



# KISLINGBURY NEWS DECEMBER 2014



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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](http://www.kislingburyparishcouncil.org.uk/wp)**

# **Welcome to the December edition of the Kislingbury News**

Welcome to the December edition of the Kislingbury News.

**The Kislingbury News team wish all our readers a Very Happy Christmas.**

The deadline for the January issue is 12th December. Where possible contributions should be sent in electronic format by email to:

**[kislingburynews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kislingburynews@hotmail.co.uk)**

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

## **Village Diary**

### **December**

- 3rd Kisle Amblers meet at Olde Red Lion at 9.15am
- 6th Daventry Choral Society - Music & Carols - Page 24
- 8th Advent Service at St. Lukes Church - Page 11
- 14th The Richtones Christmas Songs - Page 10
- 16th Arts & Crafts Social Christmas Meeting - Page 11
- 17th Kisle Amblers meet at Olde Red Lion at 9.15am
- 21st Carols by Candlelight - Page 5

### **January**

- 7th Kisle Amblers meet at Olde Red Lion at 9.15am
- 14th Arts & Crafts New Year Lunch - Page 11
- 21st 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.

**KISLINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT FROM**  
**MEETING NOVEMBER 18th 2014**

The single wind turbine application was refused by the Planning Committee, however the Fromant's will be appealing this decision although it will take some time before another application will be submitted.

The lights in the village that are still not working have been reported repeatedly. It was decided that we will be asking for a response time from EON so that a clearer idea can be gained as to when they will be fixed.

There are still allotments available if anyone would like to grow their own vegetables.

It has come to our notice that BT Infinity is available within our village if anyone would like this service.

A village tidy up was carried out on the 15th November followed by hot refreshments provided by the Olde Red Lion. Another one is scheduled for spring time.

A new bench is being ordered to replace the one that is a bit tatty and worn opposite the Baptist Chapel.

As always please refer to our parish council website for up to date minutes and agendas.

Our next meeting is 16th December at 7.30pm. Please come along with anything you would like to bring the Council's attention.

As usual, full minutes and the Agenda for the next meeting can be found on our website:

[www.kislingburyparishcouncil.org.uk/wp](http://www.kislingburyparishcouncil.org.uk/wp)

**Alison Ward**

**2015**  
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**Our opening hours are:**

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Saturday 12 noon to 11pm

Sunday 11am to 10.30pm

**Restaurant opening hours are (booking advised):**

Wednesday to Saturday 12 - 2pm and 6 - 9pm

Sunday 12 - 3pm

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**What's on at The Sun Inn**

**Thursday 4th December**

Christmas shopping evening starts 7pm. Homemade produce, handbags, scarves, jewellery, candles and much more.

**Sunday 7th December at 10am**

Breakfast with Santa. Tickets available £9.95 inc. present under 10's . Adults £6.95

**Sunday 14th December**

Quiz night, test your knowledge at 7pm

**Friday 19th December**

Live Music by Woolford Scott featuring Ronan McCloy.

**Saturday 20th December at 10.30am**

Breakfast with Santa. Tickets available.

**Tuesday 23rd December**

An evening of entertainment led by The Kisle Singers.

**Christmas Day**

Open 11.30am - 1.30pm.

**New Year's Eve**

Live music to see in 2015 by Audio Pirates.

Tickets on sale now.

Limited availability £5pp.

Free Prize Draw with lots of prizes and a Raffle raising money for Kislingbury Playing Fields ongoing throughout December.

**Sunday 7th December. An Elizabethan Christmas – music**

Renowned early music group **Piva** entertain with seasonal music, songs and stories from Tudor times, played on period instruments.

Gayton Parish Church 4.30pm.

Tickets 01604 859444 or via e-mail at [anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk](mailto:anna@foxfam.demon.co.uk).



# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE

## KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON!

A considerable amount of lead sheeting was stolen from the nave roof recently. Fortunately no damage was sustained inside the church. The Sunday after the theft, Wendy Blyth read a poem she had written, to the congregation, as a response to what had happened, comparing how, on Remembrance Sunday, we remembered those who had laid down their lives for others, with those individuals whose only motive was greed and who have damaged our beautiful church. We felt it appropriate to include it in this month's Kislingbury News.

*Last Sunday we stood in respect*

*On the finely mown grass outside our church*

*We did not know of the blow that was planned*

*The grass to be crushed*

*Our church roof to be smashed*

*There was no thought for our values*

*For a village that cares*

*No respect for today*

*Or those who died, to save families*

*of those thieving, destroying.*

*But we are alive - Our church and village - Live on to survive*

**CLEANING/GARDENING MORNING - SATURDAY 27th  
DECEMBER 9.30am -10AM**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** - the cash collection at this service amounted to the wonderful sum of £122. This has been forwarded to The British Legion.

**CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH - THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER**

**3.30pm** when we will be making all sorts of special things for Christmas!

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE ON SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER AT 3PM**

A lovely and moving service in preparation for Christmas for children and mums and dads.



**CRIB SERVICE - SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 2pm -**

This will be first time we have included this short service at Christmas which is specially designed for Tiny Tots (pre-school) to help them enjoy their own special Christmas preparations. We are taking the service ourselves so your support is invited as anything could happen!



**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 5.45PM** - our annual service of carols and readings followed by mince pies and wine.

**CHRISTMAS SING-A LONG with The Richtones**

**SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER at 3PM** - Singing along to

some of your favourite Christmas songs. Tickets £4

(Children free) Ring Sandra Blair on 845299 or from

John & Shirley Faulkner (830104), Kate Saynor (832016),

The Sun Inn, Tony (830818), or on the door.



**CHRISTMAS DAY** - our service of Family Communion is at 11.00am  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY** - celebrate the New Year with Holy Communion at 10.30am.

*Lord Jesus Christ, come and dwell in our hearts this Christmastide, so that our homes may have you in them and be full of joy and peace. May no ill-temper, impatience, envy or jealousy spoil the gladness of your birthday, but may love shine in our midst, bringing light to all our hearts and minds.*

## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

### THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A grand total of £304.17 was raised from collection boxes and donations this year. A very big thank-you to all those who continue to contribute to this very worthy cause.

Judith Tonge

## KILIMANJARO = COMPLETED!

It brings me great joy to let you all know that...  
**I did it!**



I completed the challenge of a lifetime and summited Kilimanjaro! It was the most incredible experience one that I will remember forever. I have not only accomplished my challenge, but have made some unforgettable memories and life long friends.

Thank you to all of you that have supported me on the run up to my trip, and for those of you that donated money to my wonderful charity Genetic Disorders UK.

So far I have raised over £3,940! But don't worry its not too late to donate!

Visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/OliviaSmith2>

Thanks again

Olivia x



# Neighbourhood Plan



**Since the Last News Update there has been an important event in our Planning environment. The West Northants Joint Core Strategy has passed its Examination Stage with Amendments that affect Kislingbury.**

- The Junction 16 Proposal has been reduced in size with only what was called Phase 1 being approved.
- Large Scale Warehouse projects will be directed to the DIRFT at Daventry
- Small Scale Warehouse projects will be approved to meet demand around Northampton. This means that the ProLogis Extension Proposals will only be refused on Technical Grounds, not on points of principle. If you have not yet registered your opposition to this proposal please go to the SNC Planning site to do so at <http://snc.planning-register.co.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=73052>
- The Number of Houses required from the Rural Villages of SNC District has not changed so our Plan is on the right track
- The Plan will be submitted for Approval on December 10th 2014, and if it is then there will be a 6 week period for Challenges before it comes into operation.

**From the Questionnaire and our Meeting on October 18th below are some of the comments we have received:**

- There is a requirement to include more building of bungalows within the Village Plan.
- I am very concerned about the fast growth of the Village and the size of houses that have been built recently. I agree smaller homes are very much needed but we really do not need any more large homes.
- Agree with all objectives to keep Kislingbury as a Village for future generations
- I do not think Kislingbury needs any more new building. There are smaller villages nearby which have the space there for some more houses. Kislingbury must not grow any bigger.
- I think housing development needs to be planned so that it does not contribute to closing the gap between the Village and the Town. Should also be done considering progress of Prologis development - again to preserve as far as possible the invaluable green spaces.
- A definite need to reduce HGVs and traffic calming.
- We desperately need traffic calming/VAS signs. Other villages have managed to get them. Why not Kislingbury
- Emphasis must be put on affordable and low cost housing. We have had a lot of larger/very expensive housing within the last 2 years

If you have views on these issues please contact Roger Minchin at [rogerandavril@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerandavril@btinternet.com)

## **Next Steps:**

- Continue with the Sustainability Assessment with the help of our Consultant, and complete the Character Assessment
- Continue with our Consultation meetings
- Complete the Analysis of the Supplementary Questionnaire
- Assess the Results of the Questionnaire
- Based on Responses complete the Housing Needs Assessment for Kislingbury

The Village Web Site pages for the Neighbourhood Plan will give you access to all the relevant documents relating to the Plan to date. Please visit the site at

**[http://www.kislingburyonline.co.uk/plan2014\\_index.php](http://www.kislingburyonline.co.uk/plan2014_index.php)**

**This is your plan and we hope you will look at the pages on the Web Site and feed back your ideas and comments to any of the Steering Group members. You will find their names and email addresses on the site as well.**



# Kislingbury CEVC Primary School

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of all the staff, children and friends of Kislingbury School I would like to wish everyone in the Kislingbury Community a happy and joyful Christmas and a great New Year.

### Reach for the Stars

As part of the school's topic themed curriculum we have been focusing in on the stars and space this term. Looking at the geography of our planet; the solar system and the effect of the orbits of the earth and the moon. We have also looked at the history of space travel and the space race. In science we have been considering light and gravity.

Year 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been to the National Space Centre and Year 3 and 4 went to look at a Rocket Car and learn about the engineering that went into it. It has been an exciting topic and one the children have really enjoyed.



### Thank you



I would like to offer a big thank you to the Kislingbury Over Fifties Group (KOFs) for the lovely reception they gave our children's Remembrance Play. It was a really positive experience for the children to perform in front of the KOF members and we were all made to feel so welcome. The event also raised £30 for the Royal British Poppy appeal.

### Applications for School Places

The closing date for applications for school places for next September is the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. You will need to apply for a place even if you live in the village or you have a child already at the school. The last couple of years we have been full and you may miss out on a place if applications are not in by the closing date. Applications are made through the N.C.C. website

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/EducationandLearning/school-admissions>

The official school open day events have already been held, however if you do wish to visit the school please contact the office.

### Christmas Dates

**Friday 5th December:**

3.30pm School Christmas Fete

**Monday 15th December:**

10.30am EYFS and KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal

**Tuesday 16th December:**

2.15pm EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performance.

**Wednesday 17th December:**

2.15pm EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performance

5.30pm KS2 Carol Service (St. Lukes Church)

**Friday 19th 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.



# Kislingbury over Fifties



**HAPPY  
XMAS TO  
YOU ALL**

**DECEMBER NEWS**  
**10th ANNIVERSARY YEAR**

**THANK YOU £523.25 THANK YOU**

To both KOFs members and all those from the village who came along on Thursday 25th September to help us raise funds for the Macmillan Charity. In 2 hours we raised a significant amount.

KOFs Weekend holiday break from 19th to 22nd September was enjoyed by over 30 members at **Alvaston Hall Hotel in Cheshire**. The Saturday coach tour visited Port Sunlight during the morning and the afternoon was in Chester.

### **10th KOFs ANNIVERSARY PARTY LUNCH**

This was held on Thursday 30th October when over 70 members enjoyed a 3 course lunch. Entertainment was by NEAL ASTBURY International singer & entertainer. On this special occasion all the KOFs were presented with a gift to celebrate the 10 year anniversary

### **KISLINGBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL 1914-18 War Remembrance performance to the KOFs, families & friends on 6th November**

The senior pupils gave an outstanding performance to commemorate the 1914-1918 war. From joining up and leaving their homes the pupils presented all the events that took place for families and the brave soldiers over 100 years ago. The final scenes of soldiers dying in the war and their families sorrow at home emotionally affected everyone at the performance. Congratulations to everyone at the school for a very memorable occasion for all present.

### **STRUCTURE OF THE WEEKLY MEETING**

Commencing at 10.30am on a Thursday morning an average of 50 KOFs from a membership of over 100 get together for a coffee/tea and chat with friends from the village.

It provides the opportunity for everyone to catch up on local and family news and to make new friends in the village.

**YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US**

Contact the committee for further information  
Eddie Harley 830001. Mike & Jackie Jackson 831747  
Lisa Dickson 832092. Bernard Gent 830579.  
Jenny Massingham 831039. Christiane Scrivener 830994.  
Dee Taylor 830791. Dennis Tidmarsh 830074.

**Jonathan Barker proud sponsor of KOFs**



# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH BELL REPAIR FUND

*The Richtones*  
**Christmas Songs  
SING-A-LONG  
at St. Luke's Church  
KISLINGBURY at 3.00pm  
SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER**

SONG SHEETS PROVIDED to sing-a-long with some of your favourite Christmas songs from the likes of Bing, Nat, Dean, Cliff, Slade, Wizzard and others!

TICKETS Adults £4 • Children Free

**Includes interval Mulled Wine & Mince Pie**

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- KATE SAYNOR, 37 BUGBROOKE ROAD, 832016 • THE SUN INN • TONY or SAMI, 16 MILL ROAD, 830818 • OR ON THE DOOR

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.

So please consider me next time you have your home valued. You can call me on 07793 355604.

Yours sincerely  
Jonathan Barker

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## Kislingbury Arts & Crafts Society

We have had some very interesting talks over the last few months but none more so than Helen Crabtree's talk about Post Boxes. She was an excellent and entertaining speaker and drew our attention to the number of different design boxes there are in existence. Take a note as you post your Christmas cards!

November has been a busy month for the Society as we hosted the Art Exhibition and Craft Fayre. December is more leisurely with our Social Christmas meeting taking place on **Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm. PLEASE NOTE DATE as it is an earlier date than usual.**

Looking ahead our New Year Lunch is planned for Wednesday 14th January.

Happy Christmas to all our members and supporters.

**Doreen Hartwell**

## Mothers' Union

Our annual Advent Service will take place on Monday, 8th December at 2.30 p.m. in St. Luke's Church. This is an opportunity amidst the Christmas preparations to take a look at the real meaning of Christmas and to join with us in fellowship and worship. The collection at the service will be donated to the Duston Food Bank.

Our Autumn project has been collecting food items to donate to the Food Bank before Christmas. There is a box at the back of the Church for donations or you can give them to Gill Cooke who is our main contact for this project. The last day for giving will be Monday, 8th December at the Advent Service.

Please join us, everyone is welcome.



## Light Up St. Lukes

Whilst we were helping with setting up for the craft fayre at the Village Hall on Saturday 15th November, I asked Dennis Tidmarsh to do the Draw for November. The lucky ticket owner is Ken Tonge who has contributed to Light Up St. Lukes since its inception – so he is a worthy winner.

I wish all our supporters a Very Happy Christmas.

**Leslie Hartwell**



# Kislingbury Community Computer Club

Earlier this year a Computer Club pilot scheme was launched to provide a facility for computer owners to meet, and both receive advice on specific IT topics, and to share experiences and problems for the benefit of both themselves, and other members in the club.

This pilot scheme identified a number of key requirements required to ensure that those attending gained benefits in terms of knowledge and shared experiences. It is important that the club has at least two experienced IT members to organise sessions and to provide advice and guidance to members.

OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE IN THE RE-LAUNCH OF THE CLUB IS TO REQUEST THE HELP OF A PERSON WITH IT EXPERIENCE TO ASSIST WITH THE ORGANISATION OF THE CLUB. CAN YOU ASSIST US PLEASE?

If so contact MIKE JACKSON [5fivejays@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:5fivejays@tiscali.co.uk) or MIKE PRINCE [mike.prince55@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.prince55@btinternet.com)

The suggested meeting format for the re-launched club is:  
Meetings at the Village Hall on alternate Wednesdays from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

\*Each session will commence with a presentation on a specific topic and advice in respect to its application.

\*Time will be allocated to address specific problems and for members to share experiences for the benefits of others

\* IT Specialists will be invited along on occasions to give presentations on equipment, services etc. related to the needs of club members.

\*To cover costs there will be a charge of £10 for 10 sessions or a fortnightly individual session attendance cost of £1.50.

## **Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter - Kislingbury News December 2014**

With the cold weather now letting us know winter is on its way it seems appropriate to revisit the problem of "cold callers!". This unpleasant aspect of the human race comes in two forms. The Doorstep Seller and the Pressure Phone Call Seller. Please follow the advice on how to deal with these nasty people.

**High pressure sales people.** These traders, who sell a variety of goods and services including mobility aids, alarm systems and unregulated investments, use pressure selling tactics to rush you in to a decision. They may have no experience or training and could convince you to buy something that is over-priced and that you didn't really need or want. **Hang up the Phone and do not Talk to these People**

**Rogue traders.** These people often work door to door or use flyers to approach householders. They generally offer maintenance work such as gardening, driveway repair and roofing and quote low prices which are later inflated. The work they carry out is of a very poor standard and they often use intimidation to 'encourage' home owners to accept offers of work and to pay up afterwards. Rogue traders use false names and addresses and are hard to trace. **If you are not expecting a Caller do not open the Door. If you do always have it secure on the Chain.**

1. **Never** buy from unexpected doorstep traders. It can be difficult to tell a good trader from a bad one on the doorstep. You will be better off leaving your door closed.
2. If you need work doing on your property, follow this advice:
  - Seek quotes from at least three local traders with reputations to maintain.
  - Only deal with local firms with genuine verifiable telephone numbers and addresses. Visit their premises to ensure they are genuine.
  - Go on recommendation and ask to see properties they have worked on (if you can, speak to the owners).
  - Fix a price and be specific about what you want done.
  - Make sure you have everything written down – don't rely on spoken agreements.
  - Looking for a good trader, but don't know where to start? Contact the Northamptonshire Trading Standards Office for the names of reputable Traders.
3. If you do agree to buy goods or services on the doorstep, in most cases you will have extra consumer rights
4. Don't get caught out! Rogue traders like to give the impression they are genuine and local. They use accommodation addresses to make them appear local and may use local phone numbers or freephone numbers connected to untraceable mobile phones. Some even have websites featuring stolen pictures of work carried out by genuine traders. They also use the same glossy advertising as genuine traders which may feature large discounts for OAPs.

### **Crime news -**

Between midnight on 20th October and midnight on 22nd October 2014 there was a theft of three large metal gates from field entrances on Bugbrooke Road, Kislingbury. Criminal Damage to windscreen – **Dukes Green Road, Kislingbury**, between 8pm on 16th and 11am on 17th September.

**VILLAGE EMAIL DATABASE** - The number of houses signed up to our Database is now 250 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](http://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 ( Anonymous) 0800 555 111.

**Tim Ward Tel: 07855 388 751 and Email [timwarduk@aol.com](mailto:timwarduk@aol.com)**

## ***Kislingbury Highways Charity Grant Applications 2014***

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](mailto:peter.kislingbury@tiscali.co.uk)**

Applications must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> December.



## ***S&S Automotive***



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- Oil top up

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**(Free collection & delivery)**

## “Writers Corner”

**2014 being the Centenary Year of WW1**, I would like to share with you one of my recent charcoal drawings titled **“CHRISTMAS DAY 1914”** and the words of a very poignant song of remembrance I have sung on numerous occasions of late, with the **Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC)**.



### **“MANSIONS OF THE LORD”**

**To fallen soldiers let us sing,  
Where no rockets fly nor rockets wing;  
Our broken brothers let us bring,  
To the mansions of the Lord.**

**No more bleeding, no more fight,  
No prayers pleading thru' the night;  
Just divine embrace, eternal light,  
In the mansions of the Lord.**

**Where no mothers cry and no children weep,  
We will stand and guard though the angels sleep;  
All through the ages safely keep,  
The mansions of the Lord.**

**A very happy and peaceful Xmas & Prosperous New Year to  
One and All.**

**WHY NOT GIVE US YOUR VOICE? Visit [www.NMVC.co.uk](http://www.NMVC.co.uk)**

*Francswrites* **December 2014.**



Do you know the names of Father Christmas reindeers?

Rudolph

Prancer

Dancer

Dasher

Vixen

Cupid

Blitzen

Comet

Donner

Who gives presents and bites?

**Santa Jaws!!**

Knock, Knock

**Who's there?**

Ice

**Ice who?**

Ice cube!

Knock, Knock

**Who's there?**

Mary

**Mary who?**

Mary Christmas!

What sneaks around the kitchen?

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## Kislingbury Fayre 2014

The village fayre committee met on 17th November and the following was agreed in terms of distributing the profits made from the 2014 village fayre weekend following applications received and general annual donations to village resources and organisations:-

Poppy Bignell - **£100** towards world challenge

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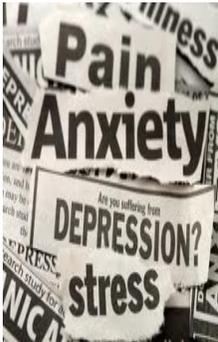
The fayre for 2015 is 20th/21st June - put the dates in your diary and the flowerpot theme will be Planes, Trains and Automobiles (transportation).

Thank you for everyone's ongoing support and generosity.

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**Kislingbury Art Group**  
**2014**  
**December News**



Christmas Greetings  
to all our friends

**The members of the Kislingbury Art Group entered a wide selection of their paintings into the November Art Exhibition at Kislingbury Village Hall. They also had a group publicity stand which displayed photo's of the art produced by members in the past year**

**The WINTER 10 week session commenced on Thursday 20th November. We have over 20 members and can accommodate a few more. If you are interested, give either Judith or Mike a call and arrange to visit a session and talk to members. You are very welcome.**

**The group is organised, to provide a venue for artists of all abilities from beginners to fully experienced; to meet together, to paint, and share the company of others with similar interests, in a non formalised group.**

**We meet on**

**Thursday afternoons at the Village Hall  
between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.**

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**For further information please contact**

**Judith Tonge 01604830421**

**Mike Jackson 01604 831747**

**Monday 1st December – Friday 2nd January,  
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## **Message to Dog Owners from Northamptonshire Police**

Northamptonshire Police have received reports of sheep being attacked and killed by unknown dogs in the village of Kislingbury on the 30th September and Nether Heyford on the 7th October.

Sheep are classed as Livestock under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953. It is an offence for a dog to worry Livestock and both the person in charge of the dog at the time and/or the owner can be prosecuted under this Act.

Worrying Livestock means to attack livestock or to chase livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering to the livestock. It also includes being at large in a field/enclosure where there are sheep.

This sort of incident causes distress to the owner of the livestock who may find his animals badly injured, suffering or dead. It can also cost the owner in veterinary bills and in some case effects livelihoods. Sheep especially do not cope with stress and it is known for them to die days after the incident from the shock.

In some circumstances it can also cause distress to the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog who has not gone out intending for his dog to chase livestock but due to lack of control, loss of control or disobedience such an incident occurs.

PC Chloe Radford-Gardner of the Daventry Rural Safer Community Team said "As part of our RURAL ACTION campaign - Northamptonshire Police are supporting the Farmers Guardian 'TAKE THE LEAD' campaign, encouraging members of the public to keep control of their dogs and keep them on leads where there is livestock. The campaign is by the Farmers Guardian in conjunction with the National Sheep Association"

TAKE THE LEAD signs can be displayed in prominent locations where livestock are present – Farmers wishing to find out more are encouraged to contact their local Officers

If you have any information relating to the incidents in Kislingbury or Nether Heyford or need to report that you have been a victim of Livestock Worrying or that you would just like some further advice or information please get in contact with Northamptonshire Police on 101.



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## Parish Constables A new and exciting role within the Northamptonshire Police!



COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

In my previous contribution, I provided a brief outline on what my role as the Police and Crime Commissioner entails and alluded to some of the priorities that I have set the Force in my Police and Crime Plan.

It is clear to me that one of the things that people want to see from their police force is more visible policing. On my appointment I pledged to maintain the number of frontline officers at 1,220 - indeed we are one of only four Forces in the country not to have reduced the number of frontline officers in the face of the challenging financial climate.

Therefore, in order to increase visible policing and increase resource, one of the priorities that I have set the force is an ambitious increase of the Special Constabulary to 900 officers to support the work of the 1,220 full time officers. This will result in 900 more warranted officers on our streets and would make Northamptonshire's Special Constabulary the largest outside of London, contributing vital policing to our communities.

**Special Constables possess all the same powers as full time warranted police officers** and are provided with full training and equipment. They work with their full time colleagues, on a voluntary, part-time basis, performing duties ranging from **supporting specialist teams within the force to making arrests on the streets**. This really is one of the most exciting and dynamic voluntary roles available and is a unique and fulfilling experience.

Moreover, the expansion of the Special Constabulary has brought about a range of new and exciting roles and opportunities.

One recently developed role is that of the **Parish Constable**. A Parish Constable is a Special Constable that is dedicated, through choice, to policing a specific area, for example Kislingbury and/or surrounding areas.

Parish Constables will undertake a wide variety of policing duties whilst linking in with both the local Safer Community Team and Parish Councils to ensure effective policing of the area and becoming a pillar of the community.

This is an ideal role for anybody who is interested in really making a difference where they live and I want **you** to be part of our journey to make Northamptonshire the Safest Place in England.

So if you or anybody you know interested in becoming a Special or Parish Constable in Kislingbury or any other area, or if you would like further details, please contact me at [commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk](mailto:commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk)

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## 'The Prince of Peace'

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It's only just begun**

So sang Slade in their massive 1973 hit and no doubt many of us will be singing it once again this Christmas!

By the time you read these few words the Christmas Season and spirit will hopefully be emerging from much of the routineness of the past twelve months!

Christmas ushers in a seemingly magical transformation of the social atmosphere. New colours explode in the dark of night as countless houses across our villages, towns, cities and nation are adorned with festive lights of all shapes and sizes.

The wide-eyed expectation of children permeates the air. Adults feel warm inside as they observe the excited children awaiting the arrival of the big day and hoping that all their dreams and desires will be fulfilled after the removal of miles of paper, tinsel and ribbon.

Music celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, along with perennial Christmas favourites, fills shopping centres, restaurants and pubs. Local churches provide the all-too-familiar melodies of Silent Night and Away in a Manger. Celebration is the theme of the season and real life, with all its blemishes and pains, is brushed away into the dark corners of shadow and silence.

However, if we choose to peek into the shadows and silence, we will see the harsh realities of life that exist, and which are magnified during the Christmas season. The desired 'Peace on Earth' is disrupted by intrusive circumstances such as difficult family members, the death of a loved one, financial strain, isolation, and loneliness to mention but a few. To ignore those visited by such unwelcome strangers is to fail in living out the very essence of the Christmas Season.

This Christmas let us not forget and neglect the shadow and silence that fills many lives in our society today and if we have the resources both of time and money let us reach out in the name of he who came to bring peace, Jesus 'The Prince of Peace'.

'The Prince of Peace' offers his hand to everyone whatever race, colour or creed you are, wherever you live or however much you have or do not have in your bank balance. Embrace Christmas by embracing 'The Prince of Peace' and why not do that by going straight to the source by putting into the centre of your Christmas preparations a trip to any Christian Church over the Christmas Season and find for yourself 'The Prince of Peace'.

If you are in the shadows and all the hype of Christmas is something to be feared and shunned rather than enjoyed and embraced, why not come to hear about 'The Prince of Peace' at any Christian Church celebrating the real meaning of Christmas.

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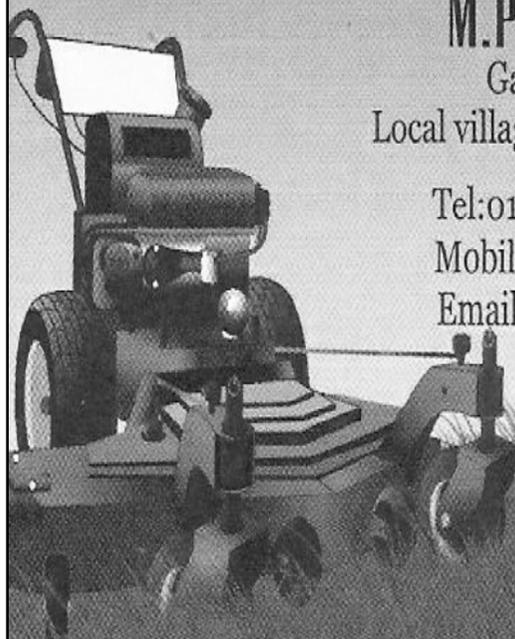
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Sunday 7th December	11.15am	Morning Worship
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service for all the family</b>
Sunday 14th December	11.15am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 21st December	11.15am	Holy Communion
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Crib Service for Tiny Tots</b>
	<b>5.45pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion for all the Family</b>
Sunday 28th December	8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion for the Benefice</b>
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**Prayer Meeting** - 9.30 to 10.30 every Tuesday at the Church. If you have prayer requests let our Pastor know or drop a note in the letter box.

**Men Together** – an opportunity for men to get together, sometimes to hear a speaker other times just to chat, they meet monthly on alternate Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

**Kizzletots** – A toddler group which meets at the Church from 9.30 to 11.30 every Thursday during term time, includes singing and refreshments.

**Upton Tots** - A toddler group which meets at the Elgar Centre, Upton from 10.15 to 12.15 every Thursday during term time, includes crafts, stories and refreshments.

**Talking Point** – A group for Mums with small babies meets every Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.30 at 16 Mill Pond Drive, Upton. Health Visitors are present on a regular basis.

**Upton Breakfasts** – why not join us for breakfast at a restaurant at Sixfields on the third Saturday of the month.

**Photographic Club** - meets on the first Monday of each month at the Church.

**Book Club** – Aimed at women and meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8pm.

**Church Walks** – if you like getting out in the fresh air then why not join us a walk somewhere around Northampton, these take place approximately once a month on a Saturday morning.

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