Planning Applications

21/03501/HSE – 3 St Peters Close, Headley – Erection of single storey side extension – No objection

21/03521/FUL – Land adjacent to Knightsbridge Lodge, Newbury Road, Headley – Erection of 8 no. dwellings – Objected to

21/03572 / 03573 / FUL – Catts Farm House, Newbury Road, Headley – Erection of dwelling & associated cart shed, following demolition of existing dwelling and associated outbuildings – No objection

21/03596/PIP – Land northwest of Little Knowl Hill, Ashford Hill – Residential development of 1 no. and maximum of 4 no. dwellings – Objected to

21/03656/FUL – Land north of The Chalet, Newbury Road, Headley – Erection of 15 no. dwellings and associated works – Objected to

21/03661/FUL – Wheathold House, Wheathold, Wolverton – Erection of

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new (replacement) dwelling –
No objection

Antler Homes, developers of the second housing development site in Ashford Hill, had enquired with the Parish Council as to the feasibility of a small village shop as part of the new development. After discussion at the meeting, the majority view was that such a shop would not be financially viable as previous commercial outlets had proved and that the Headley Community Shop should be fully supported by as many residents as possible in order to improve upon its own financial status.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hoskins reported that further to the Borough's Principal Planning Officer's (PPO) comments on the plan, a meeting had been organised to discuss matters further. Cllr Hoskins also commented on the need to ascertain advice from the PPO regarding the appointment of an independent advisor.

9. Reports

County Councillor's verbatim report:
"In view of the uncertainty of COVID arrangements, herewith a written submission for the month reflecting HCC activities.

1. Highways; the focus in the past and current months is on the following.

a/ Electric Vehicle Charging Points

b/ Reviewing for possible extension of the 20mph limit zoning in specific areas based on emissions

c/ HWRC

d/ Cycling and Walking Programmes

e/ Improved Highways Online Reporting/Progress

In respect of a/ the focus has been on delivering a paper to HMG in respect of issues such as provision of charging points on street locations; charging matrix – public or private sector responsibility? – results of test/trials across the county etc. Whilst electric cars ownership grows well

above that of diesel vehicles it must be in perspective. Most electric vehicles are currently recharged at home either on drive, garage or adjacent roadway. Where we will have great difficulty in Tadley – less so in the more rural areas in my patch – is where most of the vehicles are parked kerbside, away from the owner's residence, on shared green space and where the average car ownership exceeds 2 per house. The tests to date in parking areas where there are dedicated recharge bays reflect lengthy stays per vehicle along with, in Winchester, some energy problems. B & D has been kept informed every 6 weeks or to the progress of the work. Suffice to say, there are currently over 1200 recharge bays in the County; only Oxford – primarily due to policies in Oxford City and Cumbria have a better ratio of bays per 100k population. Interesting that is only one applicant in Tadley for participation in the Govt OCSR scheme. Of course, we have the likes of BP wanting to provide nationally some 50000 bays; even Tesco are offering 10000 and a host of private contractors wanting to participate in the major schemes.

b/ the exercise of possible extension of some 20mph limits into certain areas is not related to either the cycling strategy or road safety; it is an exercise to see if emissions can be reduced in certain areas by reducing the speed limit. The working Group on this will start in February.

d/ The Cycling and Walking Programmes are gradually being confirmed and introduced. There was a good response on the surveys sent to all the schools in Tadley. However, the pathways devised along with the consultant linking e.g., Bishopswood/Wigmore via Shyshack, across Heath End and through Woodlands to the Hurst now looks unlikely as it would cost £1M to upgrade. Still in discussion with the consultants, Atkins and HCC Transport, to devise some schemes

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to complement the main routes into Basingstoke. Govt funding contribution is behind the scheme.

e/ A new online reporting feature will give better progress updates. Mapping will be upgraded to include the One Network scheme and those used by some of the local authorities for bin and tree location purposes. More details later; suffice to say during the pandemic a good online reporting scheme accessed from home has been a very useful tool.

c/ HWRC; a decision will be made soonest as to whether the current pandemic influenced booking system will be continued post March. The debate is open; seems vast majority of residents are very happy with the free scheme which precludes the need to queue/wait. Perhaps though the regular trader who requires an on demand more than daily slot is not well served. No feedback/data yet as to the outcome of access to WB's Padworth tip nor the Newbury tip.

Finally, on the finances, current HMG policy has left us short of about £80M through to March 2023. Although HCC was in receipt of some extra money (due to performance) from Dft to assist on the roads maintenance budget, this will hardly cover the 17% inflation on the cost of maintenance materials. Fortunately, we do have some innovative procedures in place such as Highways own recycling centre at Micheldever to produce some of the road surface material needed. Big success and win for HCC some major "Green" award.

2. Social Care; Adult Health and Social Care in Hampshire still provides a good service as indeed does Children's Services. The expenditure now exceeds £1Billion per annum on Social Care and recruitment of carers/social workers continues to be a challenge. HCC has expanded its innovative robotics provision so that some care that requires two employees to care for an adult can now be reduced to one as the equipment

takes care of lifting the patient. On top of this, Alexa equipment is provided to some residing at home to manage medication and feeding thus potentially reducing frequency of carer visits. Technology is helping all of us. The Supporting Families programme continues.

The Home Office placed some 170 Afghan asylum seekers in the Apollo hotel and left HCC to house them in conjunction with the local authorities. To date some 29 families have been housed but another 20 turned down housing as they wish to be near their relatives in the UK. A challenge for Social Care. HCC will look at other arrangements such as provision of low-cost accommodation for Care workers/nurses; perhaps running our own agency or building care homes on our own estates.

As to Children's Services, I will not comment on the fluid schools and pandemic situation; suffice to say, schools in my patch continue to be ahead of the national average. I attended the schools review presented by our Director of Education and we are managing well. A new winter holiday fund was created to support over the school holiday those children in financial hardship. Although the recommendations normally come through the schools, I was pleased to hear that Tadley CA used the fund last month.

3. Sustainability; whilst all recognise that Climate Change is upon us within a relatively short time span, there is a strong school of thought that it cannot be at the expense of the economy. As a member of the Hampshire Pension Fund Board and sitting on the 'Responsible Investment Committee', I receive several mails demanding that the buoyant Pension Fund must stop any investment that can be classified as fossil fuel related. Our meetings receive regular deputations from the likes of Extinction Rebellion all repeating their

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mantra. HPFB does have approx. 1% of its money (ca £10Bn) invested in funds that may be associated with fossil fuel and ultimately this goes towards a very healthy pension scheme. The percentage was reduced but right or wrong, the likes of BP/Shell etc do underwrite so many energy schemes, be they windfarms, solar farms, LPG etc which the country still needs. It is balanced sustainability. We remain mindful of the wishes of the members.

Local Issues raised in past month; small cutback on the Number 2 bus service which of course with so many still working from home and with footfall in Basingstoke still way down in 2019, the buses are lightly laden. No objections to date.

Trees; the County will plant another 100000 trees, many in a copse, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Locations not finalised but should the Parish wish to promote the use of a specific location, do let me know.

In respect of trees, I am engaged in several issues – notably new residents who do not like the trees by or adjacent to their back garden – healthy though they are – as they block the 'light' and expects HCC to remove or reduce the tree. There is no justification but worth using this column to advise that if a resident has such a problem, then they can after concurrence with the land-owner reduce the area overhanging their garden. If the tree is unhealthy or could be possibly assessed as a safety risk by the owner's arborist, then the matter will be reviewed. As always, the issue is who owns the tree!

Planning; normally the prerogative of the Borough Councillors; the pressure of the 5-year local land supply factor that has been dictating some of the planning applications in the past couple of years since Basingstoke fell well behind its quota is hopefully to be reviewed with intervention from the new Minister. We do need appropriate housing but at the right place. Many Tadley – and Baughurst

– residents formally objected to the Outline Planning application for 90+ affordable/social rent homes to be built on the corner plot of Bishopswood GC by Deanswood Road. I was pleased to hear that the application by Vivid has been withdrawn. As to how access, provision of parking spaces and electric vehicle charging points availability, and other shortcomings in the application such as invasion of green space etc were to be overcome is another matter.

There are some major applications pending for large scale solar farms near to Tadley and Pamber all in the air; there are proposals for 800 homes on the AONB at North Whitchurch, 350 homes at Bishops Green etc which would all require major changes to the infrastructure and no Local Authority should be told that they will have to approve such applications just because they are short on their 5-year land supply/quota. HCC is as always on normal applications a technical consultee to the local authority for planning and generally sticks to strict rules on its recommendation/No Objection response. However, if not appropriate, we do say so or as in the cases in Headley and other rural areas send a holding objection until there are more details or until the plans are amended.

Broadband; The popular gigabit voucher scheme will be re-introduced in February to assist with the enhancement of Superfast Broadband in local premises. HCC contributed to reaching the target of 97% having access under the old scheme and as the goalposts now move then HCC will be topping up on grants to those now enhancing the broadband. The vouchers have equal access to Openreach and the likes of Hampshire Broadband with their alternative scheme.

The County Deal project, one based on the economic development of the whole County – moves forward. The future of Local Enterprise Partnerships is in the balance and County Deal /County



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Finally, and not just because I sit on the Hampshire Isle of Wight Fire Rescue Service Authority, a public word of thanks for those at Tadley Fire Station. Few realise the effort the retained firefighters must put in; if not on service at the Station, they must be able to get there within 4 minutes and the performance of that Station is exemplary. Tadley needs that reassurance, minimal though the fire occurrence is in the town. We have 61 fire stations serving 1.7M population and the mixed work they undertake such as attending motorway accidents, occasionally removing obstructions from the Highway etc as well as manning vaccination centres is indeed praiseworthy.

There are no outstanding issues; the recent storms have influenced drains and trees but nothing untoward. Minor flooding with overflowing gullies is generally relieved naturally within the day. Indeed, flooding is perhaps the most important aspect of Climate Change in Hampshire programme. Last week saw the first appearance in 11 months of our gritters.... now all suitably named!"

Borough Councillor

Cllr Rhatigan reported on the continued suspension of the garden waste service due to staff shortages. Residents would be compensated for the suspension as it was a separately charged service.

The Local Plan process was continuing at pace whereby sites were being identified for development but with a clear view that the development of any green field sites would be opposed by the Borough Council.

The original planning application for the Sawmill housing development was rejected on the grounds that it offered no affordable housing due to its limited scale. The latest planning application has a proposed increase in the number

of dwellings which qualifies the scheme for a compulsory allocation of social housing. With this vitally important element of much needed housing (4000 + people on the affordable housing waiting list) the Borough Council would be supporting such a development.

The Borough Council's financial situation was in a good position with a £2m surplus to be maintained in reserves as a result of prudent spending by the Council. The CIL funding that was available needed to be used by the Parish Council to offset the need for increases in the Precept.

Cllr Rhatigan supported the Parish Council's view that there was not a need for a second shop on the new housing development in Ashford Hill.

The Chairman's verbatim report:

"Councillor email addresses

We have set-up new emails for the Clerk and the Councillors, and I will be changing the contact details on our web site to reflect this.

AH recreational grounds in poor state

Due to the very wet weather the area where the newly installed cesspool is, the grounds are in a very poor and waterlogged state. We will need to see how things are when it dries out, but it is not looking good now. This area must not be walked on or crossed to access the play park from Chapel Lane, to allow it to recover.

Play Park repairs

As we now have access to the on-line report, we can see what minor or major issues are needing attention. I have shared with the Cllrs and the Clerk an excel sheet of the works I have carried out in Ashford Hill; I believe Cllr Hoskins is looking into the minor issues in Headley. I would ask the Clerk to report back to the BDBC play park inspectors of all the works we have carried out by the end of January so they can see we have completed some of them.

S106 funding

The Parish will have access to some

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significant funding throughout 2022/23. Unfortunately, the way S106 money is allocated it is quite prescriptive as to what it can be spent on. We have asked for our Borough Councillor to help us with enquires on how the allocations could be better purposed. We really need support on this otherwise we are likely to lose the use of this money. This assistance is now most important, as losing such funding will be disappointing.

Headley Multifunction Room – replacement for the old changing rooms

This year we hope to start preparing for the removal of the old football changing rooms to replace it with a dual-purpose multifunction building offering a changing room, WC, a kitchen and seating area. We hope initially to use CIL funding but would also welcome any donations from local business to this project to help kit out the facility and its construction.

Grants

We will again be offering a grant for the Parish Magazine and cleaning of the Headley village hall.

A grant award has been made to the owner of Great Haughurst Copse to carry out repairs to the bridleway.

Benches around the Oakfield Lane development ‘pond’

A few people have asked me if the Parish Council paid for and installed benches around the pond of the Oakfield Lane development. These and the bin have not been provided by the Parish Council and I believe were part of the original developer's scheme.”

Parish Councillors

Cllr Hoskin's reported on the planning approval for a replacement modular sports facility on the Headley recreation ground. Cllr Hoskins had received renewed interest from Cold Ash Junior Football Club in November 2021 but had not been communicated with since. Cllr Hoskins reported on the fact that there were now 8 volunteer Rights of

Way volunteers for Headley and in the absence of volunteers from Ashford Hill work has started to include footpaths in Ashford Hill although volunteers from Ashford Hill would still be very welcomed. Further to the purchase of a brush cutter and hedge trimmer equipment, training for such equipment would be taking place in January. Cllr Hoskins further reported on the list of minor remedial works required on play equipment in the Headley recreation ground which had either been completed or were in hand with assistance from fellow Councillor Steve Dunn. A significant cost would be incurred to replace the perimeter fence of the play area and an allocation within next year's budget had been made for such potential expenditure.

Clerk to the Council

The Clerk reported on the email from the Clerk of Kingsclere Charities to request permission from the Council to have Mrs Penny Stewart continue to act as a Parish Council trustee for Kingsclere Charities for the next 4 years period. The nomination was approved by all Councillors present.

10. Financial Statement

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £2,534.58

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £20,976.37

11. Accounts approval & payment

Mr J Kirkby – Litter Warden salary – Jan-Mar 2022 – £482.70

Mr S Marshall – Clerk's salary – Jan-Mar 2022 & Expenses – £4578.55

Ashford Hill with Headey PCC – Parish Magazine grant – £750.00

R.A & M.D Butler – Brush cutter – £746.00

Headley Village Hall – Room hires – £30.00

HMRC – Tax & employee NI contributions – £307.71

The Friends of Haughurst Copse – Regeneration grant – £500.00

BBS Ltd – PAYE administration – £75.00

Poppy Appeal – Remembrance wreaths – £34.00

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.21pm.

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