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Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in Kislingbury Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Press and Members of the Public are welcome to attend.

Minutes can be seen on Parish Notice Boards, in the Church Porch and on the Parish Council website:

www.kislingburyparishcouncil.org.uk/wp

Welcome to the March edition of the Kislingbury News

The deadline for any items for the April issue is 20th March 2014. Where possible contributions should be sent in electronic format by email to:

kislingburynews@hotmail.co.uk

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

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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.

View Kislingbury News On-Line

Kislingbury News, and all back issues going back to 2010, can now be viewed on-line. Simply go to:

www.kislingburyonline.co.uk

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



Kislingbury Parish Council Report - Meeting 18th February 2014

Welcome to February's report. A full record of this meeting will be available on the parish website www.kislingburyparishcouncil.org.uk/wp before the next meeting on Tuesday March 18th at 7.30pm. Parishioners are all welcome to come along and discuss any matters that are concerning you. This is done at the beginning of our meeting and you are then able to leave the meeting or you can stay until the end of which is 9.30pm.

It was reported that it is quite difficult to get out of Hodges Lane when turning right. We are going to ask if we are able to have a double mirror erected so this problem can be alleviated and be safer for all concerned.

Councillor Joan Kirkbride told us that the Flore bypass is well on its way and that the planners have allowed for a spur to be added for Heygates Mill to build a road to the mill. This would alleviate a lot of HGV traffic through our village, so we can all hope that the Mill does indeed build a road.

Our village shop is on the market, Nalesh and his team have asked the Council if we as a village could buy it. If anybody in our village feels they would like to take on the shop, which is very important to this village please get in contact with Nalesh who will be more than happy to discuss the details.

The Grit bin situation is not at all good in this village, we only have three. We are going to try and get some more.

A welcome booklet for new residents was in circulation a few years ago. The booklet is in need of a complete overhaul, and updates also. This is in hand and once completed all new residents will receive one. If you have a new neighbour it would be great if you could let one of the council members know who and where they are in order to receive one so a list can be produced.

Alison Ward, Chairman

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Cycling Club

Beer Garden

Saints Supporters Club

Our opening hours are:

Monday to Friday

12 noon to 2pm and 5pm to 11pm

Saturday 12 noon to 11pm

Sunday 11am to 10.30pm

Restaurant opening hours are (booking advised):

New Chef and an exciting new menu

Wednesday to Friday 12 noon to 2pm

Tuesday to Saturday 6pm to 9pm

Saturday & Sunday 12 noon to 3pm

**Coffee Mornings every Wednesday from 10.30am
Tea, Coffee, Home Made Cakes and a Book Swap**

St Patrick's Day 17th March - Guinness £3.00 a pint

Sunday 30th March Mother's Day bookings now being taken

New web site now operational - keep an eye on this as current special offers will be posted on here and also our newsletter detailing events and functions.

www.thesuninnkislingbury.co.uk

Telephone 833571 email - thesuninnkislingbury@yahoo.co.uk



Neighbourhood Plan

**We have written a Vision for
Kislingbury in 20 Years time.
Do you like it?**



Maintain and Enhance the Look and Character of the Village - We wish to influence the design of new houses so that they fit into the character of the Village which has developed over centuries, with the oldest houses being built of golden ironstone. We shall seek to increase the Conservation area over the years to include streets that mature into the character of the Village. We shall pursue policies which keep Kislingbury as a separate community from the growth of Greater Northampton by maintaining the Village confines as they are today.

Housing - Our aim is to maintain the diversity of the Village population by ensuring that new housing is provided for young people, lower income families, and older people. We will restrict new housing to within the Village Confines by encouraging smaller scale developments on infill sites. We shall ensure that the character of small scale building is sympathetic to local tradition in terms of material and scale. We shall encourage all new building, and improvement in older buildings, in terms of quality and efficiency in the use of services of gas, water, and electricity.

Economic Development - The constraints of the Village Location – M1, River Nene Flood Plain, proximity to Northampton commercial facilities, and the Village layout – mean that the possibility of developing commercial and employment opportunities is very limited. We shall, with our sister rural communities, push to have the Broadband Service upgraded to fibre optic so as to encourage Village Residents to develop online Commercial activities. The existing Village services (which include Pubs, Shops, School) will be encouraged to develop their activities, and to offer employment to Village Residents of all ages.

Natural Assets, Open Space and Countryside - We wish to conserve and enhance the rural character of the village, and to preserve the open fields surrounding the Village. We shall protect the Village Greens as open spaces within the Village confines, as they provide vital community benefits. We shall ensure that all the Footpaths in the Parish are well maintained and clearly marked. Kislingbury has a rich heritage of Sports Clubs and the Playing Fields are a Community Asset which will be protected and enhanced.

On March 1st we shall have a progress report/feed-back meeting in the Village Hall from 4.00 to 6.00 pm. We shall display the Vision for Kislingbury based on your Questionnaire responses, and the Objectives we have for achieving the Vision. WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK ON THESE SO WE KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.

At the end of the process, when there is a Referendum to gain your support for the Plan, the Question that will be asked is "Do you want SNC to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Kislingbury to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area". This will help us to Protect the Village if you support the plan.

If you want to help us to achieve this please come to the Meeting on March 1st.

This Meeting is very important and will be the first step in shaping the Village that you want in the future.

KISLINGBURY VILLAGE FAYRE

JUNE 21st-22nd 2014

THE THEME THIS YEAR IS:

BRITISH SUMMERTIME

Saturday 11am – 5pm

Art and Craft Stalls, Plant stalls, Musical
Entertainment, Bees, Owls, Reptiles, Games,
Food and Drink

Sunday 10.30am Duck Race plus Breakfast BBQ
Dog Show, Classic Cars, Fair rides

A most enjoyable weekend of fun and
entertainment once again

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

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

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Yours sincerely
Jonathan Barker



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Kislingbury Arts & Crafts Society

By the time you read this Fred Collins will have regaled us with stories of his younger years. Our March meeting will be on **Tuesday 25th March at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall when **Derek Blunt will talk about Landmarks**. Derek is very knowledgeable about the history of Northamptonshire with particular emphasis on buildings and has written a book about churches in the county. Everyone is welcome to come along – just pay £2 entry fee which will include a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

In April we are fortunate to have booked Nick Perry to talk about Harps. He is a very talented Harpist and instrument maker and is well-known in the county musical circles. The date for your diary is Tuesday 29th April at 7.30pm.

Doreen Hartwell

OLIVIA vs KILIMANJARO

Nearly 20,000ft with temperatures as low as -20, it's the worlds tallest free standing mountain...

She is only 6ft and 19, but she is determined to reach the peak.

She saved for a horse all her life but has decided to put the horse on hold to SELF FUND a trip to conquer Africa's tallest mountain for...

Genetic Disorders UK

For more details on my upcoming adventure and to sponsor me online visit:
uk.virginmoneygiving.com/oliviasmith2

To check out my Facebook page for more information on my fundraising events this year visit:

www.facebook.com/oliviaskilimanjarofundraisingpage

If you would like to make a donation in person, please feel free to contact me on: 01604 832243

Let the challenge begin.

Light Up St. Lukes



The draws for January and February took place at a Fund Raising Committee meeting recently and the winners were:
January Winner - Debbie Malcolm and her ticket was drawn by Lisa Dickson
February Winning Ticket held by Jenny Woodward was drawn by Judith Tonge
Many thanks to all for renewing their subscription for the coming year and to the willing helpers who collected the money.

Leslie Hartwell

Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter - Kislingbury News March 2014

Let us hope that the Biblical scale of the rain falling on the UK eases soon. I have not noticed anyone in the Village building an Ark, but at times it has seemed like we would need one. I know that we have not had as much rain as has fallen in the South West but I am sure that we are all thankful that the Village now has a Flood Defence as it seems likely that we would not get the funding today if we still needed it. For those that are interested in knowing what the River is doing I found an interesting site at:

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/riverlevels/120735.aspx?stationId=6120
This tells you the level of the River at Kislingbury each day.

I suspect the bad weather has worked in our favour by keeping Criminals off the Streets as I have very little to report of Crimes this month. So I can only reiterate the advice given many times about being vigilant about protecting your homes, and about reporting strangers and door step sellers who are in the Village.

- Close all Curtains at night
- Make sure all Windows and outside Doors are locked
- It is a good idea to Lock inside doors as well so an Intruder does not have free movement around the house
- Do not leave valuables or keys visible
- Do think about installing Motion Sensitive Lights around your house
- Do think about installing an Alarm
- Do ask for identification if you open the door to a caller, but if you are not sure Do Not Open the Door.
- Report all Doorstep sellers to the Police on 101

I asked Jen Harrison, our PCSO, if she had any new update on the state of the investigation of the spate of crimes that took place at the end of November last Year. This is the reply that I received " A 26-year-old man from Nottingham has been arrested in connection with the recent spate of burglaries and attempted burglaries in the village of Kislingbury. The man was taken into custody at the Criminal Justice Centre in Northampton but has been released on police bail pending further enquiries." I hope that we shall soon hear that he has been Convicted and sent to Jail.

If you have ordered from me and paid for a SmartWater Kit, but have not yet picked it up, please contact me as I have the Kits. **For those that have already used SmartWater and would like to purchase a new kit, SmartWater have a new scheme for NHW Members. Go to <http://affinity.smartwater.tv/> and use code scheme25 and you will then be able to purchase a new kit for £25.**

Crime news - I have no Crime news to report.

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

VILLAGE EMAIL DATABASE - The number of houses signed up to our Database is now 242 at the time of writing this report. Those on the database will be able to receive urgent NHW messages direct, and important Village information. If you are not on the database we cannot contact you. Visit the Village Website, click on the Email Database link, and subscribe. It is very easy! Go to **www.kislingburyonline.co.uk**

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

Police : 999 for an emergency or to Report a Crime that is happening. Non Emergency Calls to the Police use 101, or text to **18001 101**. The dedicated Neighbourhood Watch Number is 01604 432 436. CrimeStoppers (Anonymous) 0800 555 111.

Tim Ward Tel: 07855 388 751 and Email timwarduk@aol.com

Ready, Steady, Grow!!

It's March and things should start to warm up, dry up and set the growing season off to a flying start. In the flower garden it's a good time to lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials and plant summer-flowering bulbs, snowdrops in 'the green' and lift and divide any existing clumps to encourage spread.

To encourage the growth of brightly coloured dogwood and Salix stems for next year, they should be cut back hard this month. You can also prune early flowering Clematis, once their flowers have finished, and summer flowering varieties before they send up new shoots.

It's a good time to have a general tidy up, clearing old dead leaves and any plants that may have died over the winter. Prune roses to maintain shape and encourage new strong growth. They would also benefit from some general purpose or specialist rose feed being applied and raked in.

In the Veg garden you may well have already started off a few seeds indoors - Cabbages, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts etc and broad beans. Even if you sowed Broad Bean seeds at the end of last year it's worth growing a few indoors now to plug any gaps. They will be ready to go out later when the soil warms up and there's no risk of frost. You can help the soil to warm up by covering it with black plastic or cloches, after you've removed any weeds.

Asparagus crowns can be planted this month and you might just be able to squeeze some Garlic in ready for harvesting later in the year. You may even be able to get some first early potatoes in the ground if it's not still too wet or frozen! And make sure you finish winter pruning any fruit bushes - Blackcurrants, gooseberries and Autumn Raspberries.

What ever you have to do, just enjoy being able to get outside and hopefully feel the sun on your back!



The advertisement for Chamomile Baby features a central logo with the text "Chamomile Baby" in a cursive font, accompanied by a small owl icon. Below the logo, the text "Beautiful Personalised Embroidered Babywear" is displayed in a serif font. The ad showcases four items: a baby in a striped outfit, a pair of blue train-themed shoes, a pink mouse-shaped teacup with the name "Bella" embroidered on it, and a white onesie with a floral design. At the bottom, it states "Created locally" and provides the website "www.ChamomileBaby.com" and email "hello@chamomilebaby.com", along with a QR code.

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Baby

Beautiful Personalised
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Children's Page

23rd March is World Meteorological Day. This means all things to do with the Weather. The British people like nothing better than to talk about the weather so on this day why not make an extra effort to see exactly what the weather is doing, raining, sunshine, windy, frosty, snowing. Record your findings by way of a picture. Visit this website www.wmo.int/worldmetday to find out more, there is a special page just for you with lots of experiments to do for instance a tornado in a jar, cloud formation and all with things you can find in your home.



Q: What's a tornado's favourite game?

A: Twister!

Q: What bow can't be tied?

A: A rainbow!

Q: What did the cloud say to the lightning bolt?

A: You're shocking!

Kislingbury Village Hall

It has come to the notice of the Management Committee that some owners are "walking" their dogs around the Village Hall Car Park and, even worse, not clearing up dog faeces. Please note that with the exception of Guide Dogs the Village Hall and its surrounding grounds are OUT OF BOUNDS to dogs.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE

CHURCH CLEANING – our next church cleaning morning is on Saturday 29th March commencing at 9.30am (we will be doing some light work in the churchyard, weather permitting). Coffee/tea at half-time.

THE PERIOD OF LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH – for Christians it is a time for self-examination, penitence, and self-denial in preparation for Easter.

On Ash Wednesday at 10.30am there is the Imposition of Ashes when we have an opportunity to be marked by a cross in Ashes, a sign of penitence. There will be another service at 7.30pm that day for Reflections and Worship at the start of Lent.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE CHURCH – WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH AT 7.30PM

You are invited to attend our AGM to hear about the work of our church over the last year and our plans and hopes for the future.



MOTHERING SUNDAY 30TH MARCH AT 11.15AM

A special service to say THANK YOU to our mothers and all those who care for us, and to give thanks for our Mother Church.

This will be a family friendly service with children's activities and interaction, followed by refreshments.

FOR YOUR DIARIES –

These are just some of the events planned in the coming months - watch the press for further details!

Maundy Thursday 17th April - Passover Supper – this supper consists of 7 courses, each one signifying the journey of the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt to their deliverance by God in Israel.

Good Friday 18th April – a chance for you to bring flowers to church and light a candle in remembrance of someone special.

Easter Saturday 19th April - our very popular **children's Easter Egg Hunt** for the under 11s.

Friday 9th May - Pudding Party!

Special High Teas in July and August!

Saturday/Sunday 6th-7th September - Flower Festival to commemorate the 100th anniversary of The Great War



Calling all you youngsters (and oldies) out there! Do you fancy having a go at bellringing?. It keeps you fit and it's a lot of fun. If you are interested, contact Sandra Blair on 845299 or come down to church on a Monday evening at 7.30pm to meet the bellringing "gang" and get all the inside info!

Poet's Corner

With the international highlight of the "over the sticks" racing season to be celebrated this month, I'd like to share something prompted by my love for the area of my youth and my visit to "The Festival" in 2010.

"THE FESTIVAL"

Next a Cotswold town, there is to be found,
The nirvana of National Hunt Racing.
In the lee of Cleeve Hill, so green and so still,
Prestbury Park lies ready and waiting.

Cause t'is March again and we are nearing the end
Of the National Hunt racing season,
And expectations run high, as the hours tick by
To the start of "The Festival" meeting.

Not a spare room in town, or for miles around,
Nor a table free, to dine at short notice,
But if you're up for a spree, there is one place to be,
And that's Cheltenham for "The Festival" races.

Oh what an excellent time t'is to be had,
Hurdling and chasing and cross-country, by gad,
Experience the craic at the track of tracks,
When you visit the "The Festival" meeting.

Champagne, Guinness and fine wines do flow,
As well groomed punters develop a glow,
And watch the young "fillies" put on a fine show,
When they parade at "The Festival" meeting.

And b'jesus, half of Ireland t'will be there,
From Wexford, Dublin and County Kildaire,
Moriarties, Murphies and Costellos galore,
They're all over for "The Festival" races.

Fathers Brennan, O'Roake and many a cleric hawk,
They'll be there to invest their parishioner's offerings,
But when answering to Rome, if broke again,
They'll be blaming "The Festival" fences.

Here Anglo-Irish rivalry reaches it's zenith,
And every pundit puts forth his two-pennith,
But with a "raider" or two, oh what can you do,
To find a winner at "The Festival" races.

Well enough of such things - I've set the scene,
T'is time to get down to the real business.
With only hours to go, before the millions flow,
The bookies are readying their pitches and cases.

For here the punters come, with deep pockets lined,
With 1000's of Euros and old fashioned pounds,
With eyes on the form and ears close to the ground,
My god I hope they know what they are doing?

At 13.30 sharp, on the Tuesday it starts,
The crowd full of excitement and elation.
As the starter's tape breaks, horses and jockeys
awake,
Lord, the thunder of hooves is amazing.

Up the Cheltenham straight, like many a great before,
Past the stands they thunder, as the crowd look on in
awe.

T'is a brave man that'll wager, whether pace is too
fast, or slow,
As out into the country they gallop, with another two
miles to go.

Then comes the test of tests, the proverbial Prestbury
Park hill,
Like Millhouse, Arkle and Dessie, the time has come to
fulfill!

Jockeys work in their stirrups, owners are breathless at
the thrill,
Cos t'is only the first to the line, that'll take away the
spoils.

As they approach the most famous finishing post in
racing,
The crowd are in a frenzy, it's neck and neck all the
way.

Oh no, it's a photo finish. Who'll get the nod on the
day.

The tannoy brings whoops and hisses as hats are
tossed to the sky.

What a start to "The Festival" meeting, with 26 races
on the card!

Will the punter's hearts stand such devilish pressure,
Until Kuato Star and Denman, battle it out on the Fri-
day.

Who will outrun who, up the Cheltenham hill?

What a week for surprises, the bookies couldn't believe
it, trust me.

Three favourites in twenty six races, they confirmed
readily with glee.

And with the Irish seven against a home nineteen, oh
dear me!

How will fathers Brennan and O'Roake cope, with the
Holy See?

Tuesday by gad, Binocular takes the Champion Hurdle
in great style.

Whilst day two, Geraghty and Big Zeb return a St Pat-
rick's Day smile.

Thursday Ruby and Big Bucks take the honours, but
Gold Cup Day?

Imperial Favourite and Baby Run, a Twiston-Davies
double, steals the day.

How quick it is all over, the punditing and the wagering
all done,

With many a bookie and punter, a fortune lost and
won.

But The Twenty Ten Festival Craic, yes, you'll sure re-
member that,

If you made it to the "The Festival" meeting.

FrancWrites March 2014

**IS THERE NOBODY OUT THERE WITH A
POEM OR TWO THEY ARE PREPARED TO
SHARE?**



A new summer season of a sport the whole family can play!

At Kislingbury Bowls Club

Free Coaching!

Our members come from all walks of life, ages and ability. If you have never played before, taster sessions can be arranged for you to “have a go” under the tuition of one of our qualified coaches and if you think you would like to take up the game then your membership could be approved in time for you to enjoy this season.

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Fitsteps Venue – Bugbrooke Sports & Community Centre

FitSteps Class is held every Tue 7.00pm - 7.30pm Followed by a Zumba class 7.30pm - 8.00pm.... 1 hour of pure fun! Please visit my website to view videos of some of the classes I teach!

Also Don't Miss My New Pilates Class At Kislisbury Village Hall Every Monday Evening 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Pilates Classes are also held at

Upper Harlestone Village Inst Wed 6.30pm-7.30pm

Bugbrooke Community & Sports Centre 9.30am-10.30am

Please call to book your place as classes will be extremely popular

Tel:07931560734 email: cherylgorman123@msn.com

www.cherylgormanpilatesandfitness.co.uk

Tales from Kislingbury Archives
KISLINGBURY UNDER WARTIME CONDITIONS 1914 -18

Continued

Mrs Russell the Rector's wife had a boat out on the river for the use of invalided soldiers and organised concerts in aid of the Belgian refugees. The Snow Queen was one concert in which many of the village children, particularly the little ones, took part. After being performed in the village it was afterwards given in Northampton Town Hall for 3 nights, the children travelling there in Enoch Ward's van. A May Day festival was organised by Mrs Russell in 1915. It was held in the Rectory Gardens and raised £3. 6. 4. in aid of the Red Cross.

In the Autumn of 1917 a blackberrying campaign was organised by the school. An extra holiday was granted and several school excursions during lesson time brought the total of blackberries collected for the wounded soldiers to 176 lbs. In the same year a War Saving Association was also started at school.

The children seem to have taken advantage of the absence of the men during the War. Absenteeism at school became worse and there were reports of children "tired and listless, playing till 9.30 or 10 in the street," and of mothers whose husbands were absent at the War appearing to have little control over their children.

Some mothers with sons away at the War could neither read nor write and would bring their letters to neighbours to read aloud for them and write down their replies.

To be continued taken from The Kislingbury Scrapbook compiled in 1953

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

Kislingbury Margaret Welsh Charity - Volunteer Required

The current clerk to the Kislingbury Margaret Welsh Charity is moving away from the village and a volunteer is required to take on this role. The amount of work involved is quite small and will only involve a few hours each year. The charity provides grants to young people who are leaving school and going onto higher education or entering training/apprenticeship.

To find out more or volunteer, please contact Alan Roberts (the current clerk) at 1A Church Lane Tel. 832595. Alternatively contact one of the trustees - Reverend Stephen French Tel. 831621 or Mrs Miriam Harris Tel. 831835.

Kislingbury Conservative Branch

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Kislingbury Village Hall on **Wednesday 5th March 2014 at 7.30pm**. All villagers are invited to attend but only fully paid-up members may vote.

Leslie Hartwell (830343)



Kislingbury over Fifties

The KOFs organised a raffle in February, to raise sponsorship funds for a Kislingbury young lady Olivia Smith's plan, to climb Mount Kilimanjaro later this year, to raise funds for JEANS FOR GENES charity, which aims to change the world for children with genetic disorders. £100 was donated to Olivia.

A number of events arranged for this year have been confirmed:

March CHINESE LUNCH

April 3rd - KOFs GRAND NATIONAL DRAW

April/May - COLLEGE LUNCH

May - PLAYING FIELD SPONSORED WALK/RUN for opening of the Running/Jogging Track

June - KOFs Garage Sale in conjunction with Village Fayre

July 17th - SUMMER BARBECUE

September 19th-22nd - WARNERS WEEKEND HOLIDAY BREAK

October 30th - KOFs 10th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

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Kislingbury Amblers - February Walks

The Swan Hotel at Lamport was the starting point for our walkers. Travelling towards Brixworth, we soon crossed the A508 and took the footpath towards Scaldwell. Several fields later, we arrived at the village of Scaldwell through which we passed until reaching the Grange. Turning right and following the footpath signs, the group walked through two stable yards and continued by the waymarker signs where a newly planted copse of oak trees came into view. Here we took a break before moving on, crossing the A508 once again and headed towards the hamlet of Hanging Houghton. Passing through the village and down the lane to Brampton Valley Way, the party took the direction indicated by the finger post which led us back to the Swan Hotel and lunch. In view of the weather we have experienced over the past weeks, the group was fortunate to miss the storm by minutes after arriving at the Hotel.

You will not be surprised to learn that due to waterlogged fields, our second walk for February took to the country lanes. Starting from the Queen Victoria Inn at Gayton, we headed towards Dalscote and upon arriving at the village, we turned towards Eastcote. Here we took our break before continuing our walk. We back-tracked until we got to the sign for Tiffield, our next destination. Climbing the hill leading out of the village which ran alongside the Pocket Park, we crossed the bridge over the Pocket Park and followed the road to return to our starting point. It was then on to the Olde Red Lion at Kislingbury for our lunch. The walk, on this occasion, was 5.9 miles and we were, once again, very lucky that we had dry weather for the whole morning.

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MARCH NEWS

WOODLAND PARK

A donation of £380 has been made by the Kislingbury HIGHWAYS CHARITY committee to the KPFA, which will be used to purchase and install a second heavyweight picnic table in a designated area within the Woodland park.

We apologise to those using the Woodland park for the flooded area at the Camp lane entrance, owing to poor drainage and blocked ditches.

The KPFA have applied for a S106 Persimmon grant of £3000 from the Parish Council in order to improve the drainage in the Camp Lane entrance thus providing access to the park in the Winter months for the benefit of the local community. Work will commence as soon as the application is approved.

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Following a recent RoSPA inspection, the KPFA have at the recommendation of RoSPA had work carried out for the repair of the cycle track, the climbing frame cradle and the "wobbly" wooden framework at a cost of over £3000. The costs of this work will be partially paid for from a S106 Persimmon Grant that has been made by the Parish Council to the KPFA.

DOGS ON LEADS WHILST AT THE PLAYING FIELD

Despite our requests we still have a number of dog owners allowing their dogs to run free in the Playing Field resulting in DOG POO on the pitches etc.

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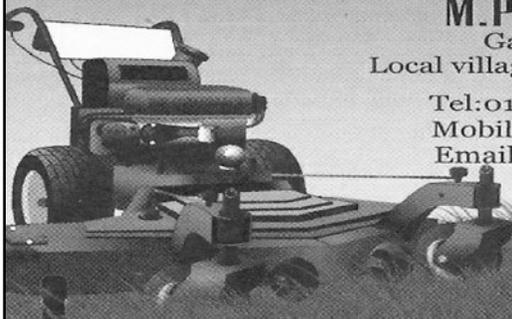
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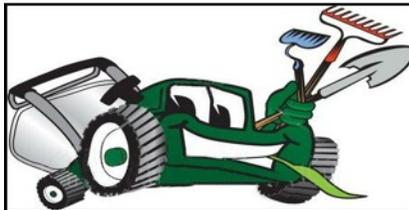
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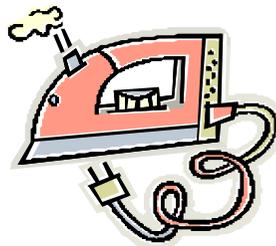
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Sunday 16th March	11.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd March	8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	11.15am	Morning Praise
Sunday 30th March	11.15am	A Special Service for Mothering Sunday

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