

KISLINGBURY NEWS



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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.kislingburyparishcouncil.org.uk/wp

Welcome to the December edition of the Kislingbury News

The deadline for any items for the January issue is 24th December 2013. Where possible contributions should be sent in electronic format by email to:

kislingburynews@hotmail.co.uk

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

Village Diary

December

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January

- 8th Kisle Amblers meet at Olde Red Lion at 9.15am
- 22nd Kisle Amblers meet at Olde Red Lion at 9.15am

Regular Events

Cycle Club - Meets at Sun Inn every Saturday at 10am
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
Play Group open during Term Time at Village Hall
KOF's - Every Thursday 10.30am at the Village Hall
Kislingbury Parish Council meets 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall
Beginners Line Dance Classes - Thursday 1.15pm - 2.45pm. Further information telephone 07788 737052 or 01604 754518.

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www.kislingburyonline.co.uk

and click on the “**Kislingbury News**” tab. You will also find this website useful for finding information about Kislingbury, including signing up for the Kislingbury email database.



Kislingbury Parish Council Report
Meeting 19th November 2013

Our meeting this month opened with a visit from Alan Munn, Conservation Officer. He was at the meeting to discuss and hear our concerns about the conservation area boundary being amended. After some discussion with Mr Munn and parishioners/councillor's, we as a Council will be writing to the Conservation office to ask for the boundary to be put back to its original state plus putting Hodges Lane back into it too. If any villager that has concerns about the conservation area please can you send your comments/views and valid reasons to Mr Alan Munn, Conservation Officer, SNC, by the deadline of 9th December 2013.

We would also like to invite clubs/groups to put forward requests for funding towards items/leisure facilities. This is from S106 monies. Please forward any interest to Mrs Ann Addison.

With regard to our village school, signs are going to be erected plus one panel of guard railing will be put in-between the bollards in front of the school.

District Councillor, Ann Addison reported that our council tax will not be increased next year.

We also have a vacant allotment plot. If you are interested in growing your own veg please contact Mrs Sharon O Connell or Mr Roger Minchin, numbers found in front cover.

Finally it was brought to the Council's notice of the importance of our village shop/post office. Please support our local services.

Our next meeting will be December 17th 2013 at 7.30pm. Please join us if you would like to air any views/concerns in Parishioners Voice at the beginning of our meeting.

Alison Ward

Real Cask Ales

Beer Garden

Our opening hours are:

Monday to Friday

12 noon to 2pm and 5pm to 11pm

Saturday 12 noon to 11pm

Sunday 11am to 10.30pm



Cycling Club

Saints Supporters Club

Restaurant opening hours are (booking advised):

New Chef and an exciting new menu

Monday to Friday 12 noon to 2pm

Tuesday to Saturday 6pm to 9pm

Saturday & Sunday 12 noon to 3pm

Forthcoming events

29th November- Live Band playing 8pm

1st December- Santa arrives and joins us for breakfast - a few places available!!!

12th December- Open Mic night returns following the success in November

15th December - Breakfast with Santa - fully booked

17th December - Kisle singers will be entertaining us with some traditional carols and songs

22nd December - Santa joins us for lunch - there are a few places left for this very popular event

23rd December - The Living Nativity will end its journey at The Sun with a special guest appearance from Santa

24th December - A musical evening for all to enjoy

25th December - The Sun will be open 11am 1:30pm

26th December - open 11am-1:30pm

27th - 30th December- normal opening hours

31st New Years Eve Party with a local band (Pre booked ticket event, please call to book) open 8pm-1:30am

Please visit our website for full details: www.thesuninnkislingbury.co.uk

Telephone 833571 email - thesuninnkislingbury@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING
TRIP

Saturday 7th December
To Swindon Discount Retail Park
Over 90 Outlets
M&S, Next, Gap etc.
£16 - Telephone 831835 to book

Recycling Festive Foil and Aerosols Makes a Difference!

Mince pies, turkey, sausages wrapped in bacon, squirry cream, and 'snow' spray are all ingredients for a great Christmas. But don't forget metal packaging is really easy to recycle. It's easier than ever now, because our blue bins will accept empty cans, aerosols and clean foil trays.

As a nation we use over 16,000 tonnes of foil and 30,000 tonnes of aerosols annually. Over Christmas the amount of rubbish we produce rises by about 30% - an estimated 175 million mince pie cases alone.

In just a few weeks, your recycled aerosols and food trays could be reprocessed and back on the shelf as a new product or packaging – they're endlessly recyclable! By putting your aerosols and foil trays in your blue bin we can all have a greener Christmas.

Councillor Dermot Bambridge, portfolio holder for Environmental Services, said: "South Northamptonshire Council is a shining example of how metal recycling can be easy and effective, and we know that helping local residents to recycle cans and aerosols alongside their plastic packaging will save valuable energy and resources this Christmas.

"Household recycling rates have been rising steadily for years now, but there is still potential to do more when it comes to metal packaging."

How the recycling process works

Once collected from your house, all the recycling is taken to a local depot for bulking into larger loads before being transported to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Here, the materials are separated from each other, using powerful magnets, lasers and hand picking. Any printed decoration is removed, and it is then baled, ready for reprocessing.

- The steel cans and aerosols we collect are made into anything from cutlery to a new car.
- Your glass bottles and jars are melted down and remade into glass packaging.
- Paper and card is recycled into notebooks, toilet paper, magazines etc.
- Foil and aluminium cans are turned into new cans.
- Plastics are made into things like bin liners, garden furniture, sleeping bags, and sewer pipes.

For more information, please visit www.southnorthants.gov.uk

December Quiz Page

A Christmas Quiz

1. Who was Scrooge's dead business partner in "A Christmas Carol"?
2. Good King Wenceslas was King of which country?
3. In the Christmas song "Have yourself a merry little Christmas" what will be out of sight?
4. Which country do Poinsettias come from?
5. In the song "We wish you a merry Christmas" what pudding was asked for?
6. When is the feast of St. Stephen?
7. If you received all of the gifts from the song "12 days of Christmas" how many would you have?
8. Which popular song was actually written for ThanksGiving?
9. What does a Christmas wreath hung on your front door symbolize?
10. What was created in England on December 9th, 1842?

Have fun answering the above quiz questions but most of all have a great Christmas!!

Answers to last month:



9	3	2	1	8	7	6	4	5
5	7	1	9	4	6	3	2	8
6	4	8	3	5	2	1	9	7
8	6	5	7	2	9	4	3	1
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3	9	4	6	1	5	7	8	2
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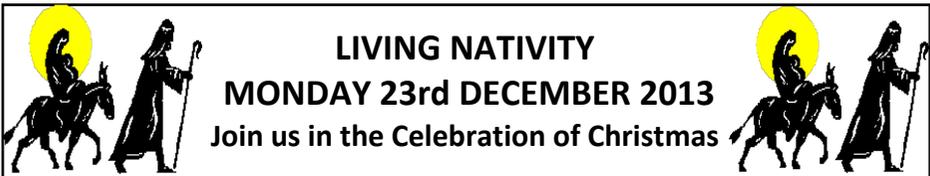
Light Up St. Lukes

Vicky Snook was the winner in the November draw which was done by Jim Headford.

Thank you to all who have supported Light Up St. Lukes this year. One of my helpers will be calling on you during the coming weeks to ask you to renew your subscription. It is interesting how many people appreciate the floodlighting of the church which is only possible with the financial help this scheme provides. So, thank you once again.

Leslie Hartwell





LIVING NATIVITY
MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2013
Join us in the Celebration of Christmas

This year the story of Jesus' birth will start at
4.00pm at The Sun Inn, Mill Road.

From there we will follow Mary and Joseph on their journey to where Jesus will be born. Carols will be sung and then we will follow the donkey back to the Sun where Father Christmas will be waiting to greet the children.

A truly enchanting and exciting Christmassy event for all pre-school and primary age children.

Please register your child for this magical event with David Lawrence by email
kislingburynews@hotmail.co.uk
by **9th December 2013**

KISLINGBURY TOWN & CHARITY ESTATES

In an earlier issue of Kislingbury News I reported that the trustees had been informed by the Charity Commission that grants which had for many years been available to elderly residents of the village through the issue of vouchers to be exchanged at specified shops and businesses in the village would no longer be permitted. The Charities Act 2011 which came into operation in March 2012 does not recognize the grants as serving an 'acceptable charitable purpose'. The Act is much more specific about what is acceptable and the trustees have had lengthy correspondence and discussions with the Charity Commission to try to find an alternative way of distributing grant monies which would as near as possible meet the intentions of the original Scheme Document of 1898 and also comply with current legislation. Agreement has now been reached and the terms under which the Charity can consider applications for a grant are as follows:-

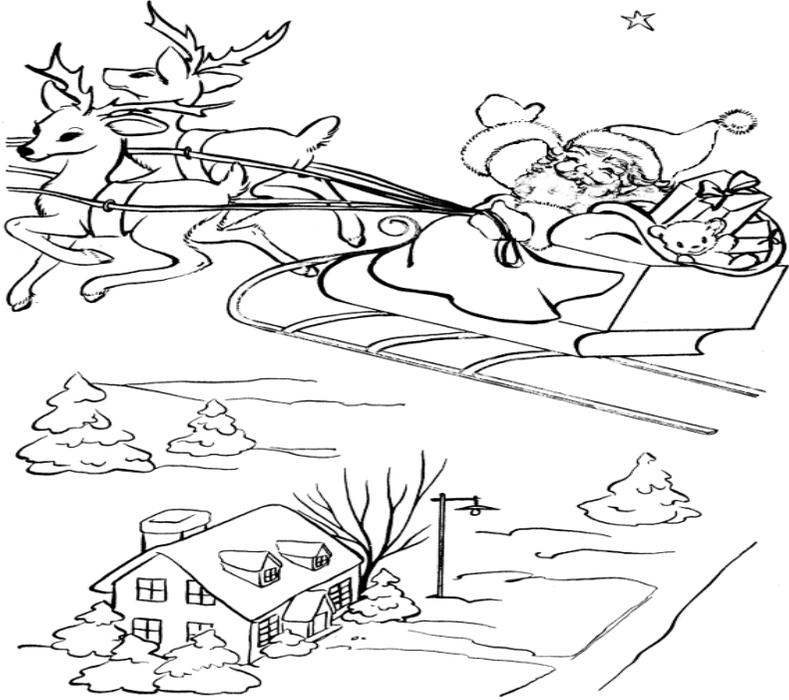
1. To provide financial help to elderly people resident in the parish of Kislingbury to relieve sickness and poor health.
2. For the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation and sport for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Kislingbury.

Individuals or organizations wishing to apply for a grant under one of the above headings should contact Jim Wood, Clerk to the Trustees on 01327 872670 for an application form or for more information telephone me on 01604 830695.

None of the above affects the grants which the Charity makes annually to Kislingbury School and St. Lukes Church.

Trevor Underwood

Children's Page



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Q. Why does Santa Claus like to work in the garden?

A. Because he like to hoe, hoe, hoe!

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A. It's Christmas, Eve.

Q. What is a snowman's favorite lunch?

A. An Iceberger!

Q. What kind of ball doesn't bounce?

A. A snowball!



Have a wonderful Christmas filled with love, joy and merriment.

Decorations to make. It's messy and great fun.

You will need some plain popcorn, a reel of sparkly thread, pva glue and glitter.

Put the glitter in a bowl. Put the glue into a bowl. Tip the popcorn into the bowl of glue and toss around the glue then transfer into the glitter bowl and toss again. Leave to dry on a tray. Take the thread and a needle and pop the popcorn onto the thread. When you have achieved the length you require tie a bow at both ends. It is now ready to drape around your Christmas tree or anywhere else you wish to add sparkle and glitz.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE

CHURCH CLEANING – our next church cleaning morning is on Saturday 7th December 10am.

WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY–10.30am–A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION for everyone to welcome in the New Year.

CHURCH SERVICES 2014 – please note that from January 2014 our Timetable of Services is changing. Sunday 5th January is now a Service of the Word/Morning Worship. Further details in January Kislingbury News.

TOASTED TEA CAKES – a very big thank-you to those who organised, helped with, and supported our toasted tea cake afternoons during November.

DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE 14th DECEMBER (see below)

****Offers of items suitable for The Old Curiosity Bric-a-brac shop and cakes for Aunt Betsy's Bakery gratefully received by Judith Tonge (830421), 3 Church Lane.****

CHRISTMAS  MESSY CHURCH Thursday 5 DECEMBER 3.30-5pm

CHRISTMAS CONCERT  BY TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND
SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER – 7.30pm. Tickets £7 from Leslie Hartwell 830343 or on the door. Includes a free glass of wine and refreshments.

DICKENSIAN  CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Dickens

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER – 2PM – 4.30PM

Fagin's Kitchen, Aunt Betsy's Bakery, The Old Curiosity Shop Bric-a-Brac, Tiny Tim's toys!

CAROLS  BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER AT 5.45PM - Followed by mincepies/ mulled wine

DON'T FORGET THE LIVING  NATIVITY ON
MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER starting from The Sun Inn at 4pm

CHRISTMAS DAY  11.00am Family Communion

"Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the wisdom of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting".

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A grand sum of £372.06 was collected this year as a result of box holders and other donations.

This is the best total for a number of years and my very grateful thanks to all concerned.

Judith Tonge

Poet's Corner

Up Camp Lane, around the gravel pits and back to hot toddies.

One of our highlights of the year, like most close-knit families, is the inevitable gathering of the clans at Christmastide.

But in amongst the eating, drinking and jollification we always try and get in a family walk, which for some strange reason, often turns out to be one of the simplest, but most enjoyable hour or two, we spend together. It also helps to clear the head, blow away the cobwebs and of course, make a bit more room for further indulgence ! It's also something that money can't buy.

This poem is one written after such a memorable local walk.

A FROSTY CHRISTMAS MORNING

Oh glorious frosty morning,
With your winter sun so low,
That shines across the meadow,
To make the morning glow.

The glistening frosty cobweb,
Made of the finest silk,
That by the morning sun,
Does blossom and then wilt.

The border collie nimble and sweet,
So quick of mind and sharp of feet,
Do pant upon the frosty air,
Like the trains, of yesteryear.

Oh mirrored water what a sight,
And mark the regal swan take flight,
It's shadow on the water drawn,
By winter's sun this frosty morn.

With frosted ears and tingly toes,
We cross the fields to the warmth of home,
Our footprints left in frozen grass,
To tell the tale of he who passed.

The season's greetings to one and all.

FrancWrites December 2013

I REMEMBER!

I remember the cheese of my
childhood
And the bread that we cut with a knife
When the children helped with the
housework

And the men went to work, not the
wife
The cheese never needed a fridge
And the bread was so crusty and hot
The children were seldom unhappy
And the wife was content with her lot
I remember the milk from the bottle
With the yummy cream on the top
Our dinner came hot from the oven
And not from the fridge in the shop
The kids were a lot more contented
They didn't need money for kicks
Just a game with their mates in the
road

And sometimes the Saturday flicks
I remember the shop on the corner
Where the pen'orth of sweets was
sold

Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it I'm just getting old?

I remember the loo was a lav
And the boggy man came in the night
It wasn't the least bit funny
Going 'out back' with no light
The newest items were perused
From the newspapers cut into
squares

And hung on a nail in the loo
It took little to keep us amused
The clothes were boiled in the copper
With plenty of rich foamy suds
But the ironing seemed never ending
As Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'
I remember the slap in my backside
And the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets were not heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we
wore

Do you think that bruised out ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?

We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed !

Anonymous

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Kislingbury Temperance Cricket & Social Club

CRICKET

It's been a good summer here at the cricket club with our 1st Team winning promotion to Division 5 of the NCL and our 2nd team finishing 4th in Division 13.

Our ground was voted top of both divisions which is an excellent achievement!

Winter nets are already booked at the at the County Ground in Northampton and will recommence Thursday 9th January 2014 from 7-8pm. If you wish to attend please contact Toni on 07895196623

SOCIAL

Just because the season is over things still carry on at the club. Each

Monday night there is a darts match in the village league.

Every Wednesday is quiz night from 8.30pm it's only £1 to enter and is a fun night with Steve Harry as our excellent quiz master!

We have all the sporting action from Sky and BT Sports plus live events:

Tuesday 10th December Carols with the Kislingbury singers!!
Mulled wine, Mince Pies & Sausage rolls.

Opening hours for the winter are as follows:

Monday 7pm till 11pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 7pm till 11pm

Thursday Closed

Friday 7pm till 11pm

Saturday 12noon till 8pm

Sunday 12noon till 6pm

Following our AGM we now have a newly formed committee with lots of fresh ideas so there is already lots of planning going on for 2014. Watch this space for an update.

Kislingbury Highways Charity
Grant Applications 2013

Applications are invited from clubs and organisations within the village for financial help should they be experiencing difficulties or wish to improve their facilities.

Applicants must not have received financial help from the rating system when originally formed.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

The Trustee's normally meet in January/February to evaluate the requests for help.

Please send your application with a copy of your current balance sheet to:

Peter Saunders (Trustee/Clerk)

55 Willow View

Kislingbury

01604 830398

e-mail:- peter.kislingbury@tiscali.co.uk

Applications must be received by 31st December.

My name is Jonathan Barker and I have moved to Bugbrooke with my wife Bethany. Having spent our last five years in Welton we are used to enjoying the community spirit that comes with village life. I hope that, over time, we can be an integral part of this area too.

I have been in the estate agency industry for over fifteen years, working for both corporate and independent firms. Three years ago I decided to become a 'self-employed' Property Consultant working under the Horts Estate Agents banner. Being 'self-employed' means that I don't 'clock on' in the morning and 'clock off' in the early evening, or work reduced hours at weekends. I make myself available at times that suit my client's needs. Everyone has access to me via my mobile number and personal email address so you never have to leave messages with other people. My aim is to **offer a knowledgeable, trustworthy service whilst acting with integrity to those that are looking to sell or buy in the villages of Bugbrooke, Kislingbury and Nether Heyford.**

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Yours sincerely
Jonathan Barker



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Kislingbury Arts & Crafts Society

Our December meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm** and will be celebrating Christmas with music, anecdotes, a quiz and wine and mince pies. We hope this will be a relaxing evening after our busy November when we hosted the Art Exhibition and Craft Sale. There will be a report about this in the January issue.

Kislingbury News

Thank you to those villagers who offered help with stapling. Shirley and John Faulkner will be taking on the June slot and there are now one or two names on a reserve list to help out in an emergency.

Doreen Hartwell

Thank You

Jackie Hogan would like to thank all of the villagers for their help and support while Denis was in hospital.

He is on the road to recovery.

Thank you for your continued support you give to both of us at this difficult time.

Jackie & Denis Hogan

Smudge

Thank you to you all for looking out for Smudge over the past three months. Please continue to keep an eye out for him as he is sadly still missing. If he does return I will do my up most to let the village know.

Happy Christmas

Mrs Joan Kennedy of Church Lane would like to wish all friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas.

Neighbourhood Watch Alarms Offer



A. Minder Personal Attack Alarm. To scare off muggers or undesirables: Pull pin activation. Loud alarm (140 dBs). Batteries included. 5 years warranty. Flashing strobe light. Torch facility. Size 60x70x20mm. **£6.50 each.**



B. Defender Personal Safety Alarm. Alarm Keyring activated. Siren alarm (130 dBs). Batteries included. 1 year warranty. Size 40x50x20mm. **£2.50 each.**



C. Outside Security Alarm. Commonly used on sheds, garages, cycles, motor-bikes, caravans, garden machinery, etc. Easy to fit (includes fixings). 4-digit code to arm/disarm. Loud alarm (140 dBs). Multi-functional: personal alarm; doorbell; motion detection alarm. Batteries included. 5 years warranty. **£10.50 each**

Please contact Tim Ward for more information. Tel: 07855 388 751 Email: timwarduk@aol.com



Kislingbury CEVC Primary School

VICTORIAN DAY

On Monday 11th of November Kislingbury School stepped back in time. We held a Victorian day to help inspire the children in this terms curriculum theme. As well as an education group joining us to take Victorian lessons and give the children Victorian games and toys, all the staff and children dressed for the occasion and it was a very special day in school.

Visitors to the School

During the first week of November Kislingbury School had a visit from OFSTED. I was hoping the report would be issued ready for us to give you the results but unfortunately it won't be with us until after Kislingbury News has gone to print. However it was a very positive visit and it was clear from the feedback from the lead inspector that the school has greatly improved since the last inspection in 2011 and that we are very much going in the right direction. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work over the last two years and the children for their wonderful behaviour and attitude to learning.



Christmas Performance Dates

Monday 16th December:

10.30am EYFS and KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal

Tuesday 17th December:

2.15pm EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performance.

Wednesday 18th December:

2.15pm EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performance

5.30pm KS2 Carol Service
(St. Lukes Church)

Friday 20th December:

9.15 Christingle and End of Term Service
(St. Lukes Church)

We would love you to join us for either event in St. Lukes Church but unfortunately the Nativity Performances will be for families of the children only, due to limited space in the school.

Thank you

Finally I would like to thank all those members of the Kislingbury village community who have made me so welcome, and support the school so well. It has been a real pleasure joining your school and I could not have been made more welcome.

Neil Tyler
Head Teacher

Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter - December 2013

We have enjoyed a very mild Autumn after a wonderful summer. However all the forecasts seem to suggest that winter will be cold. Now is the time to start preparing, and also looking out for the more vulnerable Village residents who could suffer in very cold temperatures. Winter can be a worry for many, because our bodies react differently to the cold as we get older. This can leave us more vulnerable, but with a little preparation we can keep ourselves warm, healthy and safe during the winter months. Exposure to cold weather for prolonged periods of time can be dangerous. It raises the risk of heart attacks and strokes, and can cause problems for people with breathing difficulties such as asthma. You can protect your health by ensuring you are warm both inside and outside the house by following these tips:

- Keep your bedroom windows closed at night. Most homes will be sufficiently well ventilated not to need this, and a lot of heat is lost even through the smallest opening.
- Wrap up well in your home, and even more when you go outside.
- Heat your house to temperatures that you feel comfortable with. At night the thermostat can be set lower.

Prepare your home for winter:

- Have your heating system serviced and chimney swept.
- If you have wood-burning, coal or gas heaters – make sure you have adequate ventilation.
- Check with your energy supplier for further advice to help you prepare for winter.
- Check your water stopcock is working properly.
- Have your electric blanket serviced.

Many of us will have seen in the village, or been approached by, Scrap metal dealers, usually driving a scruffy truck. From October 1st 2013 all scrap metal dealers will need to apply to their local council for a license to operate under new rules. Traders who buy and sell scrap metal for cash face £5,000 fine under the new laws designed to stamp out metal theft. Cash Transactions have been banned. Magistrates will be able to issue fines of up to £5,000. Phone the Police on 101 to report any Dealer in our Village. The Police welcome calls so that they can check on the people.

Crime news - Burglary in a Building, Gayton Road, **Kislingbury**. Theft from Vehicle, Banbury Road, **Kislingbury**. Criminal Damage to Vehicle, Nene Way, **Kislingbury**.

If you live in **Ashby Close** or **Bugbrooke Road** please think about volunteering to become a Street Representative. The streets without an active NHW presence are more vulnerable than the rest of the Village. Please contact me if you wish to volunteer to be a Street Representative.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter there are adverts for SmartWater and NHW Alarms. At the end of November I shall close the lists for these two items. So this is your last chance to put your name down for either or both.

VILLAGE EMAIL DATABASE - The number of houses signed up to our Database is now 239 at the time of writing this report. Those on the database will be able to receive urgent NHW messages direct, and important Village information. If you are not on the database we cannot contact you. 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 that is happening. Non Emergency Calls to the Police use 101, or text to **18001 101**. The dedicated Neighbourhood Watch Number is 01604 432 436. CrimeStoppers (Anonymus) 0800 555 111.

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We have a number of events arranged for the New Year which will be announced in January.

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Kislingbury Amblers

2nd October saw the Amblers commencing a walk from the Day Nursery in Dodford. After passing through the village and the village ford, we crossed several fields in the direction of Borough Hill. We reached Borough Hill Farm where we took the byway to Norton, which took us passed the fishing lakes on our left. On reaching the crossroads we opted for the gated road to return to Dodford. This gated road split the site which once was the BBC Radio Mast field. However, the only remains were anchorage blocks. We then progressed to the New Inn at Buckby Wharf for lunch.

The rendezvous for our walk on the 16th October, was the Parish Church at Aldwinckle approaching from Thorpe Waterville, where we headed towards John Dryden Pocket Park. Leaving the main road behind us, we crossed fields reaching the rear of the second Parish Church. This led us to the main road where we passed the old village shop which has served the village since 1934. Travelling on to Wadenhoe we reached a second pocket park and after passing through the park we walked along the river bank taking a short break at the memorial in Wadenhoe. A further crossing of a field took us to the byway leading to Lowick from where, after approximately 1 mile, we turned towards Aldwinckle and on to the Wheatsheaf at Titchmarsh for some much needed refreshment owing to the very inclement weather!

Starting from the Olde Red Lion in the High Street, Kislingbury, on the 13th November, we made our way towards Nether Heyford. The walk took us through the under-pass and then passing Heygate's Mill and on to our destination – Nether Heyford. After a short break to enjoy the sunshine, we headed back towards Bugbrooke, emerging opposite the village church. We returned to the Olde Red Lion via an alternative route thus allowing us to enjoy a much earned lunch. The whole walk lasted approximately 3 hours.

Mothers' Union

Our Advent Service will take place on Monday, 9th December at 2.30 p.m. in St. Luke's Church, Kislingbury. This will be a peaceful and thoughtful look at the real meaning of Christmas. Why not come and join us? We would welcome both ladies and gentlemen at the service which will be followed by mince pies and fellowship.

May I remind you that we are not filling shoeboxes this year, we are going to collect items for the Food Bank organised by the United Reform Church in Duston. Donations of food, (please make sure it is dated until after Christmas) cleaning agents, washing powder, soap and toothpaste would be most welcome. Gill Cooke is our collection point or you could bring it to the Advent Service.

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CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The cost of maintaining and providing equipment for this area is dependent on grants and donations. Following a recent RoSPA inspection the KPFA are required to repair the cycle track and the "wobbly" wooden framework at a cost of £3,000. As a result a S106 Grant has been made by the Parish Council for this amount Orders have been placed with the suppliers to carry out the work.

The KPFA Committee thank everyone in the village for their support over the past twelve months, and we wish everyone a very enjoyable and Happy Christmas, and all the very best to you for the coming year.

Despite notices at the entrance, and around the PLAYING FIELD, there are still a number of people from the village who allow their dogs off the lead in the Playing Field area.

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18 th Dec	6.30pm	Carol singing in Upton, meet at the Clicker's place playground
22nd Dec	6.00pm	Dickensian Carol Service
23rd Dec	4pm	Living Nativity starting from the Sun Inn Kislingbury
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Christmas does need preparation if it's going to be full of meaning and enjoyment, but perhaps not in the way our consumer society would have us focus on. The Christian Church has for many years observed a season called Advent starting on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. It is a time of personal and collective preparation, and if observed correctly gives the Christmas Season real meaning and significance. Most people though (including many Christians), are so busy anticipating Christmas that Advent never gets a look in.

Advent means 'Coming'. It begins on Advent Sunday (December 1st 2013) and we start by looking not at the beginning of the story but at the end — the time of Christ's return at the close of the age. We are confronted with thoughts of separation, but also reminded of the hope that we have in Jesus. Jesus inhabited this earthly life. He died, rose from the dead and ascended back to heaven so that the way to eternal life could be opened up to everyone. It's an important theme which puts life into its eternal context and gives us the full reason for Christmas.

Having reminded ourselves that Jesus came for a very special reason, the Advent theme on the second Sunday takes us back into the Old Testament. Here we see his coming was not some sudden impulse initiated by God, but was meticulously planned even before time began. When everything was ready, at the time that was right, Jesus was born.

On the third Sunday of Advent we are brought much nearer to the Christ event. We meet John the Baptist, the Forerunner, the one with a job a bit like that of an advertising executive; not to draw attention to himself but to point to Jesus who was about to start his earthly ministry. John said of Jesus, "He must increase", and about himself "I must decrease". That's good advice for anyone who wants to be one of Jesus' followers, and it's not easy, as John found out. It cost him his life.

The fourth Sunday in Advent is that of the Annunciation. That's the fancy word used to describe all that happened to a young girl called Mary. We remember how Mary was visited by an angel and told, although she was a virgin, she was going to have a baby, the Son of God. The mechanics of this have baffled people ever since, but that's not really the point. Mary was willing to give herself to God, and God was powerful enough to do the impossible. So Jesus was born, in the right place, at the right time, the result of a long term plan and with a special work to do.

Now, of course, you can celebrate Christmas without thinking of any of this. But that's rather like setting out on a journey without having thought about your route. You may enjoy it, but you will miss a lot of really good things because you haven't taken the trouble to prepare. In the Christian tradition, Christmas is a twelve day celebration (26th December to 6th January), but for many people it never lasts that long because the celebrations have all been done beforehand, and the real point is missed completely.

So this year, don't anticipate Christmas but prepare for it by following through the Advent themes. If you do this you will discover that there's much more to Christmas than trees and lights and food and drink. At its heart there is a person, Jesus Christ the Lord, who will be the Saviour and Lord of your life. When you meet with him, not just Christmas, but your whole life, will never be the same again.

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Well, whether there was a ghost or not, it was never seen or heard of again from that night.

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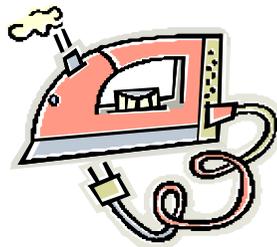
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	11.15am	All-Age Worship
Sunday 15th December	11.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd December	11.15am	Morning Worship
	5.45pm	Carols by Candlelight
CHRISTMAS DAY	11.00am	Family Communion
Sunday 29th December	10.30am	Benefice Service at Harpole (no service at Kislingbury)
Wednesday 1st January	10.30am	Benefice Service at Kislingbury for New Year
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