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Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in Kislingbury Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Press and Members of the Public are welcome to attend. Minutes can be seen on Parish Notice Boards, in the Church Porch and on the Parish Council Website www.kislingburypc.org

Welcome to the April edition of the Kislingbury News

The deadline for the May issue is 19th April 2011. Where possible contributions should be sent in electronic format by email to:

kislingburynews@hotmail.co.uk

or delivered to the compiler, David Lawrence, at 21 Hall Close, Kislingbury.

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Regular Events

Sequence Dance – contact Dave or Rita 01604 830982

Bell Ringing Monday Nights 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Karate - Wednesday & Thursday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.00am

See Eddie Sanders at the Village Hall for more details

Taekwondo - every Friday from 6-7pm at Kislingbury Primary School

Play group open during Term Time at Village Hall

St Luke's Sunday Group for Children 11.00am at Kislingbury School 1st

Sunday of every Month

Kislingbury Art Group - every Thursday afternoon 2.30pm at Village Hall

Line Dancing Classes at Kislingbury Village Hall. Thursday 7.30pm - 8.30pm for beginners and 8.00pm - 9.30pm for improvers. Contact Maureen on 01604 754518 or 07788 737052.



**ROYAL WEDDING
FRIDAY 29TH APRIL**



**VILLAGE STREET PARTY
FOR ALL CHILDREN
ON THE GREEN**

**If you would like to join in the fun packed
celebrations or help, please ring Miriam 831835**

Kislingbury Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2011

Allotments The Beech Lane allotments are now up and running. 19 plots have already been allocated, but there are still 12 left and they need to be cultivated as soon as possible. So, if you fancy 'growing your own', get in touch with the Parish Clerk, hire a plot and get digging. It's good exercise and can be very rewarding. And if you are a novice, don't worry! There are experienced gardeners down there who will be pleased to give you advice. Currently, the allotments are being allocated to Kislingbury Parishioners, but if they are not all taken up, we may have to take the decision to advertise outside the village.

It has taken three long years to get the allotment project to this stage. Three years of frustration, determination, time and effort. And the person who has been in the driving seat from the very beginning is **Gordon Seal**. He has often said he should have stuck to his day job, it was less stressful, but we are very glad that he didn't! We now have a great village amenity which will be there, in perpetuity, for all our future gardeners to enjoy. So on behalf of us all, **"Thank you, Gordon. A job well done!"**

Road Across The Green We are still trying to come up with a workable solution to prevent further damage to The Green. At a site meeting last month, the NCC Highways Representative suggested a "One Way System" might be the answer. This could mean that vehicles going from Church Lane on to the Bugbrooke Road would use the diagonal road and traffic entering Church Lane from the Bugbrooke Road would use the straight bit. MGWSP will be carrying out a feasibility study in the new financial year and will pass on their findings to the Parish Council. If the results are positive, we will have to make a very emotive decision. In the meantime, we would like to know what you think about the idea. Let us have your views, in writing, please. Thank you in anticipation!

Local Elections On Thursday 5th May, you will have the opportunity to vote for the nine members of Kislingbury Parish Council that you would like to have serving your Parish for the next 4 years. If you are on the electoral roll, and if you are 18 years or over, it is your democratic right to vote. We urge you to use it. You won't get this opportunity again for another four years! If you are unable to get to the polling station, then it is not too late to apply for a postal vote. Contact Ann Addison, or me, for an application form.

If you would like to be on the list of candidates for the Parish Council, you still have time to put in your nomination papers. You can get these from SNC Offices in Towcester, or contact the Parish Clerk. If you still can't make up your mind and would like some more information, come along

and see me, or any of the council members, and we will do all we can to help you.

Bus Services Our County Councillor, Joan Kirkbride, reported that NCC is reviewing the County Bus Services and the subsidies it makes to keep the bus services in operation. Vast sums of money are spent on subsidising the buses and Joan referred to one bus which was costing NCC over £100 per person, per journey! The County Council would like to know if you have any comments you would like to make about the bus services in this area and suggestions for economical uses of the buses when the subsidies are cut. You can get in touch directly with Cllr. Joan Kirkbride, or pass your comments to NCC through the Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting This meeting is held on the same day as, and immediately before, the April Parish Council Meeting. It is not a Parish Council meeting, but it is chaired by the Parish Council Chairman and it is open to all Parishioners. It is an opportunity for you to come along and air your views without the constraints of a regular Parish Council meeting. No spot decisions will be made, but minutes will be taken and anything which needs further action or investigation will be followed up by the Parish Council. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th April 2011 at Kislingbury Village Hall at 7.15pm. We will be very pleased to see you and look forward to a big turn out. So please, do not disappoint us!

Elsewhere in the magazine you will see an article about dog faeces. Not a nice subject, I know, but please read it. It is very enlightening.

Pauline Cook

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP

Below are the dates, times and locations when
Chris Heaton-Harris MP will be available to talk to you in April
Please ring 01604 859721 to book an appointment

8th April 2011	10:00 -- 12:00 Brixworth Library, Spratton Road, Brixworth, NN6 9DS.
8th April 2011	16:00 -- 18:00 Earls Barton Medical Centre, 8 Aggate Way, Earls Barton, NN6 0EU.
21st April 2011) 27th April 2011)	10:00 -- 18:00 Advice Daventry, The Abbey Centre, Market Square, Daventry, NN11 4XG.

Village Fayre Weekend - Notice Board

Sat 25th & Sun 26th June

WANTED



To book a **STALL** on the Church Green to sell or display on Saturday 25th - or register as a general helper!
Please call Paul Huband on 07989 743501

To book a **STALL** in the Church on Saturday 25th - or - To display a **CLASSIC CAR** on Sunday 26th. Please telephone Steve Goss 832761

To register your **OPEN GARDEN** for Sat 25th and/or Sun 26th please call Avril or Roger Minchin on 830435

To take part in the **ENTERTAINMENT** on Saturday 25th

To donate books for the **BOOK STALL** or prizes for the **TOMBOLA**, **RAFFLE** and **CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA** call Tony on 830818 or **DROP OFF** to 16 MILL ROAD

SPONSORS - to find out how to sponsor part of the Village Fayre or to **ADVERTISE** in the Fayre Programme Call Bernard Gent on 830579

NEW IDEA is anybody out there up for organising and running on the day a **TUG-OF-WAR TOURNAMENT?**

Also wanted someone to co-ordinate the weekend **BBQs** organising manpower, supplies, logistics etc.
call Steve 832761 or Paul 07989 743501



Johnnie Amos presents

GARDENER'S QUESTION TIME

at Harlestone Heath Garden Centre

Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm DOORS OPEN 6.30pm

TICKETS £15.00 inc. 'Fork' Supper • All Seats Unreserved • FREE GLASS OF WINE
Available from Tony Tutchener, 16 Mill Road • Telephone 830818

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The Parish Church of St Luke

LENT STUDY GROUPS - These continue on Monday evenings in April culminating with Compline led by the Mothers Union on Monday 18th April in church.

For more details contact Sue Payler or Judith Tonge - Everyone is most welcome to join us for this "Easter journey".

OUR NEXT CLEANING/GARDENING MORNING IS ON

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL - 10am

FORTHCOMING SERVICES/EVENTS

HOLY WEEK commencing Monday 18th April - Compline 7.30pm, Tuesday & Wednesday 8pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY 21st APRIL - Compline at 8pm followed by the **WATCH OF THE PASSION** until 10.30pm when we place ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. Suitable books will be available for use during The Watch.

GOOD FRIDAY - 10.00am - EASTER EGG HUNT in the Church for ages 11 and under followed by refreshments including Hot Cross Buns!

GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON - The church will be open from 2pm - 3pm for quiet prayer and reflection.

EASTER SATURDAY 23 APRIL - 10am-12.00 - you are invited to bring flowers to decorate the church and light a candle in memory of a loved one. Refreshments with hot cross buns will be available.

EASTER SUNDAY - 11.15am Morning Worship for all the family

A CHILD'S PRAYER FOR EASTER:

E is for Easter, coming again soon,

A is for angels near the Tomb

S is for the stone which was rolled away

T is for the Tomb found empty that day

E is for early morning, the women are glad

R is for the Risen Lord, no need to be sad.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

NEARLY NEW SALE - SATURDAY 14th MAY - 2pm-4.30pm

Back by popular demand!

If you have any suitable items for this sale, please inform Gill Cooke, Anne Hoodak, Leslie Hartwell or Judith Tonge. We will also be having a bottle stall and a cake stall (offers to make cakes nearer the time would be gratefully received - any bottles we will happily take off your hands now!)

KS3, GCSE & A-LEVEL PRIVATE TUITION

- *ARE YOU IN NEED OF SOME EXTRA HELP WITH YOUR SCHOOL STUDIES ?.....AS AN EXPERIENCED MATHS (GCSE) AND BUSINESS STUDIES (AS/A2-level) TUTOR I CAN HELP.
- * I ALSO TUTOR KEY STAGE 3 MATHS (Yrs 7,8 & 9)
- * FULLY QUALIFIED (BA Hons, PGCE) LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER WITH 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE.
- * REFERENCES CAN BE PROVIDED.

Please call Paul on 07886 860468 (m)
or email: pchapman5@hotmail.com



London Marathon, 17th April 2011

Some people may remember last year I organised a pub quiz held in the Sun Inn in aid of Action Medical Research, a children's medical research charity? It was a wonderful success and raised a fantastic amount of money! Well I am indeed looking to fund raise for this charity again in the way of sponsorship. I am running the London Marathon on 17th April. I use the term 'running' as both feet shall be off the ground at the same time, at some point! As for the speed these feet shall be going I can make no promises! I have been training hard, increasing mileage and improving speed over the last few months and am feeling the fittest I ever have! The work of Action Medical Research is immense. As a charity they are constantly striving to develop and progress medicine so that the very best and up to date care can be given to pre-term babies and young children. Their work into vaccination programmes for babies and ultra sound screening for pregnant women has helped to reshape the maternity and paediatric care we receive today. So it is with this in mind that I am asking for your support. Please would you consider sponsoring me? Any amount would be gratefully received and I would truly appreciate your support.

My charity page is www.virginmoneygiving.com/victoriawright

Thank you and look out for me on the television!!

Vicky Wright

Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter - Kislingbury News April 2011

Village news - The number of crimes in our Village has increased recently and we have had in the early part of March a number of vandalism incidents, culminating with the disturbance at the Playing Fields on Friday March 11th to which the Police were called, but which also resulted in other vandalism incidents in the Village. The next night eggs were thrown at the front of the Olde Red Lion Pub, which is stupid behaviour, but takes a lot of effort to clean up. I have also heard of an attempted break-in in Millers Close. This does not appear on the February Crime Report so I can only assume that it was not reported to the Police. There was an attempted break-in to a house in Mill Lane in early March, not reported to the Police, and on the same night I understand that there was an attempt to break-in to a house in Mill Road. A suspicious vehicle was seen in The Orchard and a Street Representative there challenged the occupants who then left. This was reported to the Police.

From the Monthly Police Crime Report:

Kislingbury – Wrights Lane. Burglary in a Dwelling between the hours of 1930 and 1955 on 28th Feb 2011. Person[s] gain entry to premises via rear insecure window. Car keys removed and vehicle stolen from driveway. Vehicle subsequently recovered. Kislingbury – Nene Way, Criminal Damage caused to vehicle between the hours of 1300 on 20th Feb and 1600 on 21st Feb 2011. Person[s] scratch full length of parked vehicle. Kislingbury – Nene Way, Criminal Damage caused to vehicle between the hours of 1500 on 20th Feb and 1500 on 21st Feb 2011. Person[s] scratch front and rear doors of vehicle. Kislingbury – Bugbrooke Road. Burglary in a Building [Not Dwelling] between the hours of 2030 and 2055 on 9th Feb 2011. Person[s] enter location and force open door to premises.

It is very important to tell the Police that an incident is happening, or as soon after as you can. If we do not tell them, and the thieves see no Police response, they will conclude that Kislingbury is easy pickings and come back again. The Police do not mind getting calls. More importantly they need the calls to help them fight Crime. Please use 999 for Emergencies or the number 01604 432 436 to report what you see immediately, or call me on 07855 388 751, if you want to report a crime or something or somebody suspicious.

Local news - Based on the monthly Police Crime Report.

Harpole - 5 Crimes. Theft of Vehicles, Burglaries and Criminal Damage.
Milton Malsor – 1 Crime. Burglary in Building.

For full details of the January Crime Report please visit:

<http://nhw.kislingburyonline.co.uk>

FREE Fire Safety Check from the Fire Service - Villagers are taking advantage of this FREE offer, and I encourage you to do the same. This offer is still open so contact me if you would like to take advantage of the FREE Fire Service expertise to make your home safer. Please contact me if you wish to have a visit and I will get it arranged. **DON'T MISS OUT ON HAVING YOUR HOME ASSESSED!**

We still need more volunteers for streets not yet covered. Please see the Village Web site for the full list of Street Representatives at:

<http://nhw.kislingburyonline.co.uk/2010/09/street-representatives.html>

VILLAGE EMAIL DATABASE

Well over 100 Houses in the Village are now registered on the Database. They will now be able to receive urgent NHW messages direct, and important Village information. If you are not on the database we cannot contact you.

BE ON IT, TO GET IT!!!

Visit the Village Website, click on the Email Database link, and subscribe. It is very easy! Go to **www.kislingburyonline.co.uk**

Remember, and use, the following numbers to report crimes or other incidents.

Police - 999 for an emergency or to Report a Crime.

Non Emergency Police Number - 01604 432 436.

Police Community Support - Jen Harrison 03000 111 222.

Crimestoppers (Anonymous) 0800 555 111.

Tim Ward

07855 388 751 and timwarduk@aol.com

LIVING NATIVITY - CHRISTMAS 2011

Following the success of our first Kislingbury Living Nativity, we shall be holding the event again this Christmas coming. The event will be held on Friday 23rd December at an earlier time of 4.45pm. More information will be given in the months leading up to Christmas as before but there are 2 things that need to be noted now.

1) We are recruiting for more members of our marching band-trumpets, saxophones, trombones, other wind instruments and percussion of all kinds. Let the organisers know if you would like to take part. At an early stage we shall be able to let you know what tunes to rehearse. Please let Gill know if you are interested.

2) This year we would like to get a donkey to appear at the event. Big efforts were made last year, without success due to the charges being asked for. We need Donkey Sponsors. Sponsor the hind legs of a donkey for £100, the head for £50, the ears for £25 each, the back for £50, the tail for £50 and the hindquarters for £50. Please let Alison know if you are interested.

Alison 01604 833497

Rachel 07770528188

Gill 01604 830346

Wanted

Garage or enclosed building wanted
to store vintage tractor.

Reasonable rent paid.

Phone Chris 01604 831039

or email crm@pony35.co.uk

St Lukes Church



St GEORGE'S DAY

**SATURDAY
30th APRIL
7.30pm**



**TICKETS
£6
which includes
Tea / Coffee
and
Biscuits**

TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND

**TICKETS available from PCC members or
Jim Headford 01604 830603 –
Any remaining tickets will be available on the door**

Kislingbury Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th April at 8.00pm. This is the occasion when parishioners have an opportunity to hear the Chairman's report of the events of the year and the Treasurer will present the Accounts to 31st December 2010. The representatives of the various village associations will be elected together with six other members. The officers of the Management Committee will be appointed. All parishioners over the age of 18 years are invited to attend.

Mothers' Union

On 4th April at 7.30pm at 8 Church Lane, Maureen Hale will be talking to us about the work of a prison chaplain.
On 9th May at 1.00pm in St. Luke's Church, we will be holding a Faith Lunch (everybody brings something to eat and we all share it!) followed by a quiet hour in church to reflect upon the coming of Pentecost and what this means to us.
Everyone welcome!

A Tale from Kislingbury Archives

Extracts from the Minutes of Kislingbury Parish Council

July 17th 1896

“A resolution was passed in favour of a Railway Station at Bugbrooke, as being an advantage to the Parish.”

December 9th 1897

“Proposed that the Clerk write to the District Council and inform them that some of the inhabitants living near the village well use the water for cattle, especially pigs, some of whom keep 20 to 30, thereby causing the well to become empty so that the inhabitants are without water for domestic purposes.”

February 10th 1898

“The Footpaths Committee reported that since the Green had been put in proper order, that Mr. Richard Jeffs did wilfully damage the Green to the extent of 1 shilling by carting thereon after being cautioned not to do so. After discussion Mr. Luckett proposed that he be prosecuted and that the Clerk take out a summons against him.”

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If you have any information or photos that you would be willing to let us have for the Archives, please contact:

Lisa Dickson
832092

Felicity Dunkley
830514

Kislingbury Preschool Playgroup

The children and staff from Kislingbury Preschool Playgroup would like to say “a big thank you” to Malcolm (or Santa as the Children call him) for being so caring and kind.

We want you to know it is very much appreciated.

Thank you again from all at Kislingbury Preschool Playgroup.

Thank You

My name is Mason Harris. My bike was stolen three months ago and it was put in the Kislingbury News. A man kindly returned my bike to me today and he said he found two bikes near the factory gates on Bugbrooke Road and he had taken in both bikes. Nobody came forward but then he saw my add in the Kislingbury News and he returned my bike safely with no damage. Unfortunately I don't know the man's name but I would like to put an add in the Kislingbury News to say thank you to him.

A new summer season

A new summer sport

At the beginning of May a new bowling season starts. The village club is always happy to welcome new members to this very social sport.

If you have never played before then trial sessions can be arranged for you to "have a go" under the tuition of one of the coaching team.

We have members whose ages range from 10 years old through to seniors.

There is a full fixture list and you would be encouraged to play in the friendly matches to enable you to gain experience in what is a very skilful game.

Interested?

**Then call our secretary Chris Abbott on
01604 831526**

Who would be happy to assist you further and arrange for one of the coaching team to contact you.

Further club information is available via our website which can be accessed by following the links on the Kislingbury Village website.

Kislingbury Bowls Club

RachyCakes



"RachyCakes" is the modern approach to celebration cakes, cupcakes and other bakery items. We believe that cakes should taste as good as they look and we offer a huge range of flavour combinations, and we are happy to create even more by demand!

We also supply some rather unusual other bakery items such as "Cake-Pops" and "Pie-Pops". All our creations are individually made to order so they can be designed exactly to your specifications. For further details visit **www.rachycakes.co.uk**



Kislingbury over Fifties

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44 members enjoyed lunch at Nene College on Wednesday 9th March, where Catering students were given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills to the KOFs. The students and their tutors were congratulated on the high standard of food and service provided on the day.

WEDDING CELEBRATION PARTY

Plans are now well advanced for the KOFs to celebrate the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton on 29th April with a pre-wedding celebration Street Party event on Thursday 28th APRIL in the Village Hall.

Other events planned for the coming year

Early JUNE

STRATFORD UPON AVON Coach & Boat trip with lunch whilst cruising on the river Avon

THURSDAY 14th JULY - SUMMER BARBECUE

Late SEPTEMBER

KOFS WEEKEND AWAY AT WARNERS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE OVER FIFTIES

Every Thursday, 10.30 am at the VILLAGE HALL, over 40 members meet for a coffee/tea and chat. We hear the latest news that is of interest to the members.

We have over 100 members and always welcome new members to come along and join us.

The membership is Free.

Contact the committee for further information

Eddie Harley 830001

Mike Jackson 831747

Dennis Tidmarsh 830074

Bernard Gent 830579

Ann Davies 830122

It's True!

If you are under forty the following opening will sound like some grumpy old person off the television, but bear with it as one day you will move up the rankings and have your own grumbles! But then again, perhaps you are already 'grumpy' because you have also suspected a hidden truth kept away from the general public. A mistruth that in magnitude is bigger and more sinister than any suppression of truth in the history of human endeavour. The truth we have always suspected irrespective of our age has now been admitted! Mars Bars and Cream Eggs are officially smaller than they were when we were younger! The theory is make them smaller but we will charge you the same, but last year you could get three eggs for a pound, this year it's twenty pence more, but that is another story for another day!

Along with the reduction in size another sinister change that has crept up on us over the years is the manufacturers no longer take the trouble to put the chocolates, smarties, minstrels etc inside the Easter Eggs!

I can remember as a young boy being disappointed if the Easter Eggs given to me by Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and Parents were just empty eggs, and here is a real confession! I thought those eggs (you can still get from a well known high street chain of stores) that simply had your name iced on the outside were a bit of a cop out. I know I can hear you say, the person would have had my name iced on top of the egg because they thought I was worth the effort, but for me it was never as tantalising and fulfilling as those other eggs with the extra chocolates or treats inside the egg.

However, the trend to have empty Easter Eggs can be turned to our advantage as it can remind us of the tomb where Jesus' body was laid which was empty of his body on the first Easter morning.

Nevertheless, to celebrate and to mark the empty tomb, the tomb had first to be filled with the dead and lifeless body of Christ after the violence and cruel death three days earlier on Good Friday.

Putting cream eggs to one side, this Easter when you look at an empty Easter egg, with or without your name iced on the top, remember it is also a reminder of the glory and mystery of the first Easter morning.

Come and join us this Easter and in the wonder of God's act of salvation in the death and resurrection of his Son you will find on offer the life fulfilling, undiluted love and Grace of God that will not leave you empty.

Stephen French

Rector of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe

Kislingbury CE Primary School

Foundation Governor

A vacancy has arisen on the Governing Body of the school for a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors are a Christian presence on the governing body of a Church of England School. They have the same duties and responsibilities as other school governors but, in addition, they are charged with ensuring that the school's ethos, distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church School is maintained and developed. Foundation Governors represent the interests of the Church locally in the school and school in the local Church; as such they are a vital community link.

If you are a Christian and regular worshipper in one of the churches locally and would be interested in becoming a school governor then please phone Mrs Janet Northing (Headteacher) on 01604 831172 to arrange a visit to the school.

Value of the Month

Our value of the month for April is yet to be decided as we will be starting our new cycle of values when we return to school after the Easter holidays. Until the end of March we are continuing with our consultation process so if you would like to make a suggestion for more values then please pop into school and put your suggestion into the suggestion box which can be found in the reception area of the school.

Community Values Group

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 12th May at The Cromwell at 6.00pm. Meetings usually last for about an hour so if you would like to contribute to the impact of the values in the local community then please come along and join us. We look forward to meeting you.

Janet Northing (Headteacher)

Upper Nene Villages 3rd Age Group - U3A

MONDAY 18 APRIL 2011

MICHAEL BOYCE - 'ROCKINGHAM CASTLE'

Michael has been a Guide at Rockingham Castle for a number of years. We will be given a history of the Castle, why it was built and its ownership by the Kings of England from 1070 and by the Watson family who have lived there since 1544. Michael's talk will be illustrated with slides showing the interior rooms of the Castle which will include pictures, furniture and also views of the gardens. Additionally he will touch on the Castle's involvement in the England Civil War during which it was captured by Parliamentary Forces. Charles Dickens was a friend of the Watson Family and it was at Rockingham Castle that he drew inspiration for his book 'Bleak House', basing much of the story on the Castle, the Watson Family and the characters he met there.

MONDAY 16 MAY 2011

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH

The meeting Agenda will cover the Chairman's & Treasurer's reports, the election and re-election of the Committee and any matters arising. This will be followed by the usual delicious lunch provided by the generosity of our members and organised by the 'Luncheon Club' members. Please bring your own plate cutlery, glass and drink - dessert plates will be provided. Please ensure you have renewed your subscription if you wish to attend the meeting and lunch.

Meetings are open to non-members and take place at Bugbrooke Community Centre, Camp Hill, Bugbrooke on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2.30pm For further information contact Fay Maddern 01327 352401.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Antiques Trail, Appreciating Poetry, Book Exchange, Bridge, Collectors Club, French beginners, French Intermediate, Genealogy, German intermediate, History of Music, Literature Group, Luncheon Club, 'My Kind of Music', Scrabble, Snooker, Spanish Beginners, Writing Family History.



Kislingbury Art & Craft Society

The talk on Canals at the February meeting was very interesting and educational. Did you know that some of the materials used for building the Olympic Stadium at Stratford have been transported via the canal system?

The March meeting on 29th will be entertaining when Michael Peachey comes along to give us a painting demonstration. Come along and have a laugh. 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Please note the date of the April meeting is **Tuesday 19th April**. Mr. Dallimore will be speaking about Fragrances and asking for our opinion about them. Again, the meeting starts at 8.00pm and entry fee is just £1 for visitors. Tea/coffee and biscuits included.

Doreen Hartwell

Kislingbury Playing Field Association

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A REQUEST FROM THE KPFA FOR ALL THOSE USING THE PLAYING FIELD FACILITY

Having invested over £5,000 into the Children's Play Area equipment over the past few months, we are keen to avoid damage through mindless vandalism, and would request that you advise a member of the KPFA or the police (03000 111 222) if you observe any vandalism on the site.

REMEMBER THE PLAYING FIELD BELONGS TO EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE, AND AS SUCH, LET'S LOOK AFTER THIS IMPORTANT VILLAGE FACILITY

NEW FOOTBALL PITCH

The Football Club are now negotiating for financial support to install an additional Football Pitch at the Playing Field. This will be very important to accommodate additional teams, including the development of Junior teams.

DOG FOULING

Despite regular requests via this notice, and approaches to dog owners at the Playing Field, we continue to find dog fouling on the Playing areas.

In the past month a number of people have been requested to place their dogs on leads despite all the notices around the Playing Field

THIS IS UNPLEASANT AND A HEALTH HAZARD

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP OUR PLAYING FIELD CLEAR OF DOG'S MESS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PLAYERS, ADULTS and in particular CHILDREN

WHEN IN THE PLAYING FIELD PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS ON A LEAD. THANK YOU.

THE DANGERS OF DOG DIRT

A local farmer is soon to put his herd of bullocks out on a meadow on the other side of The Mill in Kislingbury. This meadow has a public footpath running across it to Harpole and it is used frequently by dog walkers from Kislingbury. Prior to letting his bullocks loose, the farmer did a walkabout on his field and was horrified at the amount of dogs' dirt left there. His worry is, that this might infect his cattle and ultimately be passed on to humans in the food chain. According to information on the internet, humans cannot be infected in this way. However, Parish Council has been asked if notices could be put up requesting dog walkers to take their dog waste home with them.

There is a vast amount of information on the internet relating to diseases which can be passed on from dogs' and cats' faeces to humans, cattle and sheep. Here are a couple of relevant ones!

Toxocariasis is spread in the faeces of dogs. It is an infection caused by parasites that are known as Toxocara Canis, more commonly known as roundworm. These can cause blindness, amongst other things, if ingested by humans. Children are more at risk of infection because they are less aware of the importance of hygiene and cleanliness. They are more likely to put their fingers in their mouths! To prevent the spread of infection, dog owners should always dispose of dog faeces in a responsible way.

Neosporosis The parasite, Neospora, is found in dogs' faeces and, if they foul grazing land and pregnant cattle ingest the parasite, it will cause them to abort or give birth to calves infected for life. Apparently, just one incident of a cow eating some of these parasitic eggs can have a huge impact on a whole herd - and a farmers future livelihood.

Farming organisations and landowners are trying to raise awareness of the Neospora Parasite and are urging all dog owners to clean up after their pets when they are walking in the countryside.

According to sources on the internet, there is no danger to humans from eating meat from an infected cow or drinking it's milk, so we needn't worry on that score.

The information above is very much condensed and should be read about in more detail on the many websites on the internet.



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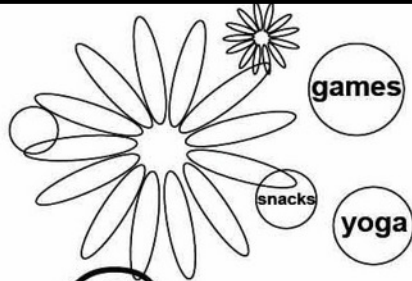
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Wednesday 6 April	
10.30am	Midweek Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th April	
8.00am	Holy Communion
11.15am	Morning Worship
Sunday 17 th April	PALM SUNDAY
11.15am	Holy Communion
Monday 18 th April	
7.30pm	Compline led by the Mothers Union
Tuesday 19 th and Wednesday 20 th April	
8.00pm	Compline
Thursday 21 st April MAUNDY THURSDAY	
8.00pm	Compline followed by the Watch of the Passion
GOOD FRIDAY 22 nd April	
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Sunday 24 th April EASTER SUNDAY	
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