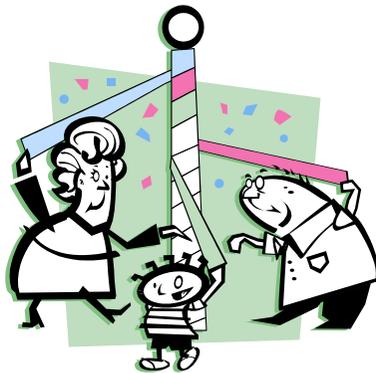


# KISLINGBURY NEWS



**MAY 2014**

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

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

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

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

The deadline for any items for the June issue is 22nd May 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.

### **Village Diary**

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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](http://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 on 15th April 2014**

The Parish Council meeting this month was preceded by the Annual Parish meeting. A report of the previous year was read out by the Chairman and then the Parish Council meeting immediately followed.

We would like to encourage more Parishioners to attend our monthly meetings. You do not have to stay to the whole of the meeting and you can bring anything to the table however small or large an issue.

A question arose with regard to where we could have the grass clippings 'dumped' within the village. They cannot be left where they have been and we need a new place. If you know of anywhere where we can do this please let us know as soon as possible. Our lighting issues were raised especially the lamp in Hall Close that had 'fallen over' recently. This is going to be replaced as soon as possible and hopefully all the lights that have been reported as out or flickering will be sorted soon too.

VAS signs are getting ever nearer, a meeting is going to be arranged in order to see where they can be placed.

We would like to ask for volunteers to come along and help clear, prune and tidy the Spinney (just inside Riverside Court) plus a village litter pick. This will be taking place on Saturday June 7th. Refreshments will be available. Please let us know if you can come along or just turn up on the day with your gardening tools. Pickers and refuse bags will be provided.

Our next meeting is on May 20th 2014. As usual all previous minutes and an agenda can be found on our website: [www.kislingburyparishcouncil.org.uk/wp](http://www.kislingburyparishcouncil.org.uk/wp)

**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):**

Wednesday to Friday 12 noon to 2pm

Tuesday to Saturday 6pm to 9pm

Saturday & Sunday 12 noon to 3pm

**New Summer Menu**

**Tuesday night - Pasta Night**

**Wednesday night - Steak Night**

**Coffee Morning first Wednesday in every month 10.30am, tea, coffee, homemade cakes etc.**

**Saturday morning bike ride 10am. All abilities welcome.**

**Live music bank holiday weekend**

**See [www.thesuninnkislingbury.co.uk](http://www.thesuninnkislingbury.co.uk) for latest events, promotions and offers**

**Telephone 833571 email - [thesuninnkislingbury@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thesuninnkislingbury@yahoo.co.uk)**

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT

### **“Climate change is the single greatest threat to human development” – UN report on human development 2010.**

Climate change is being tackled globally in a number of ways, and one of the most important contributions to controlling climate change is to reduce our emissions of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

The area of land being considered for a renewable energy development is between Kislingbury and Bugbrooke. We have looked at wind turbines and solar at various different scales and considering the natural constraints of the area we have two outline proposals to show the community.

I would very much like to invite people to comment on our proposals and hopefully we can work together to find the most appropriate scheme.

The event will be held on the **20<sup>th</sup> May from 3pm until 6:30pm** at the following address:

The Village Hall  
Ashby Court  
Bugbrooke Road  
Kislingbury  
NN7 4JE

If anyone would like to request information prior to the meeting then we have set up an email address for the project: [bugbrooke@mi-grid.co.uk](mailto:bugbrooke@mi-grid.co.uk)

#### **Potential Schemes include:**

**Small Wind Farm:** 3 x 100m wind turbines would have a combined output of 6MW. This would produce enough energy in one year to power approximately 1500 households.

**Single medium scale wind turbine:** A single 900kW wind turbine of 77m would be less visual impact on the landscape character than a wind farm and this would produce enough energy for approximately 400 households.

**Single small scale wind turbine:** A single 225kW wind turbine of 45m would have a low visual impact, however the reduced generation on this site would not make it viable. If it was viable it would only produce enough energy for approximately 76 households.

A decision on what development to pursue will be taken after the result of a screening opinion from the local authority and upon consideration of the responses received from the community. We will also consider available grid capacity, grid connection cost and other constraints which may influence the scale of the proposal.



## Neighbourhood Plan



The Village Web Site pages for the Neighbourhood Plan have been updated and if you visit the site at:

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

you will be able to see:

- The Maps that were on display in the Village Hall
- The Minutes of all the Steering Group meetings
- Important Supporting documents
- Results of the Questionnaire which was the starting point for the Plan
- Other Documents which we hope will interest you.

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

### Sustainability Assessment and Character Assessment

These were mentioned in the next steps of last months Newsletter. But what are they?

The Sustainability Assessment makes sure that what we propose in our Plan by way of housing development and other development fits with the criteria that have been embedded in the South Northants Council Local Plan, which itself has to conform to the criteria in the Plan prepared by the Joint Core Planning Unit for West Northamptonshire. We have an obligation to ensure that our Village Plan fits in with these overall objectives. To do this we shall map our proposals against the criteria that have been identified in those plans, modified where necessary to be relevant to Kislingbury. We shall report on the progress of this assessment in future newsletters.

The Character Assessment is less formal. This seeks to identify the essential Character of Kislingbury as a Village, and to identify those aspects which we think should be reinforced because they add to the character, and also to identify those that detract from the Village which we shall seek to minimise and avoid in any future development. So basically it is the pluses which we want more of, and the minuses which we want to avoid in the future.

### **Next Steps:**

- The meeting with KOFS has been set for May 1st and we hope that it will be a big turnout.
- The date for our next meeting with South Northants Council to find out what the current thinking is for Kislingbury in their draft Local Plan has been set for April 23rd.
- Continue with the Sustainability Assessment
- Continue with the Character Assessment

We received several offers to help the Steering Group from visitors to the Meeting. However, we can always do with more help. Please contact Roger Minchin at [rogerandavril@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerandavril@btinternet.com) if you would like to Volunteer.

# KISLINGBURY VILLAGE FAYRE



JUNE 21st-22nd 2014  
THE THEME THIS YEAR IS:  
**BRITISH SUMMERTIME**



Saturday 11am – 5pm

FUN RUN, lots of stalls, Musical Entertainment, Food  
Sunday 10.30am - 4.30pm

Duck Race, Tug of War, Dog Show, Classic Cars,  
Musical Entertainment, Soccer Skills

*Flowerpot displays throughout the village*

As always we would like volunteers to help with various duties  
plus we would like to ask for prizes for the Tombola Stall

[www.kislingburyfayre.co.uk](http://www.kislingburyfayre.co.uk)

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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## Kislingbury Arts & Crafts Society

We had a very interesting evening in March when Derek Blunt came to talk about Landmarks. He specialises in Northamptonshire Churches and has written a book containing a reference to every church in the county. At the end of the evening our knowledge about these buildings was severely put to the test when he set us a quiz and it is enough to say we need to do better!

**On Tuesday 27th May Shirley Allen is coming along. Her talk is entitled Mind your Language.** She comes to us highly recommended so we anticipate another entertaining evening. As usual we meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and visitors are very welcome to join us.

**Advance Notice:** On 24th June at 7.30pm the evening will be devoted to a talk about the Hope Centre.

**Doreen Hartwell**

## Bugbrooke Art Group

This year's annual Art Exhibition will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 10-11th May, at the Community Centre, Camp Hill, Bugbrooke. The exhibition will be open from 11 am to 5 pm on both days. Most of the pictures will be for sale and there will also be a good selection of original hand painted greetings cards for sale. Homemade cakes, tea and coffee will also be available at very reasonable prices.

To add interest we'll be having a little competition again. The winner will receive a bottle of wine. This year we will be showing a number of paintings of local churches and pubs and the object will be to identify as many as you can.

We are expecting it will be a very enjoyable weekend, so please drop in.



## Light Up St. Lukes

The lucky winner in the April draw was Bernard Gent who has to thank Louise Stenhouse for pulling his number out of the hat!

**Leslie Hartwell**

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

We were warned during the month about Scammers busy in the area ringing people threatening to cut off their phone. They say they are calling from BT. The calls are made repeatedly aiming to force the recipient to call their bank to check that the direct debit has been paid. The call is intercepted by the scammers who then obtain the bank details. Also the Police warn against scam e-mails that are being received, purporting to be from banks. They generally state that a problem has arisen on your account and require confirmation of your details in order to avoid having your on-line banking facility suspended. Where these appear to come from a bank you do not deal with they are easy to spot, but if it appears to come from a bank you do deal with perhaps you might be tempted. The Police have reports of Santander, RBS and Lloyds TSB being bank names used by the scammers. Banks will never ask for details of your accounts and the e-mails should be ignored. Should you wish to obtain confirmation, print the message and consult your local branch. Please do not get caught by this scam. Following on from warnings given last month the Police are currently experiencing raised levels of theft of tools from trucks and vans. These vehicles are being targeted because they are builders and trades people vehicles often containing tools which are easy to sell on.

**Please keep your vehicle locked and your keys with you, do not leave tools unattended in your vehicle and especially overnight.** If you have expensive tools, please make sure they are taken out of the van overnight to avoid the expense of buying new tools which are not likely to be covered by insurance. If you notice anything suspicious or if someone tries to sell you tools then please call the Police on 101. Remember to note descriptions of those involved and registration numbers.

### **Tips to avoid rogue builders**

- Be wary of cheap estimates or quotes and make sure you obtain several quotes in writing;
- A reputable builder will never ask for payment up front;
- Ask family/friends for recommendations or use one of our Buy with Confidence approved traders – See Trading Standards Recommendations online
- If the builder is available to start immediately this can be a sign that they have moved from another area, which rogue builders often do;
- Check any claims made suggesting they are associated with larger companies or approved codes schemes
- Do not buy such services on the doorstep – always avoid cold callers.

**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.**

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](http://www.kislingburyonline.co.uk)**

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

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

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

## Margaret Welsh Charity

The Margaret Welsh Charity provides grants to young people who have left school and are entering higher education or are taking a recognized apprenticeship.

Applicants must be residents of Kislingbury, under 25 years of age and have not previously received a grant from the Charity.

Grant cheques will be issued to successful applicants in October.

Proof of attendance on the course or apprenticeship is required and should be provided with the application letter.

Applications, giving details of the course or apprenticeship, should be made by the applicant in writing before 30th September to: Shirley Faulkner at 5 Church Lane, Kislingbury, NN7 4AD.

Note: applications will not be accepted from parents or other third parties.



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 typewriter-style font. The ad includes four images: a baby in a striped hat and outfit, a pair of blue train-themed shoes, a pink mouse sitting in a teal teacup with the name "Bella" embroidered below it, and a white onesie with a colorful floral design. At the bottom, it states "Created locally" and provides the website "www.ChamomileBaby.com" and email "hello@chamomilebaby.com". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

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## Children's Page

May 4th is Bird Day

As we move into May the bird's are getting more and more vocal, they are finding partners, nest sites and more importantly food. Try standing in your garden, close your eyes and listen to all the birds singing and calling to each other. See if you can recognise the ones landing in your garden. Below are instructions to make a bird feeder but also remember to leave a dish with water out too.

### **Bird Feeder You need**

Plastic drinks bottles, (make sure they're clean), wire or string, bird seed, scissors.

### **Steps**

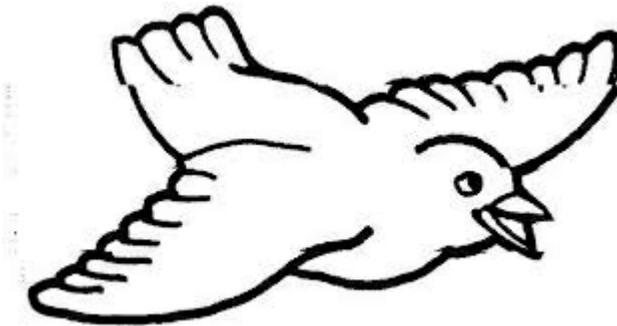
Cut a hole in the side large enough to allow a free flow of seeds, but in such a way that it won't all fall out on the ground in the slightest puff of wind, and won't get wet if it rains.

Make a few small holes in the bottom of your feeder to allow any rainwater to drain away.

Hang it with wire, or even strong string from a tree or your washing line.

If your feeder starts to wear out or the food in it goes mouldy, recycle it and make another one!

Remember to keep your feeders well stocked, especially in winter.  
Birds come to rely on them and will go hungry if you forget.



Q: Why Do Hummingbirds Hum?

A: Because they forgot the words.

Q: What kind of bird can carry the most weight?

A: A Crane.

Q: What do you give a sick bird?

A: Tweetment.

Q: What key never turns a lock?

A: A Turkey

## Kislingbury Amblers - April Walks

Creton being our starting point for our first walk in April, the Amblers set off along Teeton Lane near to the Village Hall. Crossing the main road and heading down an alley way at the side of the church, we reached the High Street and turned right, descending a steep hill. At the crossroads we took the direction towards Cottesbrook. Shortly, the way marker signs led us along the MacMillan Way and after a short distance, followed the route which took us towards poplar trees and the Brixworth Road. Turning left, our Group followed the route to Cottesbrook, where we passed the church and the Grange, crossed several fields and walked under a row of sycamore trees to reach the road that enabled us to return to Creton. Despite being hampered by the local Bridge Club who were reluctant to let us leave the parking area, we eventually departed Creton and took our lunch at Brampton Holt.

On Wednesday 16th April eleven of the Kisle amblers started their walk at Flore Church on a beautiful sunny morning. We passed through the churchyard across a ploughed field, crossing the river and then the A5 heading towards the canal. Turning left and walking along the canal passing under the A5, leaving the canal at the next road bridge. We crossed various fields heading towards Nether Heyford which we skirted before following the Nene Way back towards Flore, passing the renovated old mill on the way. Returning to The Sun for a meal, very enjoyable morning had by all.

**Mick Abbott**

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## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE

**We offer our love and best wishes to Isadora Lily Joan Brown and her family** following her baptism in church on Sunday 27th April.

**Your support is invited for our Spectacular Pudding Party in Church on Friday 9th May. In aid of the Church Fabric fund.**

Tickets are £10 and obtainable from Prim Sanders (830326), Lou Wilson (831786) or Anne Upton (833422).

**Our next two CLEANING MORNINGS** – will be on **SATURDAYS 3rd and 31st May at 10am.**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Easter celebrations and events in church.

**ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 29th May**

Ascension Day celebrates Jesus's ascension to heaven after he was resurrected on Easter Day. A quotation from Mark's gospel tells the story. *"He appeared first to Mary of Magdala. She went and carried the news to his mourning and sorrowful followers, but when she told them that he was alive they did not believe her. Later he appeared to two of the disciples as they were walking into the countryside. They also went and took the news to the others, but again they did not believe that the Lord was alive. Then, when the eleven disciples were at the table. He appeared to them and reproached them because they had not believed those who had seen him after he was raised from the dead. Then he said to them: 'Go forth to every part of the world, and proclaim the good news to the whole creation" So after talking with them the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven, and he took his seat at the right hand of God."*

**We have a service of Holy Communion to celebrate Ascension Day at 7.30pm on 29th May to which everyone is welcome.**

**STOP PRESS: Our Summer Messy Church will take place on Thursday 10th July – 3.30pm onwards followed by a picnic!**

### **History of District Nursing**

Our Mothers' Union meeting for May will be a talk by Ruth Gould about district nursing.

It will be on Monday, 19th May at 7.30 p.m. and will be held at 5 Church Lane, Kislingbury.

Refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome.

## JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR



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## Poet's Corner

Hi Folks. I missed last month (on holiday) so a double entry this time round. One for the horticulturists – and Latin lovers! The other, a thought or two prompted by Easter.

### "Early Bloomers"

Oh to the beauty of the early bloomers,  
As they mark the start of spring.

*Crataegus Monogyna*, the Hawthorn, ney, May,  
Resplendent in it's delicate, scented, white flower,

It's nearly always first to make a springtime show,  
Brightening the hedgerows, with it's whimsical glow.

Whilst the good olde Flowering Current,  
Or *Ribes Sanguineum* if you prefer,  
So cosily red and aflame,  
When fired by the dazzling yellow Forsythia.

Then there's the candyfloss brides.  
The flowering Cherries of the *Prunus* tribe.

*Avium* - The wild one,  
Shows off a blanket of dainty clusters of white flowers,  
That, aided by a gentle breeze,  
Create a fairyland, of five petalled showers.

*Kanzan*, dripping in pretty, double, purple-pink, blooms,  
Is a highlight, in any wintry garden scene,  
And finally, *Kirushidare Sakura*, the lazy weeper,  
So proud of it's cascading, dark pink, demeanour.

To these veritable pleasures of spring,  
We must add *Acer Pseudoplatanus*,  
The Sycamore, drenched in hanging clusters,  
Of tiny vibrancies, of yellowish green.

And to round things off, the catkin bearers,  
With their cotton wool puffs of yellowish white,  
Firing off the nut trees and waterside weepers,  
The perfect antidote to those wintertime nights.

### "Easter Day"

It's Easter Sunday morn,  
And over my breakfast repast,  
I wade through the weekly papers,  
And muse over the diversity of beliefs they sport.

Time to don my boots and make ready the dog,  
So to partake, of our morning constitutional walk.

Time to mull over all manner of thoughts,  
And make some sense, out of this mixed up world.

I wave "hi" to a merry throng, as we pass in the lane.

The faithful few making their way to Church,  
To celebrate the resurrection and the start of something,

That two millennia ago, no doubt, was exciting and new.

As we cross the village playing field,  
I observe something even older than Christianity,

Man, non-gendered of course, on the field of battle,

Trying to prove who's almightyest, of course.

We pass by the sportspeople, to open, peaceful, countryside,

And I start to appreciate the meaning of evolution,

As the vibrant hawthorn heralds the end of winter,

And the start of a new world, that is spring.

From whom should we take our lead on this Easter Day?

The Pagans, The Ancients, The Christians, The Progressives?

There's one sure thing. Darwin's rationales make more sense to me,

Than, the Adam and Eve theory, on which some are bent?

Who knows – Perhaps there is some super power that made all ?

A belated happy Easter, to one and all.

FrancWrites

May 2014

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**Tales from Kislingbury Archives**  
**KISLINGBURY UNDER WARTIME CONDITIONS 1914 – 18**

**Continued.....**

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**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:

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# Kislingbury over Fifties

*Throughout 2013 the KOFs raised money for their Charity Fund. In September 2013 we raised over £500 for the MacMillan Coffee morning fund raising appeal. In April this year from money raised in 2013 we made two presentations. The first was £330 to CRAZY HATS that supports Breast Cancer Care in Northamptonshire. The second was £300 to the MARIE CURIE Cancer care charity.*

*During May the KOFs will be having lunch on two occasions at the Nene College Restaurant.*

*In conjunction with the Village Fayre on Sunday June 22nd the KOFs will again be holding a GARAGE SALE. If you have an item to sell on the day we welcome you to bring it along. There will be a commission charge. The profits from the Garage Sale will be donated to both the Village Fayre & the KOFs Charity fund.*

*The KOFs have arranged for a HOG ROAST for their Summer Barbecue on Thursday 17th July.*

## COMPUTER CLUB - KOFSCC

*Roy Jackson a member of the KOFs has organised a Self Help Computer Club, that is open to all those interested in both contributing and receiving advice in relationship to the use of computers. The club meets formally on a fortnightly basis and informally on the weeks between. The meetings are held at the Olde Red Lion commencing at 10am. A charge of £1/meeting. MAY MEETINGS 9th & 23rd May.*

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## MAY NEWS

### WOODLAND MEADOW PARK

**PICNIC TABLES:** During May the KPFA will be installing two new PICNIC TABLES in the Woodland Meadow Park for use by those visiting the site.

**WORKING GROUP:** During May we will be requesting the support of everyone in the village to help prepare the Woodland Park for the coming season. We may have to replace some of the trees and shrubs that have died over the winter months and also clear grass and weeds around those that have survived.

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 £3,000 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

This area has now had some of the existing Play equipment repaired to meet the standards of **RoSPA** and is being well used by the children. As in previous years we will maintain the area, by regularly cutting the grass during the summer months. Please enjoy this facility provided by the KPFA.

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### KPFA CONTACTS

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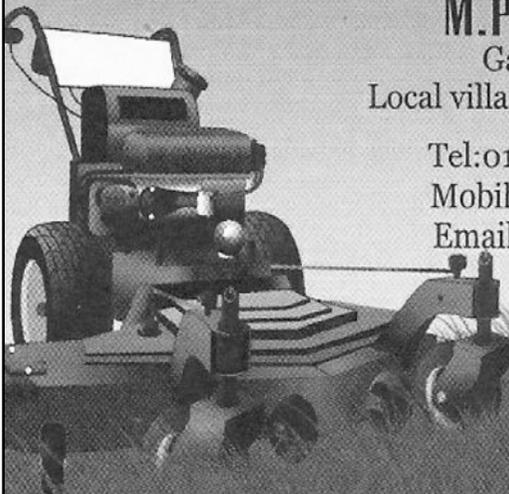
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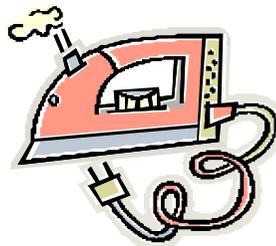
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For more information on any of the above please contact our Pastor - Marilyn Webb  
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