

KISLINGBURY NEWS

June and July 2022



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Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in Kislingbury Village Hall at 7.30pm. All meetings begin with an opportunity for villagers to ask questions or raise matters of concern. The press and members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Village Diary

May

28th & 29th Jubilee at St Lukes's. Both days 10am - 4pm, see page 8

June

3rd Jubilee Jamboree, Playing Fields, 12noon - 6pm, see centre pages

5th Open Farm Day, Hall Farm, Camp Lane - 10am - 4pm

9th KOFs' Jubilee Street party, Village Hall, 1.30pm

21st Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

25th & 26th Open Gardens, 11am to 4pm, see page 12

26th 'Come and Say Hello' session with Parish Council, Cricket Club, 10.30am

28th Kislingbury Friendship Club, 2.30pm, Village Hall

29th Messy Vintage, St Luke's Church, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

July

13th Summer Messy Church, St Luke's Church, 3.30pm - 5pm

19th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

25th Bugbrooke & District Flower Club 7.30pm - Nether Heyford Village Hall

26th Kislingbury Friendship Club, 2.30pm, Village Hall

27th Messy Vintage, St Luke's Church, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

31st 'Come and Say Hello' session with Parish Council, Cricket Club, 10.30am

Regular Events

Play Group open during Term Time at Village Hall

Bugbrooke and District Flower Club. 4th Monday of the month,

7.30, Nether Heyford Village Hall

Bell Ringing Monday Nights 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Pilates - Tuesday, 2pm at Village Hall

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

Kraft Shack Group - Every Wednesday - 8pm

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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 2pm - 4pm

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

Kislingbury Parish Council May 2022

Usually these notes highlight some of the issues that the Parish Council is involved with and supplement the publicly available minutes that are available on line (on the new Parish Council website) and on notice boards around the village.

However, as our most recent meeting on 17th May 2022 included the Annual Parish Meeting, I thought that my Chairman's report should be used instead.

I hope you will agree with me that this report highlights the work that is done of behalf of the village by many committed individuals and organisations.

Chairman's Report for 2021/2022 Annual Parish Meeting

- With the exception of August 2021 (when no meeting took place), there have been monthly meetings of the Parish Council since the last Annual Parish Meeting on 18th May 2021.
- Since the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting, Mrs J. Tompkins resigned as a Parish Councillor. The Council has expressed its appreciation of her input.
- The Parish Council has welcomed two new councillors, Councillors Samantha Parkerson and Sheryl Goodman.
- At the Annual Parish Council Meeting that followed last year's Annual Parish Council Meeting, I was formally elected as Chairman and Councillor Janet Mallett was elected as Vice-Chairman.
- Tonight's Annual Parish Council Meeting will be the last to be attended by Councillor Sarah Parker. Councillor Parker has been an active and dedicated Parish Councillor for 9 years and she will be missed on the Parish Council.
- Councillor Parker's resignation means that there are currently 2 vacancies on the Parish Council.
- I would like to thank all Parish Councillors for their support and hard work during the last 12 months. I genuinely think that we have, as a Parish Council, become an excellent team.
- I would also like to thank our Parish Clerk, Ann Addison who has generously shared her extensive knowledge of the way Parish Councils work. This has been done even though Ann has been the Chairman of the new West Northamptonshire Council.
- Kislingbury Parish Councillors now have particular areas of responsibility. These are evident in the Parish Council Minutes and the Parish Council Directory which is in each edition of Kislingbury News.
- The Parish Clerk usually meets with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in advance of each Parish Council Meeting.
- In addition to expressing my appreciation of the work of Parish Councillors, I would like to add that there are many others who make significant contributions to the

life of the village. It would be invidious to name names but I would include here those who are involved with the Village Hall, the Playing Fields Association, the Village Facebook page, Kislingbury News, KOFS, Neighbourhood Watch, the VAS signs, the Friendship Group and St Luke's Church, as well as local charities. In addition I would like to thank those who take on responsibilities as Footpath Warden and Flood and Snow Warden. My apologies for any I may have omitted.

- In April 2022, a new Parish Council Website was launched.
- There have been regular reports about the Parish Council in the Kislingbury News.
- A regular monthly open session (on the last Sunday morning of each month) is held at the Cricket Club.

There have been many issues that have come via the Parish Office, and which have been discussed by the Parish Council including:

- Issues to do with the Spitfire Homes development, especially in relation to pedestrian access along Rothersthorpe Road.
- Repairing and restoring village drains to minimise the risk of flooding.
- Parking problems on greens and verges.
- The state of footpaths and roads.
- Trees that pose a danger.
- Village green and verge mowing.

These are not always easy to solve, especially when attempts to cajole either local residents, developers have no effect. The same is true when trying to get other bodies, such as the West Northants Council or the Environment Agency to respond to Parish Council requests for action.

However, there are two areas I would like to highlight to conclude. First, the marvellous response from the village to the proposal that 58 houses be built on land off Beech Lane and Camp Lane. The Parish Council held a meeting for local residents and put together a leaflet which was delivered to every home in the village explaining what to complain about. Following this nearly 90 objections have been lodged on the WNC Planning website.

Second, The Parish Council have had extensive discussions with the Primary School to agree how best to mark the Platinum Jubilee and encourage learning. All the children will be given a commemorative medallion and there will be a trophy awarded annually for the student who has made the best progress while at the school. In addition, every household in the village will receive a bag. The Council has also agreed to have a Platinum Planting Fund. The first project will be to clear and plant up the Old Pond area on the Bugbrooke Road. The council will consider other projects on a rolling basis.

Dr Jonathan Hughes
17/5/22

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We have however been blessed by the Archdeacon of Northampton, Rev Richard Ormston agreeing to take our Benefice Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 31st July at 10.30am here at Kislingbury.

Prayer and Pastoral Visiting

We are endeavouring to get back to some normality following Covid.

Our **Prayer Group** is still active so should you wish special prayers for someone in need then please contact Judith on 830421.

Also please contact us should you know of anyone who would benefit from an informal visit.

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Stephen French

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We will miss Stephen's ministry and his guidance a great deal. He would always give us a "loose rein" to try out new ventures but was there with advice and help if needed and we thank him. We all wish him a happy, healthy and productive retirement! Thank you Stephen.

Neil Tyler

It was with much sadness that we were informed that Neil, headmaster at the Primary School, was moving onwards and upwards to take up a new position at Brixworth.

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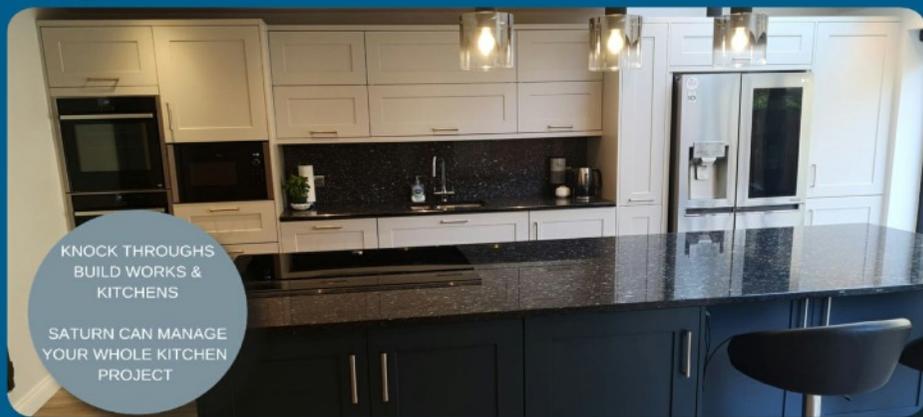


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Your village hall continues to be busy with regular bookings as well as being available for weddings, parties and fundraising events. However,

our finances are still suffering post-Covid, so much so that we had to bring our hire charges in line with other neighbouring halls by raising them by 5% last Autumn but still with a reduction for village organisations and village events.

With the rise in basic utility prices our running costs are being closely watched and some outstanding remedial work to the car-park and hall itself have had to be “put on the back burner” for the time being. We had a Fire Risk Assessment carried out last November which did raise several points and these are being addressed and rectified. Following consultation, it was also decided to have the two trees removed from the border area between the Hall and Twigden Road, in the vicinity of the Playgroup area, which were causing problems with light and damage to structures on that side.

Following the official retirement of Alan Cook as Village Hall Treasurer last year, he was given a well-earned thank-you Christmas gift of his favourite wines! We thank again John Saynor for taking over this task and going through a very traumatic time dealing with the banks, their inefficiency and foibles! He has the patience of a Saint and we are very grateful.

Please don't forget that the Village Hall is **your village hall** – we would love to hear from you and always try and give village bookings a priority. Chrissie Key is our caretaker and Bookings Clerk and is always very willing to give help and advice. She is now in need of some part-time help – details of which are given below.

KISLINGBURY VILLAGE HALL - part time assistant to the caretaker.

A new post is being created as part-time assistant to Chrissie Key, our caretaker and bookings' clerk, to help keep the hall clean and tidy between bookings.

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Tales from Kislingbury Archives

Programme of events for
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Kislingbury, 22nd June 1897.

Taken from the Village Scrapbook of 1953.

- 12 noon** General meeting at the top of the village:
singing of the National Anthem, with band
accompaniment.
Mr A. G. Billingham will start the singing.
- 12.10** Band Parade.
- 12.30** Sports in fields etc. Races etc.
For participants see Sports' Programme.
- 3 o'clock** Children's Tea preceded by Grace,
which will be started by Mrs Anderton.
- 4 o'clock** Meat Tea for all over 12 years of age, preceded
by Grace which will be started by Mr
Killingbeck.
- 5.15** Sports in the field etc.
- 6 till 8** Selections by the Band.
- 7 o'clock** Oranges and buns to be given to the children.
- 8 till 10** Band will play for dancing.
- 10 o'clock** Bonfire on the hill when everyone except the
Bonfire Committee is requested to remain on the
road.

To close by singing the National Anthem.

NB - Every person over 12 to bring a knife and fork.
Every person totally unable to be present to send a plate
to Mr Watts' barn at 4 o'clock.

Refreshments on the grounds.

Tea and Dancing under Crow Trees, weather permitting.

Every male over 16 years of age will be supplied with a
ticket, for which he may obtain threepenny worth at the
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12.00 - 2.00	Face Painting (Under 12 years, free of charge)
12.30 - 2.00	Live Music in the Marquee (The Woodberries)
2.00 - 2.30	Fancy Dress Parade in the Marquee
3.00	Toast to Her Majesty the Queen
3.15 - 5.00	Live Music in the Marquee
6.00	Official Close

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| ● Village Stocks | 12.00 - 5.30 | Mario's Ice Cream |
| ● The KOFs Challenge | 12.00 - 5.30 | Beer and Wine Bar |
| ● Bouncy Castle | 12.00 - 5.30 | Cricket Club Bar |
| ● Helter Skelter | 12.00 - 5.30 | NN Cocktails |
| ● Wellie Wanging | | |

Evelyn May Banner, nee Collins

If you have ever had the great pleasure of meeting Evelyn, you will know what I mean when I say that it is unbelievable that she will be 100 years old in June this year. Astute, funny, and as bright as a button, she was able to recall many memories of her years in Kislingbury, where she has lived for most of her life. Here are just a few of those memories which help conjure up images and experiences of her long and interesting life and of Kislingbury in times gone by.

How did you come to live in Kislingbury?

“I was born in the village, in a farmhouse near the Cromwell. We did not live there long, and we moved to a cottage in Factory Row, Mill Road and that is where I grew up with my sister and brother. We had cousins too who lived next door so there were lots of children to play with. My father was a shoe worker and he cycled to work. Not many people had transport then; I can remember one horse and cart in the village, and there was one bus to town. I am part of the Collins family who were mostly farmers and are a big family in this and nearby villages so there were lots of family members around.

They were happy days as a child in the village with no fear of anything. A policeman used to walk around the village keeping people safe. The village was lit by gas lamps and someone used to put them out at a certain time each day. I used to collect milk in an enamel jug everyday from Ward’s farm, before school. One day I swung the jug and spilt all the milk and had to go and get it filled up again. Wards were also a carrier and helped move things with their horse and cart.

When my Dad was made redundant from the shoe factory, he took over a newsagent business in the village. We ran the business from home, and I used to help sort the papers. We also used to sell menthol snuff for the shoe workers, as dust in the factories used to get up their noses and apparently the snuff helped clear it. My grandma also lived in the village and had a small shop first on the High Street and then in Twigden Road where they ran the shop from home. There were lots of shops in the village then; bakers, a bike mending shop, a co-op and a butcher.”

What was there to do in the village when you were growing up?

“A lot of time was spent helping my parents and family with their work; we used to help my parents with the papers. My grandfather worked on a farm and we used to help take the horses home at the end of the day. We also had time off school to help with the harvest and to take tea to the farm workers. We rarely went out of the village as we had to walk everywhere as we had no transport until we could afford a bike. I saved up what money I earned from helping, so I could buy a bike: my uncle helped me buy it in the end, when I was about 13.

We had a holiday every year in Great Yarmouth. We went by train from Northampton. The children all saved their money from jobs they had done, and spent this on holiday. Lots of families went to Great Yarmouth then.

My family had a lot to do with the Church. My grandma cleaned the church and a lot of my relatives were in the choir. I sang in the choir and sang a solo when I was about 12. I sang 'Jerusalem'. I used to go to Sunday school too.

We did not have a lot of free time, but there was a playground near the Mill and we used to paddle in the river. I also remember having a metal hoop to play with, which we whipped to make it roll along."

What was the village school like?

"It was a bit frightening going to school, at first. Mrs Tarry was the teacher then. She was a nice teacher except one day she threw my new pencil case out of the window; I am not sure why. As the headteacher got older he used to get more rattled sometimes, and one day I had to stand in front of the whole school. I am not sure why. There used to be a school May Queen and dancing around the maypole in the school playground. I used to take my brother to school every day as he was younger than me."

What happened when you left school?

"I stayed at the village school until I was 14. I then went to work in a dressmaking factory called The Brook; it was near Abington Park. I did not really like it, and it became more difficult when War was coming, as we had to make uniforms, and the material was very hard to work on. I wanted to help during the War, and was told that I could stay at the clothing factory or move to a munitions' factory. I decided to move to the munitions' factory at the Express Lift Tower site. I went on a bus and I worked from 7am to 7pm. It was hard work, but I liked it better than the clothing factory.



Evelyn is the second from the right

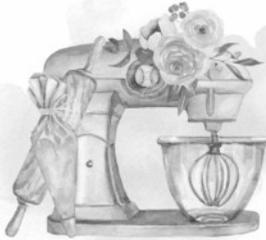
I remembered that we could see the lights and flames as Coventry was being bombed. We were a bit anxious, but we did not get hit.

When the War ended, they reduced women's work and I had to go back to the clothing factory, but I did not really want to. Looking back, I am not sure how much women's work during the war was recognised, but that was a long time ago now."

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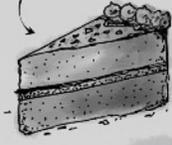
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How did you meet your husband?

"I met Jim after leaving school and before the War. He was away for 5 years in the RAF, based in Italy and Egypt, but I waited for him. While he was away we both saved up for our wedding and we got married in 1945 when he finally came home. I had a dress made for me by a friend who was a dressmaker and I had 2 little and 2 big bridesmaids. I got married in Kislingbury village church. Jim came from Nether Heyford but he moved to live with me in Kislingbury. We could not find a house at first but then we were given one of the houses in Twigden Road which were being built to house ex-servicemen; we lived next door to other servicemen. It was a good place to live. Jim was a baker and he worked for bakers in Northampton as well as in the village, but eventually he returned to work on his father's farm in Upper Heyford. We had our three children in Twigden Road, but then we moved back to live on the farm in Upper Heyford for several years. They were happy days for the family, but when the children had grown up, we eventually moved back to Kislingbury where we owned and ran the village shop, then worked at my son's shop in Harpole for a while before finally retiring. I am very glad I have lived, and still live, in the village. It is where my family came from, and where many family members still live. I was christened and married in the village church and I want to be buried here too."

What changes have you seen in the village?

"I suppose that when it was a smaller village, and everyone knew each other, neighbours would just pop in and chat more. I don't think that happens so much now. It's also noisier with the motorway and more cars and roads and the views are spoilt by the warehousing. Children have it more difficult as they don't have enough to do. Children used to have to work for their spending money and maybe had more respect because of that."

What do you like doing now?

"I have always been independent and like to do as much as I can for myself at home. I don't go out as much as I used to, but my daughter and sons take me out and about. I like going for picnics or to a café where it is nice to sit and enjoy the view. I like seeing the bluebells. I still go to Church when I can, and I like messy Church. I like reading and I have recently read books about Captain Tom and am now reading a book about the Queen. I see my 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild regularly and that keeps me busy."

What is the secret of your long and active life?

"I think you have to keep busy and keep interested in everything. I still watch the news on TV or listen to it on the radio."

Interviewer - Gill Blake

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ON THURSDAY 9th JUNE AT
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RECEPTION AT 1.30pm



An afternoon of fun and entertainment with all the members of the KOFS and their friends.

The KOFS meet at the Village Hall every Thursday at 10.30 am for coffee and a chat. We keep you up to date with all the village news.

We also organise regular events and activities.

If you would like to come along and join us, please contact a committee member to accompany you on your first visit to the KOFS.

KOFS Committee

John Dunkley 01327 342588	Shirley Faulkner 830104
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Kislingbury Art Group

JUNE & JULY



The ART GROUP have had a very successful year with the return of our past members after the long shutdown since 2020, and some new members joining our group.

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.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US

The next session commences on Thursday 8th September.

For further information contact: Judith 830421 or Mike 831747



Kislingbury Friendship Club (Previously Kislingbury Arts & Crafts Society)

We are heading towards the end of another year of Friendship Club meetings with our June and July meetings followed by a break in August.

On the **28th June at 2.30pm Margaret Burgon will be coming along to talk about her Life as a Vicar's Wife.** Margaret is married to George who was vicar at St. Mary's, Far Cotton before taking on the role at Holy Trinity, Rothwell. Margaret is very experienced in her role as a vicar's wife and has many tales to tell. She has been to us before and is an entertaining speaker.

On the 26th July at 2.30pm Graham Kinnersley – A Musical Tale. To end the year we are looking forward to Graham telling a story accompanied by songs that we will all be familiar with. It promises to be a pleasant ending to our year.

Everyone is welcome to any of our meetings.

The charge for non-members is £2. Just turn up on the day.

Doreen Hartwell.



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Kislingbury Amblers



We are a group of like minded individuals who meet usually on the first and third Wednesday of each month to have a walk of about 5 miles in the local area and then a pub lunch.

If you would like more information or to join the group

Please call John on 07977938311

ALL ARE WELCOME

1ST WALK APRIL

Just 5 Amblers met at The Obelisk in Obelisk Rise Kingsthorpe. This was a 5.5 mile walk we had intended to do a few weeks ago, but was aborted due to very heavy rain on the day. There was quite a large turnout on that occasion, but Covid and some other factors stepped in to reduce numbers this time. Undeterred, we set off for an interesting walk, featuring parts of Boughton and Pitsford villages, woodland, some lovely countryside, a few follies, a ford, gates made from farm utensils, and the ruins of the original Boughton Church, now reckoned to be the most haunted spot in Northamptonshire.

Rain was forecast, but the sun shines on the righteous, and it remained dry until 3 of us were seated in Olde Cobbler Public House enjoying a well earned lunch. It's interesting to note that the 100 ft high obelisk was built in 1764 in memory of one William Cavendish, the 4th Duke of Devonshire, who was educated at Boughton, and went on to become P.M. in 1756.... So ended a nice walk, which we may do again later in the year for the benefit of those who missed out this time....

2ND WALK APRIL

A depleted group of Amblers (due mainly to illness) walked from Harpole up the hill on Upper High Street to Nobottle Road. We crossed the road then followed the bridleway through several fields to Upper Harlestone. This route is very open "Big Sky Country" with some exceptional views of open countryside, it is also very peaceful with no artificial sounds, just the birds.

Entering Upper Harlestone we followed the road until we picked up the footpath to Nobottle. The second part of this path passes through woods which were carpeted with bluebells. On reaching Nobottle we crossed the road and picked up the bridleway towards Harpole. This route passes a large water tank, which supplies Harpole, it then descends through grassy meadows again giving extensive views over the Nene Valley. On arriving back at Harpole we drove to Kislingbury for lunch at The Olde Red Lion.

1ST WALK MAY

Our cheerful group of 12 assembled at the Narrow Boat pub and started our walk along the canal. We meandered past ducks with ducklings, then on to Watling Street, where a convoy of six civil engineering vans kindly waited for us all to cross.

Taking the Nene Way we came to the 13th century Flore Parish Church. The village had a connection to John Adams, the second president of the USA. Flore was recorded as Flora in the Domesday Book. It was also named after a Roman goddess, or a threshing floor at various times. In 1937 local landowner Mr Brodie Lodge used Flore on his headed notepaper and that decided matters!

We were soon crossing fields, avoiding cows, and rabbit holes catching unwary feet. We headed for Heyford Mill, then along the Midshire Way to Upper Heyford. A dogleg along a bridle way brought us to Nether Heyford, then back along the canal in time for a good lunch. Time 2 hours 30mins, 5.7miles.

2ND WALK MAY

9 walkers met at Deans Row, Gayton for a 5 mile figure of eight walk taking in the parishes of Gayton, Bugbrooke and Rothersthorpe.

Leaving Gayton via Park Lane the group walked out onto to the open top of Gayton hill with excellent views across the valley towards Bugbrooke and Heyford. Descending the hill through a field of oilseed rape, which despite the previous night's rainfall, was not too wet.

At the bottom of the hill we joined the road walking over the bridge spanning the railway and the canal. A short distance after the bridge we turned onto the footpath towards Bugbrooke and crossed several fields and came to some farm buildings known as Wards Lodge. From here we followed a hard track joining the Bugbrooke to Gayton Road, the point of our rest stop.

We then descended onto the canal towpath which we followed for approx. 1.25 miles passing under the bridge crossed earlier. We left the canal at Wrights Lane Bridge and followed the road over the railway taking the footpath across two fields (the second being a steep climb) back to Gayton. We looked back over excellent views of Rothersthorpe, Kislingbury and Northampton in the distance. Joining a track bordered by a huge active badger sett we walked back into Gayton again via Park Lane.

We returned to Kislingbury where 5 of our fellow walkers, who could not make the walk, joined us for lunch at The Olde Red Lion.

Towcester Area Door to Door community transport service



This service provides transport to medical appointments for the elderly and disabled in the South Northants area. The service is a lifeline for those struggling with mobility, helps them retain their independence, combats isolation and eases the stress of travel with a friendly and helpful face.

As we emerge from the pandemic, the healthcare sector is trying to catch up and demand is back to normal with appointments now being offered over extended hours and at weekends. Over the last couple of years, many of our older volunteers were shielding and some have not returned to volunteer driving. We urgently need more drivers in to meet demand and have sadly had to put membership on hold until more drivers are recruited.

We are hopeful that, with changes in working patterns, remote and flexible working, as well as a higher level of community spirit that the time is right to appeal for new, and possibly younger, volunteers to step forward to help their neighbours. Could you be a volunteer driver??

Volunteers use their own car, there should be no additional charge for charitable work on insurance and all mileage is reimbursed. A commitment to a minimum of half a day a week is normally required. Our volunteers benefit from seeing the positive impact they have by helping our members and gain a real sense of purpose and value.

If you would like to find out more about become a volunteer driver, please get in touch:

<https://www.towcesterareadoor2door.com/>

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ST LUKE'S CHURCH

St Luke's is about to enter a period of, what is called, Interregnum, where we will be without a resident incumbent or priest. We are fortunate that as a Benefice we will be able to cover most of our services without too much change, utilizing our existing Lay Readers, and local retired clergy. Past experience has shown that a variety of clergy can be quite uplifting and stimulating.

As we are without a churchwarden as well, this puts pressure on those who are left to look after not only the church's welfare and those who are attached to it, but also to look after the Fabric of the church so hopefully it may stand for another 600 years!

In the near future, the church drainage system is to be investigated and upgraded. This work is long overdue having caused increasing problems over the last few years.

We have a small but active Parochial Church Council of Judith Tonge, Shirley Faulkner, Sandra Blair, Sarah Parker and Jenny Tompkins so if you have any concerns or queries please do contact us and we will try and help to the best of our ability.

We don't know how long it will be before a new rector is appointed but we hope to make this Interregnum as productive, stimulating and blessed as we can for all.

Loving God, as we journey together through this period of Interregnum, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us. At this time of uncertainty and change we ask that you send us your Holy Spirit, to fill us with your vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer.

Family Fun Day!

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You may, or may not, have heard, but I'm about to hang up the Dog-Collar officially on June 30th 2022 after what will be thirty five years and three days!

Sincerely, it's been a privilege to have been the Rector of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe but pastures new are calling.

The official documents I was invited to sign stated, 'I hereby resign irrevocably!' A fabulous statement including a word only the Church of England could dig out of the depths of a thesaurus, leaving me absolutely no wriggle room!

The word 'irrevocably' set my mind thinking and took me back to over thirty years ago when serving in a Parish in Stoke-on-Trent. As two people exited the church after a service I'd just taken, I overheard the comment, "I enjoyed that service but the Vicar overdid the God bit!" I gently tapped the person on the shoulder apologising for butting in, responding to the comment by saying, "I'm not here to sell double glazing!"

To talk, share, explain, inform, challenge and live my commitment to God in Christ has been my life for more years than I've been wearing the Dog-Collar. This passion, as you can guess, is not universally appreciated. However, if you are to remember me please remember me through the God I've served - not too well at times - but nevertheless served!

I stand at the threshold of my eighth decade and still not selling double glazing. However, I am definitely and 'irrevocably' still passionate to share the unreserved, unconditional love of God shown to each and every one by the love of Jesus poured out on the cross.

Not wanting to be melodramatic, but hey ho, this is my last contribution! Twenty three years ago as I stood at the death-bed of my wife with my daughters sitting either side of their Mum my younger daughter shouted, "God, how much more crap can we take?" Any other time I would have washed her mouth out with soap and water, but she spoke for the three of us. As the minutes ebbed away so did the tears, then, as I looked with pride at my two daughters I

said in an uncharacteristic deep moment, “What me and your Mum believed and gave our lives for, means that she is now in the very presence of God Himself. If that is not the case then we’ve wasted our lives, and I don’t believe we’ve done that”.

‘Irrevocably’ I still stand by those words, and want irrevocably everyone to know the continuing, consistent and unswerving love of God shown in Christ whom I will still serve to the best of my ability, until as in the words of The Salvation Army, I am ‘promoted to Glory’.

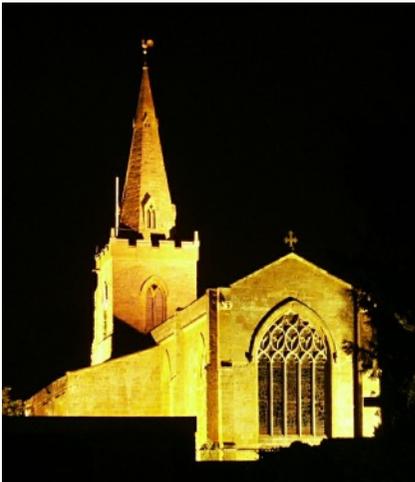
I humbly sign off from my role as your Rector. I’ve had a blast.
Thank you all, so much!

Grace and Peace

Stephen R. J. French

Soon to be the ex-Rector of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe.

LIGHT UP ST LUKE’S



The draws for April and May have taken place, April, number 89 belonging to Doreen Hartwell was picked by Mike Topliss and May number 47 belonging to Sue Taylor was picked by Reg Lodge.

Congratulations to Doreen and Sue and many thanks to Mike and Reg.

If anyone would like to pick the monthly lucky numbers please call me.

Stay safe, keep well

Deni Topliss Mob 07754471120

HERE TO HELP in 2022

Your community charity, Kislingbury Town and Charity Estates, exists to provide financial or other assistance to elderly village residents in need, or to promote participation in sports and recreation, for the benefit of villagers.

How has the charity helped Kislingbury and its residents?

Here are some recent examples:

- ✓ Contribution towards a stair lift and tracking device for elderly resident
- ✓ Funding of a road improvement in the playing fields
- ✓ Funding of additional medical aid for an elderly resident
- ✓ Funding pledge toward the children's play area replacement
- ✓ Support for elderly resident to cover exceptional medical expenses

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

Please contact our Clerk Jim Wood on (01327) 872670 for a confidential discussion – the Trustees can meet at short notice to consider applications.

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE

During the Interregnum when we are without a priest, our services will remain at 11.00am.

These will alternate between Morning Worship and Holy Communion as usual but will depend on the availability of retired clergy to preside. All alterations will be published as soon as possible.

Our services in June however have been arranged as follows:

Sunday 5th June	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 12th June	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th June	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 26th June	11.00am	Holy Communion

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26th June - Quiz Night - starts 7.15pm

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