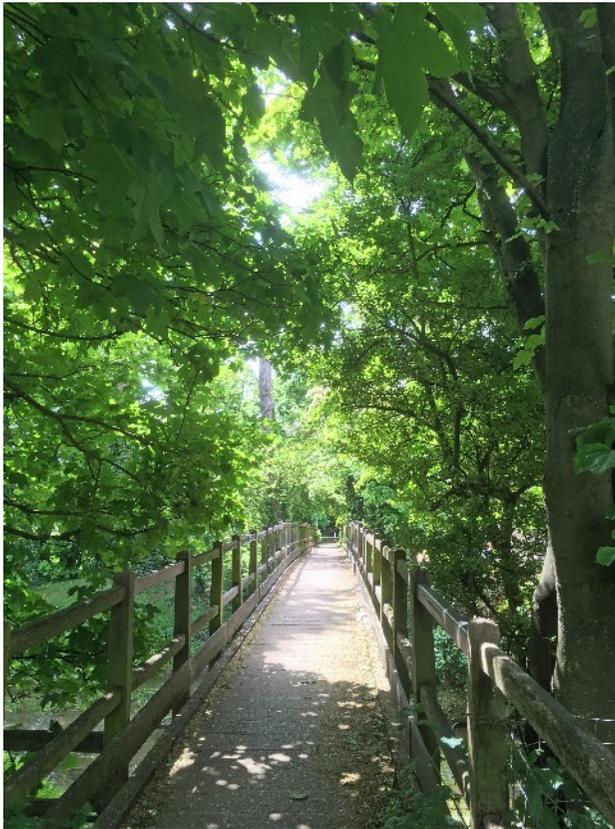


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June / July 2020



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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 online at:

www.kislingburypc.org.uk

June /July 2020 edition of the Kislingbury News

The deadline for the August/September issue is **Friday, 24th July, 2020**. Where possible contributions should be sent in electronic format by email to:

kislingburynews@hotmail.co.uk

or delivered to Barbara Floyer, at 6 The Orchard, Kislingbury.

There is no Village Diary this month due to the present circumstances with COVID - 19.

Check with the organisers of your groups and societies for more information

For up to date information about what is happening in the village log into [facebook](#) at



Kislingbury Village Info

Regular Events

Many of these will be cancelled. Check with the organisers

Play Group open during Term Time at Village Hall

Bell Ringing Monday Nights 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Kislingbury Parish Council meets 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall

Kraft Shack Group - Every Wednesday - 8pm

**further information - Tel: 07788737052 or 01604 754518 or
email: mopalmer@gmail.com**

Voyage of Light every 2nd Tuesday of the month excluding January and August.

KOFs - Every Thursday 10.30am at the Village Hall

**Line Dance Classes in Village Hall - Thursday, Beginners 12.30 -13.30
& Improvers 13.00 - 15.00 - 07788 737052 or 01604 754518**

Art Group - Thursday afternoons at the Village Hall 2.15-4.15pm

Cycle Club - Meets at Sun Inn every Saturday at 9.30am

Kisle Runners - Cancelled until further notice

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE

SADLY, ALL CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CHURCH GATES OR VIA THIS NEWSLETTER AS THEY OCCUR.

So, here we are, still in lockdown and having our lives turned upside down. Our love and prayers go out to everyone. Some are coping well and some not so well and just a friendly phone call can make all the difference or even a wave from afar!

Our thanks go to Di Wallis who, in the absence of people in the church has very kindly cleaned the carpets – with the help of Shirley Faulkner – socially distanced of course!

Our thanks also go to John Faulkner and Ron Hoodak for continuing to wind the clock.

As we go on our daily exercise the churchyard has proved to be a Godsend to many. Its beauty and tranquillity have eased many a troubled soul and many people have said how peaceful it is just to sit on the bench in the new churchyard and watch and listen to the wildlife. Watching the antics of the squirrels always cheers me up. I found this poem in the newspaper the other day which makes you think! It is called “Isolation” –

*“I realised that we needed the world, as magnolia petals slowly unfurled,
and the birds welcomed spring with their song and the grass grew lush, thick and long.
When a new life force freshened our air and green haze clothed branches bare.
But with the sound of the first bee’s buzz,
I realised this world did not need us!”*

Did you know that there are several **Scratch Dials** on the outer church walls? Sadly only one now appears to be in reasonable condition.



What is a Scratch Dial I hear you say – well they look like this. Although this is in a little better condition than ours I’m sure you will be able to spot it. It is situated on the South Wall just beyond the porch. Sadly only the hole and bottom half can be easily distinguished.

Scratch dials were very simple forms of sun dial, usually in a circular shape, scratched or carved into the exterior of a church wall and used to tell the time, especially the time of church services.

At the centre of the dial is a hole where a small peg was inserted to act as a simple sundial marker.

We also have some magnificent and gruesome Gargoyles at the corners above the main window with grotesque heads and a rather terrifying appearance! They are used as a spout that allows water to be channelled away from the building and were supposed to ward off evil!

Hopefully by the next issue of Kislingbury News we will be coming to a new “normality” but if you do have someone for whom you would like special prayers then please do contact Sue Payler on 830615.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

*Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;*

*that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in
Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*



Kislingbury Amblers

**We normally meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday
of every month at the Olde Red Lion if you wish to join us**

KISLINGBURY AMBLERS – March 2020

The walk we took in March, we had previously done in early 2019. Starting from the Village Hall in Moreton Pinkney, 10 Amblers (including a new gentleman and his dog), took the lane away from the village, taking in a ford. The walk included several disused railway tracks and at the crossroads indicating Eydon/Canons Ashby, we chose the road to Crockwell Farm and a very steep incline.

We got our breath back outside Mitre Cottage which stood us in good stead to cross boggy fields which lead to Canons Ashby. Onwards and upwards to our starting point and then back to Kislingbury and a warm welcome at the Olde Red Lion for lunch. This walk took 2½ hours.

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The Sun Inn – Temporary Closure

Whilst we remain closed due to the Covid-19 crisis we are providing a pizza and drink delivery service (Kislingbury only) on a Friday and Saturday evening - 6pm - 8pm. For details and menu please see the Food section of our website.

For up to date news keep your eyes on Facebook and our website (www.thesuninnkislingbury.co.uk).

These are unusual times for us all....

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to contact: Paul (07989 743501), Zara (07720668327).



Tel: 833571 or Email - thesuninnkislingbury@yahoo.co.uk
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Kislingbury Playground fundraising

Update regarding the fundraising for the playground equipment.

At the end of last year we asked parents and children what they would like to see improved at the playground. We had over 40 responses, which was great.

Using these responses we worked with a playground design company to come up with a new design incorporating a lot of the ideas from the survey responses. The cost of this design would be £120,000 which would modernise the equipment and make the ground level and safe.

Fundraising started well, we secured £3000 immediately from a company within Swan Valley, but due to Covid-19 we have now had very limited response. To keep the momentum going we would like to reach out and ask for your suggestions and help in raising additional funds. In addition, we will continue communication with the local companies previously asked for support.

Please contact KPFA on kislingburyplayingfield@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to help or even better donate.

Thanks
Kislingbury Playing Field Association

The family of Bernard Gardner would very much like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and Donations after Bernard's passing.

It gave us very much comfort to share the messages of special thoughts and memories of him. Due to the generous Donations in his memory £350.00 has been sent to Marie Curie and £300.00 to the Cynthia Spencer Well Being Centre.

Thank you , Dianne Ian and Bernice

A THANK YOU to our village shops



From my conversations with others in the village (virtual, or at a two-metre distance of course!), I know I am not alone in feeling very, very grateful to all those who run and work in the Kislingbury Minimarket/ Post Office, and Elliott's Butchers, not only for remaining open during the lockdown, but for supplying an increased range of products to provide for most of our daily food and household needs.

The efforts of all those involved with our village shops have meant that we have been able to avoid, or at least minimise, the number of visits we have had to make to larger supermarkets, and to cash machines, thereby helping us in our attempts to limit contact with others and keep safe.

Both shops have very effective systems in place to make social distancing possible for those in the shop at any one time so, from a personal point of view, I have felt safer in the local shops than I have on my occasional forays to the bigger supermarkets. Home deliveries have also been provided for those who are needing to isolate at home, or are unable to get out. However, all this has placed those who own, or work, in the shops at increased personal risk, as they must visit wholesalers and producers on a regular basis and must safely manage the many contacts with customers in the shops and on home deliveries. We should be thankful that they have been willing to take these risks, even when minimised by good social distancing and hygiene.

Visits to local shops have always provided opportunities for social contacts and updates on village events, but these seems even more significant now as they afford a welcome opportunity for us to legitimately chat with others when our days might otherwise be spent alone, or with few face to face contacts.

You may all be aware that the Kislingbury Minimarket/Post Office has been on the market for several years, with no takers. I am aware that the owners have also mentioned the possibility of considering closing the shop and turning it into a residential property.

You may also know that the Elliott's shop was due to close as they are moving their business to a new farm shop at Narborough Lodge (just opposite the Heart of the Shires shopping village on the A5) but stayed open here to provide a local service during the lockdown. They are due to open the new farm shop on 18th June, but have said that they will keep the Kislingbury shop open as well, if it continues to be used as it is currently. So, the future of both our village shops depends on us continuing to use them as we are now.

I hope that the excellent service that the shops have given over the last months has shown how important they are to us all as a village community, and that this persuades us to continue using them and supporting them when restrictions on our movements and fear of infection have gone, so that we are not at risk of our shops closing in the near future. Who knows when we might be faced with another crisis, local, national or personal, when we will be dependent on them again.

From Gill Handley, with the support of Barbara Floyer, Kate and John Saynor, Sharon and Ray O'Connell and Shirley and John Faulkner.

Kislingbury Village Fayre - 20/21st June 2020

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Our elderly residents are having to be in self isolation for 12 weeks, and could suffer hardship.

Your community charity, Kislingbury Town and Charity Estates, has provided financial or other assistance to elderly village residents in need for over 600 years, through previous pandemics, and is here to help again.

I know an elderly resident who could do with some support – what can I do?

If you know of someone who needs financial or other assistance through this difficult time, we can help.

If you are organising some voluntary assistance to the elderly in the village that might need some financial support, such as buying key supplies, we can help.

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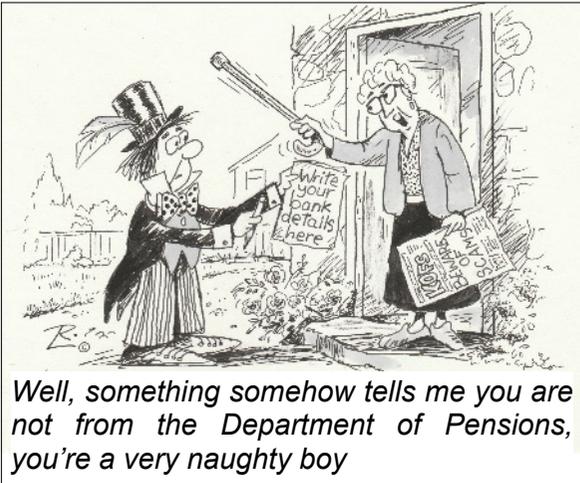


WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Every week since the beginning of March the KOFs have issued a weekly newsletter to both our members and friends in the village.

Initially we identified those who were willing to assist members in self isolation by collecting and delivering groceries / medication. We also supported the Parish Council initiative of a food bank to help those in the village requiring help during the lockdown.

Latterly the newsletter has published members' DOWN MEMORY LANE articles and jokes. We have received photographs taken in village gardens as well as those taken whilst members were out on their exercise walks. We publish the latest village news and also include a quiz.



Each week our member Reg Lodge produces a cartoon for the newsletter.

Over 100 people receive our publication and until the lockdown is over we will continue to issue the newsletter.

The KOFs wish you all GOOD Health and KEEP SAFE for the coming year

The KOFs will meet again at the Village Hall every Thurs at 10.30 am for a coffee & a chat. For further information contact a committee member.

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Kislingbury Art Group

Summer 2020

Early in March the Art Group closed as a result of the Government lockdown instruction. Each year we have a break from the end of May until September.

We are hoping that our membership of 28 will be able to get together again this September.

However our members are making good use of the lockdown to continue with their artwork. Our Judith is very fond of her visits to Norfolk and during the past week has produced the artwork below from sketches.



**KEEP SMILING
& KEEP SAFE**



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 pm and 4pm. For further info contact either:

Judith 830421 or Mike 831747

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN KISLINGBURY



SHORT STORY TOLD BY MY GRANDFATHER

VE day bought back the memory of a story which my late Grandfather 'Pap' used to recall.

My 'Pap', Thomas George Faulkner (Tom) lived in the Canal house at Banbury Lane for 42 years. The house was demolished long ago except the back of the oven which is built into the bridge wall. Tom was the 'Lengthsman' for the Grand Junction Company. The job of Lengthsman was to maintain the canal in their area, 'Pap' was responsible for the length from Braunston to Fenny Stratford. To enable him to do this job he had a flat bottomed boat with a small cabin at one end and an open area where he carried materials for his job i.e. cement, aggregate, bricks, timber for fencing etc. The boat did not have a motor so it was moved by 'bow hauling', manually pulling it with a rope, this was fine once you got it moving. Pap lived in the cabin when he was at the extremities of his length and always moored near a pub. As well as the boat he also had a bicycle which he would ride along the tow path.

Canals were very important up to the 1950's being a principal mode of transport particularly during the war when they were used to transport munitions. During 1944, when the German Air Force were carrying out bombing raids on Britain's cities, Pap was riding his bike along the tow path between Banbury Lane and Bugbrooke, he had just passed the first field bridge when he heard a plane, it was a German fighter heading back from a bombing raid on Coventry. It was common for pilots to follow the canal when flying at low level as a means of navigation, when the plane came into view the pilot opened fire with his machine gun. Pap said he saw the tracer fire in the canal across the tow path and ricocheting off the bridge wall. By this time he had dived into the bottom of the hedge and the incident was over except for removing all the thorns from his hands and face.

When I was a boy he liked to take me along the tow path to the bridge and show me the line of damaged bricks caused by the attack. The years and elements have taken their toll on the bricks and it is no longer possible to feel the indents but I know where they are. I like to walk this length of tow path, Bugbrooke to Banbury Lane which to me is a trip down memory lane as I was born in the canal house built into the bridge.

John Faulkner



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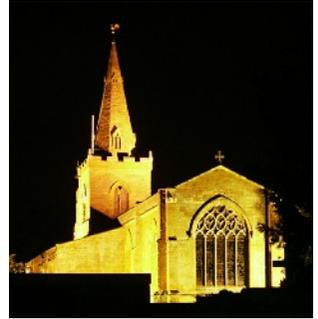
Light Up St Luke's

Instead of visiting someone and asking them to physically draw a number out of the bag, I improvised and rang someone and asked them to name a number to choose a winner. Fortunately this has worked well and here are the results.

April: Number chosen by Sarah Parker. It was her Dad's birthday about that time and she chose 84 (don't know why!) and that was owned by Louise Stenhouse.

May: This month Sue Payler named a number and the winner was Gordon Seal. Gordon no longer lives in the village but has continued to support this fund-raiser for many years.

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Leslie Hartwell



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On the 12th June, with King Charles I's army stationed at Daventry, Oliver Cromwell sent his troops from Bedford to join forces with those of Fairfax. Cromwell himself, arrived early the next morning, when Fairfax immediately moved his army out of Kislingbury flanking that of the King's until he engaged and defeated the Royalists at Naseby on the 14th June.

In spite of this being the most momentous victory of the Civil War which changed the course of English history, no earth shattering changes took place in the village.

**Tutchener J.V.(2000) *Kislingbury a glimpse at its past*
Sunningdale Publishing Kislingbury p.9**

If you have any photographs, documents or recollections that you think may be of interest , please contact us. We can make copies of anything you may not wish to part with.

Anne Upton 833422

Felicity Dunkley 830514

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

Due to the present circumstances we have decided to cancel all our meetings for June and July. In August a Social Evening is planned, this will very much depend on Nether Heyford Village Hall being allowed to open and groups being able to socialise.

We are hoping to be back to normal from September onwards.
The Committee send all our best wishes to our members and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Dianne



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Everybody is welcome: beginners, intermediates and the experienced.

We even finish with light refreshments.

I've noticed a lot more runners around the village during lockdown – why not continue your new fitness regime ...come and join us!

Every Sunday we meet at Kislingbury playing fields at 8:50am for 9:00am start. All ages are welcome – we ask only that children be accompanied by an adult.

Don't forget the buggies!

NB: Please wear appropriate clothing!

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Elvis Lives!

I know we are living in strange times but I've been told, wait for it, Elvis Presley is alive, well and living in our villages! Possible, but of course not likely. Nevertheless, since news of his death made world headlines in 1977, People have built lucrative careers trying to prove that the Rock'n'Roll super-star, simply called "The King" still lives. One author in particular has sold millions of copies of books on the subject and even set up a premium rate phone line on which you can hear Elvis' voice. If you've seen him (by the way he would be 85), you can click on a website to report your sighting.

Let's weigh up some of the evidence which, in all seriousness, is meant to prove "The King Lives".

- Firstly, the coffin weighed too much, even for an overweight Elvis. Surely this is evidence the coffin contained, not Elvis' body, but a wax dummy, along with an air conditioner to stop the wax melting.
- Secondly, Elvis' middle name, Aaron, was misspelt on his gravestone, a sure sign, they say, his body wasn't there.
- Lastly, the name Elvis is an anagram of the word "lives".

Not wishing to be kill joy, in my humble opinion, these claims stretch credibility to and beyond breaking point: Elvis has, well and truly, as they say, "left the building", and the voice on the premium number has been found to be that of an impersonator.

Some people seem to regard Jesus as the original rock star – a precursor of Bob Dylan, Mick Jagger or Madonna. The Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Tim Rice 1970s musical – Jesus Christ Superstar – spelled this out. Indeed, even 2000 years after he lived, it's obvious that Jesus was a deeply charismatic man, but if we treat him as a rock superstar we make two fundamental mistakes.

The first is highlighted in the fifth book of the New Testament the Acts of the Apostles. Paul points out to the Athenians, they have locked God up in shrines made by human hands and are, in effect, making God smaller than themselves. Jesus did not seek his iconic status, but those around him heaped it upon him. If we identify him as a rock-star figure, we, like the Athenians, lock him up in a human invention – like that of celebrity culture.

The second mistake leads to a perpetual sense of loss. For if we think of Jesus as a sort of 'Rock Star or the first Hippy to declare 'All you need is Love' we miss out on the centrality of the Christian message that God in Christ is 'Alive' and miss out on the full potential of a continuing life with Christ. Jesus promised, and as Paul testifies to the Athenians, "In him we live and move and have our being." That was Jesus' promise then; it is his promise still, through the awesome power of the Holy Spirit.

In these very strange and challenging times we may feel physically alone because of the lack of human contact, a bereavement that cannot be dealt with, or sheer physical, and emotional exhaustion.

Our God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is one whose compassion is easily aroused. When he comes to us, it doesn't automatically put everything right, but he does come alongside us, to be with us and in us, so that, whatever lies in the future ahead, we face it with him.

The Christian faith is as meaningful, vibrant and valid as it has ever been. In these strange, challenging and isolating times God in Christ is with you, let's not like the Athenians reduce God in Christ to our own limitations.

Even if 'Elvis is Alive' he will eventually and permanently 'Leave the building' unlike Christ who is alive 2000 years later and continually by our request inhabits our lives and 'WILL NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING!'

Stephen French *Rector of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe*



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Sarah—Nene Way 07840731451

Justine- Lichfield Close 07590723182

Jonathan—Church Lane 07410411696

The aim is to offer local community assistance to those self-isolating who have no access to alternative support

Some ideas of support could be:

- To hear a friendly voice
- Collect essential medication
- To pick up essential shopping (this will be left on your doorstep)

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email: admin@kislingburyanduptonbaptistchurch.org

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