

# **KISLINGBURY NEWS**

## **March 2018**



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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:

# March edition of the Kislingbury News

Welcome to the March edition of the Kislingbury News.

The deadline for the April issue is March 23rd, 2018. If you have any suitable photos of the village for our front cover they would be very much appreciated.

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.

## Village Diary - March

- 7th Kisle Amblers meet at Olde Red Lion at 9.15am
- 11th Mothering Sunday
- 14th Easter Messy Church, 3.30pm
- 14th Annual Parish Church Meeting, 7.30pm
- 17th Kislingbury Conservative Association Annual Dinner Dance, 7pm, Village Hall
- 20th Parish Council Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall, 7.15pm
- 21st Kisle Amblers meet at Olde Red Lion at 9.15am
- 24th Church Cleaning - 9.30 - 10am start
- 24th Village Litter Picking, Sun Inn, 10am**
- 24th Quiz Night - Kislingbury Bowls Club, 7.30pm
- 27th Story Time for Toddlers - Church, 3pm
- 27th Kislingbury Friendship Club - Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28th Messy "Vintage" Church - 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 31st Eggscitements, Easter Egg decorating, Church, 10am

## April

- 4th Kisle Amblers meet at Olde Red Lion at 9.15am
- 18th Kisle Amblers meet at Olde Red Lion at 9.15am
- 29th Car Treasure Hunt, Kislingbury Bowls Club

## Regular Events

- Cycle Club - Meets at Sun Inn every Saturday at 9.30am
- Kisle Runners - Meets at Playing Fields every Sunday at 8.50am
- Sequence Dance – Contact Dave or Rita 01604 830982
- Bell Ringing Monday Nights 7.30pm – 8.30pm
- Karate - Wednesday & Thursday 6.00pm. Sunday 10.00 am
- See Eddie Sanders at the Village Hall for more details
- Play Group open during Term Time at Village Hall
- KOFs - Every Thursday 10.30am at the Village Hall
- Kislingbury Parish Council meets 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall
- Art Group - Thursday afternoons at the Village Hall 2.15-4.15pm
- Beginners Line Dance Classes - Thursday 1pm - 3pm
- Open Circle Development Group - 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 8pm
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# Kislingbury Parish Council Meeting

Meeting **20th February 2018**

- The Parish Council still currently have two vacancies. If you would like to join us as a Parish Councillor, please contact any member for more information. Meetings are held each month (except August) and start at 7.30 pm and generally finish at 9.30 pm.
- Allotment rent requests are to be distributed in March.
- NCC have inspected the Twigden Road and Church Lane potholes and reported no safety defects found. However, the Parish Council agreed to contact two maintenance companies for quotes to repair the pathways.
- The new bus shelter is to be erected on the site opposite the Red Lion Pub as residents have no objections. Meanwhile, the roof of the bus shelter on the Bugbrooke Road needs to be re-felted.

**Please note that the next Village Litter Picking morning is to be held on Saturday 24th March. We will be meeting at 10.00 am outside the Sun Inn pub and 'reviving refreshments' will be provided afterwards.**

**NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES:** There will be two Parish Council meetings next month on the **20th March 2018**: The Annual Parish Meeting will start at **7.15pm** and will be immediately followed by the March Parish Council Meeting.

**Kay Longland, Vice Chairman**

**It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council** that someone has written the following message on the footpath at the top of Nene Way / Dukes Green Road: 'Gone to Specsavers' Further white lines have circled some of the potholes on the footpath. This graffiti has been done with spray paint and therefore will need professional help to remove it at a considerable cost to the Parish Council & therefore the residents of Kislingbury.

The Parish Council would like to make it quite clear that it is the County Council (NCC) who is responsible for repairing the roads & footpaths, **NOT** the Parish Council. However, the County Council has had a 114 notice issued which means that it cannot spend any money on new jobs due to its financial position. Therefore, footpaths will not be repaired & the appalling graffiti on the footpath will not be removed by NCC. Unfortunately, the job of removing this unsightly mess now falls to the Parish Council, unless anyone knows who actually sprayed the graffiti on the footpath in the first place. If you do, please let me know.

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**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who came to our St Valentine's Teas on Sunday, 11th February. Despite awful weather, we had a wonderful turnout and raised just over £100 for the Fabric Fund. Thank you all.

**Our next CLEANING/GARDENING MORNING** is on Saturday 24th March (brought forward by a week) 9.30 - 10am start - refreshments.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March.** A warm welcome awaits at our special All Age Worship Service at 11.15am when we will be giving thanks for our mothers and all those who care for us, as well as the Mother Church.

**EASTER AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES** - as we look towards Easter and the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, during Holy Week we walk with Him as he enters Jerusalem, sits with his disciples at the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, is betrayed, convicted and crucified. Our additional services during this time are given at the back of the Kislingbury News.

**ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING - Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm.** At this meeting we discuss the past year and look forward to 2018/2019. Church Officers and the Parochial Church Council are elected and everyone is invited to come along to air their views and other ideas as we seek to spread the gospel in the community.

**EASTER MESSY CHURCH will be on WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH at 3.30pm**  
Crafts and activities to remind us of the events through Lent to Easter Day and the Resurrection. Lots to do and lots to make. For all the family, with refreshments.

**ST LUKE'S STORY TIME FOR TODDLERS - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00pm**  
A story, songs and play followed by refreshments. Just for half an hour, so come and join us.

**MESSY "VINTAGE" - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 2.30pm - 4.30pm**  
A friendly afternoon of quizzes and puzzles and other crafts/activities with afternoon tea.

**EASTER SATURDAY 31st MARCH - EASTER "EGGSCITEMENTS!" 10am - 12 noon.**



Come and try your hand at egg decorating! Last year we had some wonderful, quirky and funny decorated eggs, so come and have fun and let your imaginations run riot! For all the family.

**STOP PRESS!** For your diaries - **Monday 7th May - TRADITIONAL FAMILY FETE AT ST LUKE'S.** More details nearer the time.

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Our visitor for the March meeting is a lady who went to the Falklands as a Health Visitor. It will be intriguing to hear how she came to do that job and what life was like for her.

**The date is: Tuesday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  
Denise Kemp talking about her experiences as Health Visitor in the Falkland Islands.**

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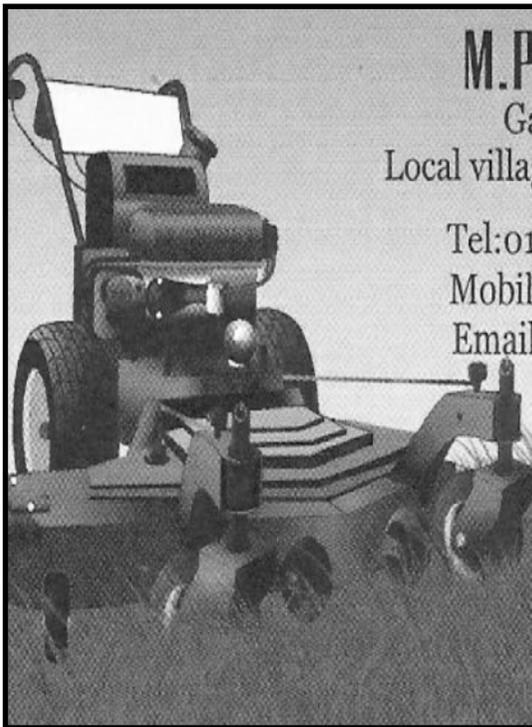
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# Kislingbury Art Group

## March News



On MONDAY 19th MARCH from 1.30 - 2.30pm the ART GROUP will be meeting the first year children from Kislingbury Primary School at the Village Hall, as part of their introduction to village organisations. As in previous years, the children will take part in an art exercise set up for them, with the assistance of art group members.

Currently we have a full membership, with a waiting list for those interested in 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 2.15pm and 4.15pm.

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**"Kisle Runners"** ...like us on Face Book



Check the FB page mid-week for the following week's routes and news.



*NB: Please wear appropriate clothing!*

If you've never ran with us before, why not give it a go?

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# Kislingbury over Fifties



## March News

On **MONDAY 19th MARCH** between **1.30 and 2pm** the **KOFS**, in conjunction with the **Kislingbury Art Group**, will be meeting the first year children from **Kislingbury Primary School** at the **VILLAGE HALL** as part of the school's introduction for the children to the village organisations.

The **KOFS** are organising a weekend holiday break at **Holmes Lacy Hotel** near Herefordshire. The break from **Friday 31st Aug until 3rd Sept** includes coach to and from Kislingbury and a coach tour on Saturday 1st Sept. The package also includes bed , breakfast and evening meal. If you would like to join the **KOFS** on this weekend break please contact Mike Jackson 831747 for further details



## Wed May 23rd KOFS all day Canal and River cruise

During May / June following the success of last year the **KOFS** will be organising another visit to the **National Memorial Arboretum**. It will provide the opportunity for members to visit the on site exhibition and to journey through the history of Remembrance.

**Sun June 17th KOFS GARAGE SALE** As in previous years this will provide the opportunity for members and friends to bring along items for sale and to receive some cash for their sales whilst at the same time raising funds for the **KOFS** and a contribution to the Village Summer Fayre funds.

**The KOFS meet at the Village Hall every Thursday at 10.30 am  
for a coffee and a chat.**

**For further information contact a committee member.**

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## Villager Profile

### Neville Cooke

Even the most recent residents to Kislingbury will likely have come across or heard of Neville Cooke. Neville over the years has become greatly involved in all of the village clubs such as bowls, cricket, football and the allotments. Neville has lived in the village for nearly 80 years and acquired many humorous and interesting memories of the residents. So the opportunity to produce this profile was a privilege to listen, and take note, of Neville's varied experiences and selfless attitude to life.

#### What brought you to Kislingbury?

The start of the Second World War made it necessary to leave London and so we were evacuated from the Willesden area in October 1940. When I say we, I mean my mother and older sister. I was 4 years old. My early memories of the village school and growing up with my sister Margaret were exciting, especially living in a strong farming community - so very different to London. We were initially 'billeted' in a house on the Bugbrooke Road.



#### Tell us about your early memories?

I have many happy school memories, and some not so happy as the school punishment register bears evidence. But, it is not with a sense of pride, but more youthful exuberance, that led to my (and other co-conspirators) names to be included in 'the book'. Changing the time on the school clock was a favourite trick to gain an early finish!! I remember one other time, after the village wheat threshing, we collected a number of field mice and put them under the school bell and waited for the reaction when the unsuspecting female monitor rang the bell!!! I'm sure the teachers all knew who was behind this - not me Miss!! The school kept an allotment in those days where we learned to grow and sell the vegetables at the school gate. This gave me the interest to have my own allotment, which I did by the age of 11.

I distinctly remember the almost everyday occurrence of POWs brought to the village to build and repair facilities including the road now known as Miller's Close. I also remember that Nora Collins used to deliver milk around the village on her bike in all weather! The milk in those days was straight from the cow, with no treatment; the dairy was located opposite Ken Tonge's house in Church Lane. We had three bakehouses in the village including 'Marstons' and 'Reids', - where we could buy stale cake for three old pence a bag!

#### What did you do for entertainment?

In those days, we had to make our own entertainment. Dancing was popular so we would organise dances around the area including the local villages such as Harpole, Bugbrooke and Pattishall.

I met my wife Gill at a dance in Pattishall. Gill was aged 17. We were married in Kislingbury church in 1963 and moved to Kislingbury in 1966. We've now been married 55 years and lived in the same house over 50 years.

I've always been interested in sport and in my younger days I had great pleasure taking part in bicycle speedway, riding for the 'Milton Stars' on the Greyhound track. I played football for the village team. These were the days of determined, but friendly rivalry between neighbouring village football teams. I was a referee for 35 years, retiring at 65.

### **Tell us about your later life?**

We lived for a short time in the cottages behind the village shop, near the long gone 'Barley Mow' public house. As was common then, I left school at 15 and became an apprentice in the much needed building trade. Unfortunately, I had to postpone my apprenticeship due to being conscripted to serve two year national service in the army which was based at Aldershot and Blandford in Dorset. I was later posted to Germany for the final six months and reached the rank of corporal. I'm sure there were many good army stories during that time.

My sister, Margaret left the U.K. in 1959 and went to live in the United States. We've visited her a number of times. Margaret's not too keen on flying. I worked for the Co-op in the building trade and later had a little spell at Sales. However, I decided one day that selling was not for me and I returned to the building trade, working for myself – my best decision, apart from marrying Gill. I've become a keen member of the bowling club for nearly 30 years.

### **Villagers may not be aware of your charity work, but would you like to tell us about it?**

As Gill knows, it's not something that I talk about a lot, mainly because my contribution to raise money for various charities has always been part of a group or sometimes a team. I suppose it all started when I ran for the 'Phoenix' Athletics Club and began running sponsored marathons, including a special one in Amsterdam. My 28 years as a member of the 'Northampton 80 Lions' has brought many rewards especially our contribution helping with the supply of clothing and the preparation of meals at the 'Hope Centre' for the homeless. There are painful memories of very slow and uncomfortable two week journeys on a tractor and trailer between Land's End and John O' Groats to raise money in aid of 'Dogs for the Disabled'. We repeated the fund raiser sometime later between Pattishall and the IOM. Probably my favourite memory over the past 27 years or so is being disguised as Father Christmas for the school party, but don't tell the children!

### **What changes would you make to improve the village?**

Both Gill and I feel very fortunate to be part of Kislingbury, which over the years has developed a strong base of sporting activities, churches, social clubs and pastimes not to mention the popular 'watering holes'. In particular, we think more people should take advantage of the social clubs which are very welcoming.

Interviewer: Rod Hudson

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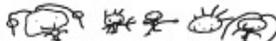
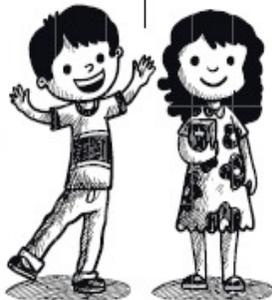
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## Kislingbury Amblers

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the Olde Red Lion if you wish to join us

### February Walks

What would you call a group of 15 walkers who turn out on a winter's day in sub-zero temperature together with a noticeable wind chill factor for a 2.5 hours walk in the rolling Northamptonshire countryside? Answer: Determined.

**The first walk** started from Gayton with Mick drawing our attention to a likely muddy time requiring wellington boots. After making all necessary preparations, we started out by crossing a hilly, grassed field and entered the hamlet of Dalscote via Anna's Lane. Leaving Dalscote behind, crossing a field we entered Eastcote and crossed the main street. We took our break in the High Street in Astcote, fortunately, the wind had dropped. We followed the High Street and entered Hodge Close to find a carefully concealed footpath located between two houses which led to a field system. The route across the fields gave us impressive views towards Northampton. We eventually reach the Eastcote Road taking us back Gayton. We took our lunch at a village pub. The walk was 5.5 miles and took around 2 hours.

**15 Amblers** turned out in tolerable weather conditions for our start from the historic Admiral Nelson pub situated adjacent to the Oxford/Grand Union canal at Braunston. Mick had advised beforehand that the route was likely to be muddy. He was not to be proved wrong!

After crossing the bridge, we followed the canal passing the marina, canal side tea shops and crossing the busy A45 via the underpass. We soon came across the remains of 'Wolfhampcote' medieval village, possibly deserted due to the plague in the 14th century. A number of other village remains can be seen including the well preserved church of St Peter's with original pews, ancient bells and many inscribed tombstones and where the group took the opportunity look around. Worth a visit for those interested. Nearby is the disused route of the London and North Western railway.

The route around this area is undulating with some hills being described as 'challenging'. All agreed that if there was one word to describe the walk it was 'mud' – and lots of it. Nevertheless, our band kept at it and we took our break at 'Berry Fields' near the little known river Leam which originates in the hills near Hellidon and carries onto Leamington Spa and beyond. The route back took us around the perimeter of field systems eventually joining the 'Jurassic 'Way'', then into Braunston Covert. After negotiating the busy A45 we reached our start point. The walk route was approx. 5.5 miles taking around 2.5 hours. We took our lunch at the Admiral Nelson.

Rod Hudson.

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## Kislingbury Bowls Club

You would think that the busiest time at a bowling club is over the summer, and I suppose you're right. We play something like 80 games across the course of the summer, and there's a lot to be done to make sure things run smoothly. It doesn't just stop during the off season though!

The committee continue to have their monthly meetings, making sure everything is in place for the end of April when the green opens, including updating our fixtures and fittings and thinking about other things that need doing.

Probably the busiest person in our off season is Greenkeeper, Roly Smith. He's (rightly) incredibly proud of our green. You might remember that we have an A\* rated green which makes it one of the best in the county. I spoke to Roly about all the work he and his helpers put in over the winter. He tells me that his biggest problem is disease, and when you're looking after such a big area it can strike at any time. Rabbits are also a worry!

You'll find him at the club most days - and believe it or not the green still has to be mown from time to time in the winter. Then there's the scarifying and the problem of trying to finally iron out the remains of the ancient ridge and furrow system that was in place many, many years ago when the green was farmland!

We're hoping to welcome more people through our gates this year. We'd love you to pop in to say hello and have a look at our fantastic facilities. Did you know you can hire our clubhouse? We have a five star rated kitchen and bar available too. If you'd like to enquire about holding a function then please give our treasurer Michael Sheehan a call on 01604 859814

We're just starting to get our social media up and running as well - you can find us on Facebook by searching for Kislingbury Bowls Club, and if you're on twitter we're @kislebowls. Please bear with us though, we're a bit new to the social media world!

A reminder of some dates for your diary:

On **Saturday March 24th** we're having a **quiz night**. £5 per person to enter. There'll be nibbles on the table and prizes to be won! Put your thinking caps on and enjoy a fun night out! Please aim to be with us by about 7.15pm

If you fancy something a bit different then you're most welcome to come and try our **car treasure hunt** on **Sunday 29th April** from 2pm. Places are strictly limited on this one though, we've only got space for 12 cars, so please give Michael a call on 01604 859814 to book your place. It'll cost you £5 per person once again, and we're providing a jacket potato supper when everyone returns.

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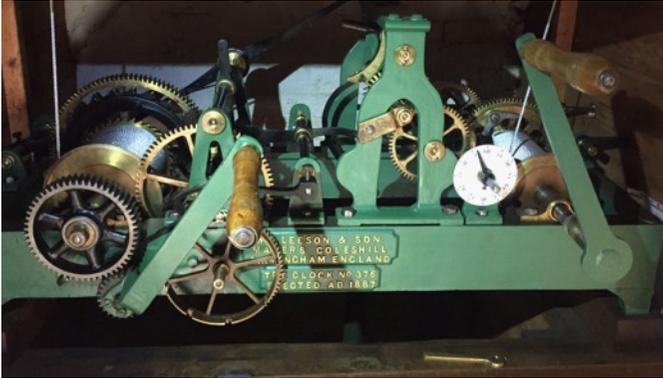
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## SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH CLOCK



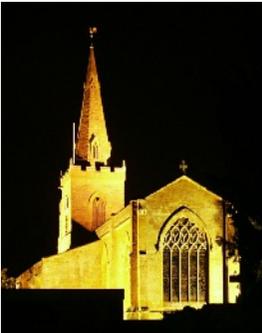
Most of us see it, we all hear it and many use it for the time but few of us have seen the mechanism in the above photo which is located 20 feet up inside the tower. The mechanism was manufactured by W. Leeson & Son clockmakers in 1887 (another tribute to Victorian Engineering).

The clock is mechanically operated by 2 very large weights fixed to cables which have to be wound up the tower 3 times each week (See the 2 handles on the picture normally only fitted for winding). The mechanism is linked to the hands on the external dial which you see via a series of rods and gears. The hammer which strikes the tenor bell is operated by cables and pulleys.

The job of winding is shared by 2 volunteers working on alternate weeks. When winding the time often needs some adjustment as the clock tends to lose a little especially in the winter.

In 2016 the mechanism was removed for a major overall which cost in excess of £8,000 so it should be good for many years to come.

J. Faulkner



### **Light Up St. Luke's**

Thank you for renewing your subscriptions and a big thank you to the helpers who visited and collected the money. We have caught up now and the two draws were done at the Valentine's Tea in the Church on Sunday 11th.

January: Winner - Steve Aket. Ticket drawn by Vera Curtis

February: Winner – Julia Ward. Ticket drawn by Deni Topliss  
Congratulations and thanks to all.

Leslie Hartwell

## 'JAZZ IN JUNE'

Kislingbury Village Hall, Saturday, June 9th, 2108 starting at 6.30pm, with the Fenny Stompers Jazz Band and a full buffet meal, £25pp. BAR!! BIG RAFFLE!! All profits raised will go to the EAB, our chosen cause just launched, and we are one of the founder fund-raisers!

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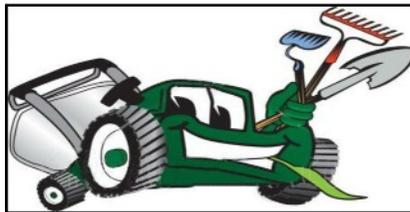
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I am still looking for street representatives in the following areas despite targeting those areas with letters when I first took over.

Ashby Court

Bugbrooke Road (this can be several people along the stretch of road due to its size)

Willow View

School Lane

If anyone would like to be a street representative please call me, it does not take too much time up despite what people think. Once you receive a copy of an alert from me, you can pass this on to your street by whichever method you wish, although passing it on via the network would be the quickest, and that is all that is required. At the moment because I keep the area I report to you all as just local to our village, the work for a street representative is minimal.

I have been advised that a few people in the village do not know who their Street Representative is, I have a list of all current Street Representatives but it is too vast to print in the magazine. If anyone is unsure and would like to know please contact me.

Please keep safe and watch out for those most vulnerable, remember the Neighbourhood Watch Motto

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## Who Do You Say That I Am?

Have you noticed how our conversations are peppered with jargon, acronyms, shortcuts and 'in' phrases?

I'm not adverse to acronyms and shortcuts as they help conversations to develop and progress, especially when people of similar disciplines are communicating. For example, for most people P.T.O. is in common usage for 'Please Turn Over' while for clergy who need an active Bishop's licence to operate as a Priest in the Church of England P.T.O. is a shortcut for Permission to Officiate!

However, I do start to get a little irritated with 'in-speak', when for example people ask if you have a window in your diary! No, I do not have 'windows' in my diary, I have dates and times on a page that are either available or not! Another example is 'Can we touch base?' No, we can meet up and catch up, but the last time I looked I did not play either baseball or rounders. I expect you can easily add many more trite clichés to the list!

Nevertheless, one phrase I do like and one which says a great deal in a short space of time, is 'No one's talking about the elephant in the room!' A wonderful shortcut to bring attention to the single major topic or issue that everyone is trying very hard not to mention.

As these words appear on my computer screen it is February 14th, Valentine's Day, and also Ash Wednesday, a double whammy, (another cliché, sorry!) where thoughts are turned towards both expressions of love and what we should be giving up for Lent!

So what is the 'elephant in the room?' The 'elephant' is Jesus! The total expression of God's love revealed to humanity, streaming through history and at the same time one of the most, if not the most contentious person that has ever lived!

As part of what I do and what I am, it may come as no surprise to say I have a great many conversations about God and how God is either a source of good or why he allows so much evil in the world to continue! However, when I mention Jesus, the conversation either dissipates rapidly or becomes very uncomfortable!

In Matthew Chapter 16 Jesus asks Peter 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' quickly followed by 'But what about you, who do you say I am?' A question still relevant today and one which can more often than not become 'the elephant in the room'. It is also a question that has been shown to cost more than 30,000 people worldwide their lives every year, for refusing to deny that Jesus is the Son of God.

As we progress towards Easter 2018, I want to ask you to consider the question Jesus asked Peter 'Who do you say I am?' Yes, Jesus was a good teacher, a good moral example and the first hippie with his message of universal love! But these answers merely scratch the surface.

As we journey towards Easter - the 'Conference Season' of the Christian Church - I offer this full quote from author and academic C.S. Lewis, perhaps best known as the creator of the fantasy series The Chronicles of Narnia and often described as a Christian apologist:-

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Jesus; 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God'. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

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