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## Remembrance Sunday

We will remember them

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## Church Services & Rota – November 2023

Services in our churches this month will be as follows:

Date	5th Nov	12th Nov	12th Nov	19th Nov	26th Nov
Time	9.30am	10.50am	3pm	9.30am	9.30am
Service type	Holy Communion	Remembrance Day	Remembrance Day	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
Where	St Peter's, Headley	St Paul's, Ashford Hill	St Peter's, Headley	St Paul's, Ashford Hill	St Paul's, Ashford Hill
Chalice	Penny Stewart	N/A	N/A	N/A	Patrick Taylor
Sidesperson	Paddy Dring	Lorraine Cusworth	Penny Stewart	Paddy Dring	Lorraine Cusworth
Reader	Paddy Dring	Heather Taylor	Ann Hoddinott	Heather Taylor	Susie Sainsbury
Intercessor	N/A	N/A	N/A	Janet Larkins	Patrick Taylor
Altar Colour	Green	Green or Red	Green or Red	Green	Green
Service Leader	Neil Britton	Patrick Taylor	Rev. Pete Williams	Patrick Taylor	Rev. Pete Williams
Readings	2 Corinthians 4: 1-12	Micah 4: 1-4	Micah 4: 1-4	Matthew 25: 1-13	Matthew 25: 31-46

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

Date	Time	Type of service
5th Nov	10:30am	Holy Communion
12th Nov	10:30am	Remembrance Day
19th Nov	10:30am	Morning Worship
26th Nov	10:30am	Morning Worship
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 via the Church email list run by Emma Rivers. If you are not signed up to our mailing list, contact **07422 687125 or email: [administrator@stpaulsashfordhill.co.uk](mailto:administrator@stpaulsashfordhill.co.uk)**. Our online calendar is also updated regularly so please look there for the most up to date information.

## A letter from our Vicar, Revd. Pete Williams



Hello!

Peace is a beautiful thing.

We take it for granted here in England, never having to concern ourselves with missile attacks from a near neighbour.

What is happening in Israel & Gaza at present is heartbreaking. The death, destruction & sorrow unfathomable to us.

Through this past summer I read Max Hastings' book, "Catastrophe", the story of 1914, and the lead up to, and first months of World War 1. The scale of the numbers of casualties, and the scope of the destruction are just mind-boggling.

And last weekend, while attending a service in Winchester Cathedral for the licensing & commissioning of lay workers in the church, I took a moment to look at the memorial book to those from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight who lost their lives in war. The single page that was open contained fifty names, from Charles F. Collier to Frank W. Cushion. Fifty sons, brothers, fathers (they were all male), from this county, with last names between Co and Cu...

All were lost between 1940 and 1945.

How many other names must be in that book?

In November every year we remember.

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, to mark the Armistice signed between the Allies and Germany, bringing an end to hostilities on the Western Front at 11 o'clock on November 11th, 1918, we're called to pause what we're doing and remember the terrible cost of war.

Part of the reason we do this as a society is so that in recognising the cost, we think twice about entering conflict again, and search all avenues for peace.

However, we do seem to have let the importance of remembering slip. In preparing for our Remembrance service this year, I read the following by Bruce Kent, who knew this area well from his campaigning for nuclear disarmament at RAF Greenham Common: "(as a child) no matter what day of the week it was, at 11 am exactly, everything stopped. Pedestrians stood still. Cars, buses, and carts stopped where they were. A great silence fell on busy London."

As I stated at the beginning, peace is a beautiful thing. Let's do all we can to mark Remembrance this year. November the 11th is a Saturday – what will you do to remember the horror of war, and to be thankful for peace?

On Sunday 12th, we'll have our service of Remembrance at St. Pauls, starting at 10:50 am, maybe you'll come along this year?

Grace & Peace,

*Pete*



## Headley with Ashford Hill community shop update

Since our last newsletter, there have been a number of developments.

First, we have a couple of announcements about members of the team. Simon James, who shared the Post Office duties with Debbs McCann, accepted a full time role elsewhere at the end of August. Whilst sad to see Simon go and thank him for his hard work and commitment, we are actively looking to recruit a replacement to fill the vacancy. In the meantime, we are grateful to Debbs for working double shifts. Also, we have recruited Luke Vetere as our morning delivery driver and he is already delivering the newspapers on weekdays. Some of you will know Luke because he lives in Headley and was our weekend paperboy about ten years ago. We are pleased to welcome Luke to the team.

### Opening hours

#### **Opening Hours – Shop:**

Monday: 6:00am – 5:30pm  
Tuesday: 6:00am – 5:30pm  
Wednesday: 6:00am – 5:30pm  
Thursday: 6:00am – 5:30pm  
Friday: 6:00am – 5:30pm  
Saturday: 6:30am – 12:30pm  
Sunday: 7:30am – 10:00am

#### **Opening Hours – Post Office:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:  
9:00am – 1:00pm; 2:00 – 5:00pm  
Wednesday: 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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Secondly, we have some new pieces of kit to enhance our offering. We have purchased a replacement for the coffee machine which broke down in August. The new machine, a DeLonghi Prima Donna Elite, will dispense perfectly crafted coffee creations, with bean to cup technology, and hot chocolate using fresh milk. Furthermore, we now have a commercial printer for use by customers. This will copy material like a conventional printer but in addition, customers can print black/white and colour A4 copies from their phones/ipads or from a memory stick. The printer is simple to use but the shop supervisors will be available to help.

A date for your diaries. We are holding our Christmas food tasting on Saturday 18 November in the Community Room. We hope you will join us to sample some of the stock which we buy specially for the festive season.

Finally, on a downbeat note, trading in August/September was below expectations. This may be due to holidays but as ever, we need your support to keep trading as a community facility. The Post Office cannot survive without the Shop so it is essential that the Shop is used for the facility to continue. Just as a reminder, we will deliver orders over £20 to customers within a four mile radius of the Shop, free of charge.

For those unfamiliar with the Shop, please take time to visit us, without obligation, so you can see what we have to offer. We hope that you will be surprised by the variety and quality of our product range.

**Jonathan Morestead**

## ASHFORD HILL – A TARGET FOR SPECULATIVE DEVELOPERS?

# NOT FOR THE MOMENT

The Appeal Hearing for the development in the “Holt Cottages field” took place on Tuesday 3rd October. It was a long and frustrating day. As I came out of the Council offices at the end of the day, our planning consultant, Mike de Courcy, said to me: “I think we might just have won the argument.” I was told we would have to wait 6 to 8 weeks to hear the conclusion.

The RAAD committee met to plan for the next Hearing set for Thursday 19th October. We now felt pretty well prepared but planned a final dress rehearsal for the Wednesday evening.

With the Hearing only 24 hours away, the Inspector had not yet issued her draft agenda. In the previous one, we had received it 3 days in advance. That worried me. Something was not quite right.

On that Wednesday morning, I was having a golf lesson. My phone rang just as it was beginning. It was my daughter, Melissa: “Dad, the decision is out. It seems we have won.” Only 2 weeks gone. Wow! Fantastic news.

My phone kept ringing; calls from ecstatic colleagues. I finished my lesson and went home to read the published decision and was delighted to find that he had comprehensively over-ruled the proposal and had backed the Council’s and our objections. The gratifying fact is that Mr Chamberlain acknowledges our input and it is pretty clear that without it, the Decision might have gone the other way.

Early on that Wednesday afternoon, I received a call from Jason at the Council to say that the developer for the 47 houses next to the Antler development had pulled out. So, we had won that one as well. If he had been in the room, I would have leapt up and given him a hug!

I don’t think we are Nimby’s. We argued that Ashford Hill is genuinely not the right place for sustainable development and the Inspector agreed.

I want to say a few thank you’s. First, to Christian & Nicola Bearman, who, from day one, agreed to stand with Heather and me in employing Mike de Courcy, a local planning consultant to advise us. Without their support, we might not have gone it alone.

Of course, I next must thank Mike. It was he who told us that the key issues would be about the sustainability of the site. No public transport; pretty much no local services; thus requiring all residents to use cars to get to those services. We owe Mike a great deal for his steady and wise counsel.

Next, I must thank my daughter, Melissa, who had the bright idea to create a name for our action group around which we could coalesce. Melissa has also been brilliant in managing our WhatsApp group.

Of course, I must thank the members of our steering committee, which included Ken Rhatigan, Paul Clark, Julian Sunley and Peter Cunningham. They have been constant supporters; have read reams of reports and have given thoughtful input into crafting our arguments. In this group, we should include John Kirkby, Anne Ayres and Ann Rixon who have given of their time and emotional capital. Without this group, we would not have won.

Thank you also to those people who responded to Melissa’s request for help in funding the costs of additional consultants. Your support and generosity is hugely appreciated.

And thanks to those of you who took to our streets to get your neighbours to sign RAAD support forms and to those of you who did sign up. THANK YOU.

We have shown that given the right cause, we can as a village come together. Our next cause is to have a celebratory party before Christmas. We will be in touch on that one quite soon; and hope to see you there.

**Patrick Taylor**

## Recipe for November

Here is a great dish to set you up for a busy day out in the cold. It's really simple and is very easily adapted to using up leftovers. If you have a good bubble and squeak recipe, then that's great but add the spices and coriander as they really make the dish. I hope you enjoy it.

### Serves 4

#### Ingredients

600g desiree potatoes, chopped into large chunks  
4-5 tbsp olive oil  
1 onion, finely chopped  
1 tbsp yellow mustard seeds, toasted in a dry pan  
1 tsp ground cumin  
1 tsp ground turmeric  
200g spinach  
4 very fresh, large free-range eggs  
Small bunch fresh coriander, roughly chopped  
For the stir-fried kale  
1 tbsp olive oil  
200g kale  
2 garlic cloves, very finely sliced



#### Method

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6. Put the potatoes in a large saucepan, cover with boiling water from a kettle, then simmer for 20-25 minutes until tender when pierced with the tip of a sharp knife.
2. Meanwhile, heat 1 tbsp of the olive oil in a medium frying pan and fry the onion until soft and translucent. Add the mustard seeds, cumin and turmeric and cook for 2 minutes more, then set aside.
3. When the potatoes are cooked, drain well, return to the pan, then mash until smooth. Put the spinach in a large colander and pour over boiling water from a kettle to wilt it. Press the spinach into the colander with the back of a spoon, squeezing out as much water as possible.
4. In a large mixing bowl, mix the mashed potatoes, spiced onions and spinach with a generous pinch of salt and pepper, then form the mixture into 8 even-size cakes. Heat 2 tbsp of the oil in a large frying pan and fry the cakes, 4 at a time, for 3-4 minutes on each side until they have a bit of a crust, then carefully lift onto a baking tray in a single layer. You may need to add more oil to the pan. When all are fried, put in the oven and bake for 15 minutes.
5. Meanwhile cook the kale. Wipe the pan clean, then heat 1 tbsp oil over a high heat and fry the kale, stirring occasionally, for 7-8 minutes until the kale is tender but still has a slight bite. Add the garlic for the last 2 minutes, then taste and season.
6. For the poached eggs, fill a large saucepan or large deep frying pan with water and bring it to a very gentle simmer – the water should barely be moving. Crack the eggs into the water and poach without touching for 3-4 minutes. Remove the eggs with a slotted spoon onto a plate lined with kitchen paper. Serve 2 cakes per person topped with an egg and some coriander, with the stir-fried kale alongside.

And as I'm writing this... it would be outstanding served with some hot natural smoked haddock!  
Now I'm really hungry.

Toby Barrett

## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER & BEYOND

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](mailto:patrick@ourparishmag.com)  
Please take note of the following:

**Our Macmillan Coffee Morning** at Headley Community Shop on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September raised an amazing total of £677.60! A huge thank you to everyone who made the delicious cakes and to all those who came and supported the occasion.

**The Community Café** – Headley Community Shop – is open every Tuesday from 2:30-4:30 pm.

**Greener Kingsclere market** – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-1:30 pm at The Fieldgate Centre.

**Ashford Hill Garden Club** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Ashford Hill Village Hall, starting at 7:45pm. Doors open at 7:30pm.

The speaker for November is Paul Patton talking about 'Gardening on The Wild Side'. Visitors are welcome with an entry charge of £5.

**The Village Lunch** – The next lunch will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 12.15 -1.45 pm, in the Community Room at Headley Village Shop. Homemade soup and a filled roll £5.00. All are welcome.

**Parish Council meeting** – The next meeting will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – starts at 7:30pm – Ashford Hill Village Hall.

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

**ShipInnArts events** during November and on 1<sup>st</sup> December – please look at page 7.

**Peter Pan, the Pantomime is coming to Kingsclere – a production by the Kingsclere Players.**

See page 20 for dates between Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Adonai UK charity evening** – Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm – Come and hear more, see the photos and enjoy a free glass of wine in the Community Room at Headley Village Shop.

**Candlelit carol service of 9 lessons and carols** – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at St Paul's Church, Ashford Hill, starting at 6:00pm. Save the date & time in your diaries. Get Christmas truly underway.

## Jobs in the Garden for November

**What a wonderful growing season we have just had. Although we all complained about the lack of sun this summer, the plants all loved it. Most things grew in abundance, both vegetable and flowers. Roll on next season!**

I already have a few seeds in hand and the garlic and onion sets are in the ground. About two thirds of the vegetable patch is dug-over in readiness for mulching early next spring and the spring bulbs are all in their pots. It will soon be time to bring in all the soft plants for protection from the frosts. My fuchsias and other soft plants are all gathered in the greenhouse just in case of an early frost. After the strange winter last year many of the plants, which appeared to have succumbed to the two frosty/cold periods, have regrown from the roots including the climbing rose which appeared dead until the end of August when I took a mattock to it to remove the root to find four or five strong shoots coming from the root area. There you go, patience does pay!

Here are a few jobs for us to do this month.

### Lawns

- If the weather is still warm, the grass may require a high trim, perhaps number 4 or even 5 on the mower settings
- Scarify and autumn feed the lawn if not already completed
- Level out some of the bumps where necessary and fill in the dips with old compost from the summer pots if you have lots of spent compost
- Aerate the damp spots to try to avoid moss over the wet season. A garden fork does the trick to a depth of around 6ins. Give it a good wiggle to open out the holes. Lots of exercise here for the avid gardener

- It is too late to repair with seed, just in case anybody was thinking of this. It's expensive turf now or nothing

- Try to keep off the grass over the winter especially when wet or after a frost

### Shrubs and Roses

- Now is the time to begin planting all shrubs and roses you may have been dreaming of over the summer. Use Root-Grow when planting expensive shrubs and roses. It really does work well. I have tried it with some late spring planting of standard roses and have been amazed at the rate of growth

- The summer shrubs should all have been trimmed into shape over July and August and should have made plenty of new growth since then. Don't touch them now, or else there will be no flowers next year

- When planting new shrubs and roses, use lots of garden compost in the bottom of the holes and 4ozs of fish/blood/bone or just bone meal mixed in with the compost. The hole should be approx twice the size of the root ball. After planting, firm the soil, leaving a dip around the growing stem to collect water and apply a good gallon/5ltrs of water from a can

- Cut back and tie in the climbing roses. There has been lots of good new growth over the summer. Tie the stems as near to the horizontal as possible. This encourages the spring growth to grow vertically into the supports

- Give all the shrubs and roses a good feed of fish/blood/bone or bone meal at 2ozs per sq.m

- Trim back the bedding roses by about half, leaving a few outward pointing buds to finally cut back to next spring, cut out all the weak stems. This will help avoid wind rock over the winter

- Take hardwood cuttings of your favourite shrubs and roses. Cut a 12 ins deep slot with a digging spade in a well-drained position. Dip the cuttings into rooting hormone or gel and insert into the slot. Add plenty of sharp sand into the slot to aid drainage prior to insertion of the cutting. Then pray, but it does work for around 50% of the cuttings

### Flower Borders

- The big tidy up starts here, unless you favour leaving all the old growth to provide winter shelter for the plants and small animals

- Cut back the old growth to about three ins and collect all the general detritus from the border. Fork the soil around to aid drainage and feed all the perennials with approx. 2ozs per sq.m

- If there has been a frost, cut back the dahlias to about 3ins and dry off the tubers and over winter in a frost proof place. Remove all the hairy roots and sprinkle with sulphur to help avoid fungal-attacks

- Protect any semi-hardy perennials with fleece or wood shavings covered with straw over the root area, e.g. hardy fuchsias. A wire enclosure is handy to avoid the insulation material blowing all over the garden

- Split and replant the best bits of your favourite perennials

### Tubs and Containers

- Most of the containers should be free from the summer plantings and available for winter bulbs and hardy spring flowers. Add 2ozs of bone meal or f/b/b to each 10 or 12 ins pot, and stand the pots on drainer feet or strips of timber

- Plant the spring tulips

- All the half-hardy perennials, (fuchsias and geraniums, etc.), should now be stored in a frost free greenhouse

### Vegetable Garden

- Plant garlic, autumn onion sets etc.

- Harvest leeks, parsnips, Brussel sprouts

- Start the winter digging on wet, eavy ground

### In the Greenhouse

- Keep an eye open for frosts and turn on the anti-frost heaters

- Reduce watering to a minimum, just enough to keep the plants turgid, perhaps watering once a month

- Remove any dead leaves to avoid fungus

- On sunny days, open up the vents to provide air circulation. Close off again at night

- Keep the glass as clean as possible

We had Alan Hogan visit the Garden Club for the October meeting. His topic was 'Pests and Diseases' and covered identification and prevention of the problems we face in the garden, especially with soft fruit.

The speakers for the future months of the year the year are all booked. The speaker for November is Paul Patton talking about 'Gardening on the Wild Side', commencing at 7.45pm at Ashford Hill village hall on Wednesday 8th November. Visitors are welcome with an entry charge of £5. Paid up members enjoy free entry.

**M.E**





## Ambling around – By Old Double Decker Buses

Now that it's my turn to write the article I've been persuaded to change the angle – as you can see from the title!

In 1973 when I was 20 I got to know a bunch of people in Liphook who had two double decker buses. Both were British Leyland the first was made in 1948 and was ex Portsmouth Corporation, the group of friends called it "Hairy Pillock", converted it into a "motor caravan" and drove it to Spain and back.

Flushed with their success they got carried away, bought a 1949 ex Warrington bus with a 10 litres engine, converted it, called it "Hairy Pillock 2" and 9 of them took two and a half years to drive it around the world. Along the way they created a folk group called The Philanders and even performed for the Shah and Empress of Persia en route. If you want to know more you can buy the book or film from [richarde.king@btinternet.com](mailto:richarde.king@btinternet.com) (or search for hairy Pillock Conquers the World on YouTube!).

Back to me. I was too young for all this but duly obtained my PSV licence and drove parties of people on holiday down through mainly France, Spain and Italy. It was an amazing experience as everywhere we went people couldn't believe their eyes and I became quite au fait at repairing punctures (invariably an inside rear), replacing broken injector pipes, dealing with slipping clutches and every other mechanical problem that threw itself at us. Mind you, in those days there were BL dealers everywhere

so between them and scrap yards obtaining spares wasn't too bad – except in the middle of nowhere which is usually where we were when we wanted them.

The other big issue was (and still is) low bridges or cables. We had a length of wood which if one particular guy held up in the air came to the roof of the bus so if we came to an overhead cable on an electric railway crossing we used to let him go in front and measure it whilst the rest of us stood well back!

Moving on, increasing work and family commitments got in the way of bus driving though my love of motorcycles provided my road fun.

Eventually though after I had retired I was asked to re-join the group and share the driving with others who were also insufficiently geriatric to do so.

I had a practice with two trepidations, one whether I could remember how to double declutch an old crash gearbox without crunching it and secondly if I had the strength to work the two foot wide non power assisted steering wheel. However, the main challenges proved to be climbing up into the cab and getting my stomach under the steering wheel!

Since then I have driven a number of trips both in this country plus a tour of north and south Ireland and Normandy which was particularly poignant for me as I was able to visit Gold Beach where my father landed as part of the D-Day Invasion and I also drove over (the replacement) Pegasus Bridge that was captured as a vital part of securing the area.



Anyway, I hope you have enjoyed this "special edition" of Ambling About. I've included a couple of photos, one from my early days featuring Hairy Pillock 1, can you work out which one is me? The second is from a more recent trip and features Hairy Pillock 2 and an older, shorter, stouter me!

Might as well own up!

**Stephen Hoskins**

We hope you enjoyed the article. If you have any comments on the footpaths and bridleways in our parish, please email us at [ahahrightsofway@gmail.com](mailto:ahahrightsofway@gmail.com)

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# News from Ashford Hill Primary School

At Ashford Hill Primary School, we believe in creating leaders of the future. We strive to empower children to see the importance of their social responsibility and their place within our society and ever-changing world. It is at this time that our student leaders are interviewed and elected and we are proud to introduce you to some of our student leaders this year.



## James – Head Student

I am James and I am one of the Head Students of Ashford Hill Primary School. I really enjoy PE, History and Science because our Teacher (Mr Dixon) makes lessons so much fun and it is interesting for the whole class.

I love this school because it is a kind and caring community and what is best is that we all have a passion for learning which makes this school the best place to be. This year, I am looking forward to the end of the year show – Frozen Jr and helping others to progress in their learning, especially Willow Class. It makes me really happy to see others thrive in their work too.

In my role this year, I am going to make this school an even better place to be

by helping others to never feel worried or down and to help to enhance out mental health and wellbeing assemblies with new ideas. We would love you to come and visit our school if you are looking for a place for your children.

## Grace – Head Student

I am Grace and I am proud to be a Head Student this year along side James. I adore learning art and French because I have always seen the work through colours; I think it is always important to understand that art is a way to express your emotions. I love learning French because French is like the language of art.

Something that I love about this school is that everyone looks out for each other and we have a positive attitude about everything. We are always happy for one another even if we did not come first ourselves but we always try our best. Our school motto is to 'Be the best we can be' and all of us, children and staff, try to do this every day.

I am looking forward to performing our show at the Haymarket theatre again this year, last year we did a breath-taking recreation of Matilda the musical and I can not wait to go on our school residential later in the year – it is always so much fun and challenges us in the very best ways.

One of my goals to make our school even better this year is to take part in the library project. Myself and my fellow student librarians have been reorganising the library to ensure that it looks great and that our lovely books are borrowed frequently. We will also be working on our reward systems at

school for brilliant learning behaviours. I love Ashford Hill Primary School and hope that you come and have a look around if you would like to be at our school.



## Elodie – School Council Co-Chair

I am Elodie and I am one of the School Council Chairpersons. My favourite subjects are Drama, Art and English. I like these because I have a passion to learn. My teacher Mr Dixon helps me to accomplish in my learning every day.

What I love about Ashford Hill is that all of the teachers are extremely supportive and caring. The pupils are the same and we all work towards having outstanding learning behaviours. If you have any worries at all, there is always an adult to help.

I am looking forward to so many things this year but one of my favourites is the school show. I was Matilda last year! This year, I want to make the school an even better place to be by making it more eco-friendly – we would love to have even more lessons outdoors in our wonderful grounds. I hope you have enjoyed my views on our school and hope you come to have a look around.

## Imogen – School Council Co-Chair

I am Imogen and I am a Co-Chair of the school council. I absolutely love Maths, PE, English and Drama because I am very creative and love a challenge.

Ashford Hill is an amazing, small village school with a kind, caring and fun atmosphere. The teachers always look out for the children. Last year, we did a phenomenal performance of Matilda the Musical at the Haymarket Theatre. I took great pleasure in playing the acrobat. This year, we are planning a sensational production of Frozen, which I am really looking forward to. I am also enthusiastic about the residential later in the year – how could it be even better than last year?!

One of my goals for over the next school year is to redecorate our outdoor classroom to make it more inviting and attractive. I am very proud of the amount of eco-friendly things that we have all around school but would be delighted to add more living plants around the school. I hope that this has given you a better insight into life at Ashford Hill Primary School.

We welcome you to come and have a look around our school ready for school applications for September 2024.

**Our open days are on Wednesday 8th November at 9.30am and Monday 27th November at 9.30am Alternatively, you can book an appointment to have a look around with our Principal, Mrs Kingham on 01189 813822**





## Local representatives

### Parish Council

Contact the Councillors via their email address which are all structured in the same way, viz: [cllr.firstname.secondname@ashfordhillheadley.org](mailto:cllr.firstname.secondname@ashfordhillheadley.org) – e.g. see the Chairman's email address

**Chairman** – Joe Woodford – [cllr.joe.woodford@ashfordhillheadley.org](mailto:cllr.joe.woodford@ashfordhillheadley.org)

**Ashford Hill ward councillors** – Paul Clark; Jules Sunley

**Headley ward councillors** – Kathryn Saunders; Steve Dunn; Stephen Hoskins; Karen Parker

**Clerk** – Steven Marshall: [clerk@ashfordhillheadley.org](mailto:clerk@ashfordhillheadley.org) – 07714 001778

### Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillors

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Kerry Morrow – [cllr.kerry.morrow@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.kerry.morrow@basingstoke.gov.uk) – 07422 651172

Stuart Frost – [cllr.stuart.frost@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.stuart.frost@basingstoke.gov.uk) – 07961 265719

**Hampshire County Councillor** Derek Mellor – [derek.mellor@hants.gov.uk](mailto:derek.mellor@hants.gov.uk) – 07712 695491

**Member of Parliament** Kit Malthouse – [kit.malthouse.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kit.malthouse.mp@parliament.uk) – 01264 401401

**Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner** Donna Jones –

[www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us](http://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us) – 01962 871595

### ASHFORD HILL GARDEN CLUB

We are a small garden club formed in 2009 for villagers interested in all things garden and nature related. We have eleven meetings per year with regular talks given by professional speakers for 7 meetings, with social gatherings for three meetings and an AGM usually held at the September meeting. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available at all meetings with wine and nibbles available at the social meetings. The Christmas party meeting in December is usually a social meeting with a quiz, and a raffle towards club funds.

We aim to have a membership of around 30-35, but since the covid lockdown period membership has decreased, hence this notice. We meet every second Wednesday of each month at Ashford Hill Village Hall except for August which is considered the holiday season, and our year generally commences with an AGM at the September meeting.

We do have a complete programme already booked with extremely good speakers for the whole of the forthcoming season up to the end of July 2024.

To the regular friends who support the club, a very big thank you for your continuing support. To everybody else in the two villages, including past members, please do come and join or re-join us. We are not a bad bunch really and try to make everybody welcome. And the speakers are really good!

### Annual Subscriptions

If you are interested in joining our happy band we have an annual subscription of £30 per member which covers the cost of all the talks and social events. Non-members are very welcome at all meetings at a cost of £5 per visitor. To join just turn up a meeting and introduce yourselves. We would love to see more members.

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### Kingsclere Charities - Welfare Charity

The Charity helps anyone resident in the Parish of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley regardless of age or means. Grants have been given towards mobility aids, medical equipment, such as nebulisers and aids to make life easier for the sick and less mobile; and travel costs to and from hospital.

Contact: Jan Pearce

Email: [kingsclerecharities@iname.com](mailto:kingsclerecharities@iname.com)

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Kingsclere Charities Meetings:  
2023 dates: 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### Village hall contacts & hire rates

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Mrs J Maylen	01189 813653
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Mrs K Saunders	01635 269408
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Our eldest son lives near AFU; so we are able to visit fairly regularly and see for ourselves the effect our support is having.

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- ✓ EVENT ASSISTANTS
- ✓ SCHOOL NURSE

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## The Kingsclere Page

### Peter Pan, the Pantomime is coming to Kingsclere

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Dates & times:

Friday November 24th at 7.30pm

Saturday November 25th at 2.30pm

Saturday November 25th at 7.30pm

Sunday November 26th at 2.30pm

Saturday December 2nd at 11am (meet and greet the characters)

Saturday December 2nd at 7.30pm

Sunday December 3rd at 2.30pm



**At the Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere**

Book tickets now at [Ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or through the Fieldgate Centre.



### Our next BIG EVENT

Sunday, 5th November, **10am-1:30pm**, The Fieldgate Centre

**Sustainable Christmas Market** with stalls including refillables, food, and plenty of gifts, avoiding single use plastics.

This will be our last market for some time, as we plan on different 'greener' events for 2024 – check our website or FB page for info.

**Repair Cafe** – bring along almost any small repair. To give us the best chance of fixing it, please register your repair on our website.

**Fight Fast Fashion!** Join our \*free\* clothing 'swap'. Take anything you can use! Donations of good quality, clean clothing welcomed, but not required to take anything away. Children's, women's & men's.

**Cafe** – coffee, tea, cakes and other yummy items to enjoy while waiting for your repair or chatting with friends. Or pop in the freezer for Christmas.

We are very grateful for the support from our partners at the Kingsclere Community Association. Volunteers to help with the fight against fast fashion needed to set up and put away clothing – please email if you can help!

Nicki, Sarah, Lucinda & Sue [greenerkingsclere@gmail.com](mailto:greenerkingsclere@gmail.com); [www.greenerkingsclere.co.uk](http://www.greenerkingsclere.co.uk)



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#### **Friday 3rd November 7 - 10pm – Open Mic.**

If you would like to come along, just turn up. The bar open for drinks. Donation pot for food. **Free event.** If you just want to pop in for a drink on Open Mic nights, please do.

#### **Tuesday 7th November 11am - 2pm Tuesday Crafts at Shipinnarts –**

**Remembrance Theme** – Design and make special poppies for Armistice. Knit or sew poppies for brooches, hat pins. Make a happy tree. Alternatively bring a craft you are continuing, or just come and have a chat. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee provided. Tickets £5 on Eventbrite/ring The Ship 01189 814504

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm - 8.30pm – A fabulous theatrical evening with**

**Razzamatazz!** directed by Deb Ledwith. Guest performers will be invited. £5 a Ticket Adults, children FREE. Light Refreshments provided. Tickets on Eventbrite/direct from The Ship.

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#### **Friday 1st December 6.30pm - 8.30pm – Talent at The Ship! Performers of**

**music/arts/theatre are invited to come share their talent.** This is not a competition, so no judging involved. Light refreshments will be served during the interval. £3 for performers, £5 for a group. £5 for adults (Audience), children free. Please email Hazel O'Leary on [hazeloleary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hazeloleary@hotmail.co.uk) or ring 07929 027862 – book early to avoid disappointment, seating only for 40. **Cut off date 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**



**ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF**  
**THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY**  
**11th SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Present**

Mr J Woodford (Chair), Mrs K Saunders (Vice Chair), Mr S Hoskins, Mr P Clark, Mr S Dunn, Mr J Sunley and the Clerk, Mr S Marshall.

Cllr Mellor, Cllr Rhatigan and Cllr Morrow were also present together with members of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Parker and Cllr Bound.

**2. Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023 were approved.

**4. Matters arising**

Matters arising were dealt with under the individual Parish Councillors' reports.

**5. Highways**

The Chair reported again on his specific concern of the green waste fly tipping in the layby nearest to Ashford Hill House and in general the problem with fly tipping as a result of a local facility not being available.

The Chair further commented on the fact that road signs installed as a result of the recent diesel spillage were still in situ.

Cllr Hoskins had reported significant potholes associated with a road drain on the Ashford Hill Road, located at a dangerous bend of the road near to Goose Hill.

**6. Planning Applications**

**23/01328/PIP – Land at Hillcroft, Newbury Road, Headley**

Permission in Principle for the erection of a minimum of 1 no. detached dwelling house and a maximum of 2 no. dwelling houses –  
Objection raised

**23/01472/HSE – Laurazan, Ashford Hill Road, Headley**

Erection of a two-storey front extension with new roof and associated alterations –  
No objection

**23/01037/PIP – Plum Tree Farm, Galley Lane, Headley**

Permission in Principle for a residential development for a minimum of 2 no. dwellings and a maximum of 3 no. dwellings –  
No objection

**23/01627/HSE & 01628/LBC – 1 Tanhouse Cottages, Ashford Hill Road, Headley**

Erection of a pitched roof dormer to front elevation –  
No objections

**23/01629/LDEO – Headley Common Farm, Common Road, Headley**

Certificate of lawfulness to confirm works relating to permission granted under 20/0118/HSE have lawfully commenced –  
No objection

**22/03361/FUL – Dairy House Farm, Little Knowl Hill, Ashford Hill**

Removal of existing barn and erection of detached dwelling –  
No objection

**23/01574/HSE – Knightsfield, 9 Knightsbridge Drive, Headley**

Conversion of existing studio to create granny annexe –  
No objection

**23/01766/ROC – Land adjacent to A339, Newbury Road, Headley**

Variation of conditions 1 and 6 of 17/00043/FUL –  
No objection

**23/01801/ROC – Wheelers Land, Little Knowl Hill, Ashford Hill**

Variation of condition 1 of planning application 22/02041/FUL – alter position of manege –  
No objection

**23/02038/VLA – Catts Farm, Newbury Road, Headley**

Discharge S52 agreements relating to previous planning permissions 23/01932/FUL – No objection

**23/01932/FUL - BPS Leisure Ltd, Ashford Hill Road, Headley**

Demolition of office, showroom and stores to allow construction of single storey building for same commercial use –  
No objection

**7. Reserves Policy**

The draft Reserves Policy recently sent to Councillors was proposed to be adopted by the Council by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Sunley and approved to be adopted by all those Councillors present.

**8. Reports**

**County Councillor**

Cllr Mellor reported that only one school in the county had reported the presence of RAAC type cement. A review of waste recycling centres and the percentages of household waste that is currently recycled, would be undertaken but Cllr Mellor reiterated that there was not a new recycling centre “on the horizon”. The County’s planned bus services were in place and there is now no longer the prospect of a community

service in the villages of Ashford Hill and Headley. The County Council is consulting with its electorate as to the services it most values in order to identify where savings on the cost of services could be made. Cllr Mellor informed the meeting that funding from the County Councillor grant scheme was still available. The vast majority of parents had been able to secure the first choice of secondary school for their children. Cllr Mellor had noticed the minutes reflecting issues with bikers and horse riders using footpaths and informed the meeting that the County Council had ‘Walkers only’ signage freely available.

**Borough Councillors reports**

Cllr Bound’s and Cllr Morrow’s reports had been previously received. Cllr Rhatigan provided the meeting with an update on the various issues relating to several developments in the villages.

**Chair of the Parish Council**

After 8 years of serving as Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Woodford had decided to resign as Chair earlier than previously indicated and would be relinquishing the role at the end of the December 2023 meeting of the Parish Council.

**Parish Councillors**

Cllr Saunders reported on the positive feedback from residents concerning the improved access along certain footpaths.

Cllr Dunn had received one quotation for the repairs to the 84 metres of fencing around the playground in Headley and would be obtaining an alternative quote to ensure the value for money criterion was being achieved.\*

An issue reported regarding the emptying of bins on Headley recreation ground would be addressed with the Litter Warden by the Clerk.\*

Cllr Dunn requested ideas from Councillor as to what type of work and their locations, that the services of the Lengthman's Scheme could undertake.\*

Cllr Hoskins had previously raised the clearance of the pavement in Thornford Road in Headley and recently added the clearance of 'Pam's Bridge' in Ashford Hill, which Natural England had been asked to look at.

Cllr Dunn reported that the Westcotec equipment demonstration date continued to be sought.\*

Cllr Clark would be representing the Parish Council at planning appeal hearings in October 2023.

Cllr Sunley updated the meeting regarding matters arising from the previous meeting's minutes and confirmed that the logistics of the installation of the new Ashford Hill recreation ground goal posts were in hand.

Cllr Hoskins reported on a number of issues still outstanding that needed to be resolved with Kingsclere Mens' Football Club.

Cllr Hoskins reported on the increased membership of the team of volunteers who undertake the maintenance of footpaths and areas of the recreation grounds. Training for the new volunteers would be required as well as the need for new equipment, the funding of which would be sought from the County Council. In conjunction with the Countryside North Access Team, the volunteers had been working on footpath 710 from Brook Farm/Old Lane to Woodhouse Lane, which was virtually impassable due to flooding and

had a broken stile. Various works had also been completed and were planned within the SSSI areas to improve access for walkers.

#### **9. Recess**

The role of the Parish Council in influencing the decisions surrounding large scale developments in the villages was discussed with members of the public and Parish Councillors through the Chair.

#### **10. Financial statement**

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £10,228.88.

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £25,233.16.

#### **11. Accounts for approval & payment**

Mr J Kirkby – Litter Warden's salary Oct - Dec 2023 – £738.14

Bramley Business Services – PAYE administration – £90.00

HMRC – Tax & NICs Oct - Dec 2023 – £463.52

Scofell Commercial Landscapes – Goalmouth renovations Ashford Hill recreation ground – £493.73

BDBC – Play area inspections – £1030.00

KT Design – Website design final payment & quarterly website management fee – £1065.00

C A Miles – Headley Pavilion cleaning & supplies – £41.00

Mr S Hoskins – Toilet cistern lever – £15.00

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.06pm.

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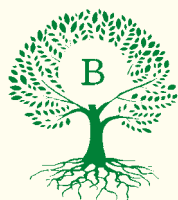


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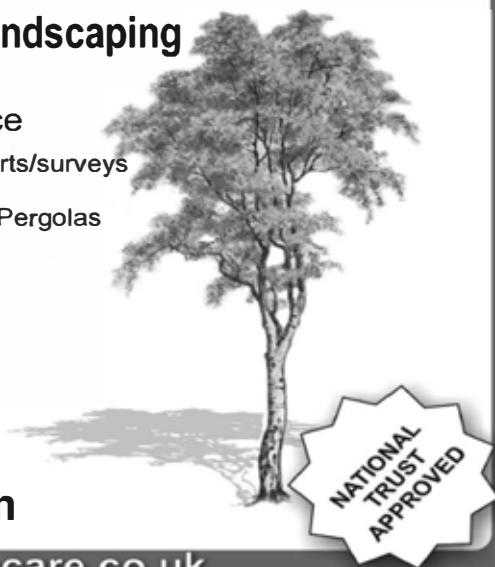
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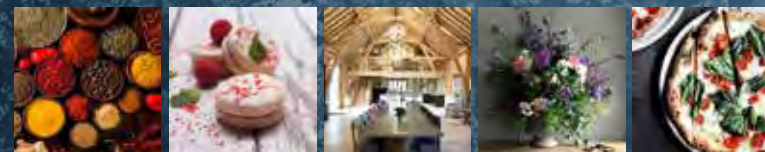
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