

KISLINGBURY NEWS

October / November

2021



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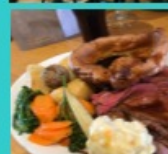


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Village Diary

October

- 19th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26th Kislingbury Friendship Club, 2.30pm, Village Hall
- 27th Messy Vintage, St Luke's Church, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 29th Jazz Supper, Village Hall, 7pm, see page 12

November

- 7th Toasted Tea Cakes, 3pm - 5pm, St Luke's Church
- 14th Service of Remembrance, St Luke's Church, 10.50am
- 16th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21st Toasted Tea Cakes, 3pm - 5pm, St Luke's Church
- 30th Kislingbury Friendship Club, 2.30pm, Village Hall

Follow the village on Facebook -  ***@Kislingbury Village Info***

Regular Events

Many of these may still be amended or cancelled. Check with the organisers

Play Group open during Term Time at Village Hall

Bell Ringing Monday Nights 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Pilates - Tuesday, 2pm at Village Hall

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

Kraft Shack Group - Every Wednesday - 8pm

further information - Tel: 07788737052 or 01604 754518 or

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Kislingbury Parish Council September 2021

These notes highlight some of the many issues that the Parish Council is involved with and supplement the publicly available minutes which are available online (on the Parish Council website) and on the notice boards around the village.

The Parish Council meets at the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month apart from August. Our most recent meeting was 21st September 2021. The next two meetings will be on 19th October 2021 and 16th November 2021. Kislingbury residents are most welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and have an opportunity to raise any issues as part of the Parishioner's Voice agenda item. Parishioner's Voice is a very direct way of raising issues and concerns with your parish council.

In the last two editions of the Kislingbury News, there has been mention of the need to replace long-serving parish councillors who have stood down. I am pleased to be able to confirm that Sam Parkerson and Sheryl Goodman have joined the council. Sam has already started working with Sarah Parker on the allotments and is taking on a police liaison role. Sheryl is going to be the parish council's representative with the Bugbrooke Medical Practice Patient Participation Group.

Unfortunately, the Council was not at full strength for very long. Jen Tompkins has resigned due to the calls of work and family on her time. The council will greatly miss Jen's input. This resignation means that we will be shortly advertising for a new parish councillor. Please do consider putting yourself forward.

I hope that you were able to get to the Sunday Funday on 29th August 2021. This event was a great success raising over £4000 for the fund raising effort to replace the children's play equipment on the village playing fields. A huge thank you to Sarah Parker and Alison Ward and their team for such a fantastic effort. I am reliably informed that the idea of having a one day event at the playing fields was so successful that it will be used again. Thanks also to the sports clubs that supported the day. The non-arrival of the portable toilet meant that the football club opening their toilets was especially welcome.

The success of the Sunday Funday shows what can be achieved when people work together. To this end the Parish Council is seeking to build on links with a

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range of village organisations including KOFS, the playing fields association (KPFA) and the Village Hall Committee.

As well as communicating with village based groups, we rely on communication when, through our Parish Clerk, we raise issues of concern both within the village and relating to external organisations, especially our new unitary authority West Northamptonshire. One such is the excellent report prepared by two parish councillors James Ball and Sue Deane on the river footbridge. The report carefully listed the wide range of faults with the bridge. The report has been forwarded to West Northants for their action.

A further example of how the Parish Council has been involved in attempting to communicate has been in relation to the VAS (speeding) equipment which was removed by Anglia Water. We have now got to the point where Anglia Water has agreed to pay for a replacement set of VAS equipment.

Many of the issues that I have mentioned in previous editions of these notes are ongoing, so I may come back to these in the future.

Earlier in these notes I mentioned that one way to communicate with the parish council is via Parishioner's Voice. But not everyone is able to come to the Village Hall on a Tuesday night. For this reason Janet Mallett and I (as Vice-chair and Chair of the Parish Council) have agreed with the Cricket Club that we will trial a once a month Sunday morning session to meet with any villagers who would like to join us for a cup of coffee from 10 a.m. The first session will be on Sunday 31st October 2021. Our thanks to the Cricket Club for their hospitality and support.

At our meeting on 21st September, I shared with the Parish Council that I will be attending, in a personal capacity, a meeting with elected members to discuss the progress of the West Northants Poverty Truth Commission.

West Northants is developing a poverty strategy which will be informed by those who are experiencing poverty. The Poverty Truth Commission has developed a simple survey if you have a 'story' to tell. The survey can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/yqTbQJMU0s> and you can also agree to be contacted to share your experience in more detail. Please do consider sharing your story with the commission.

Jonathan Hughes, on behalf of Kislbury Parish Council

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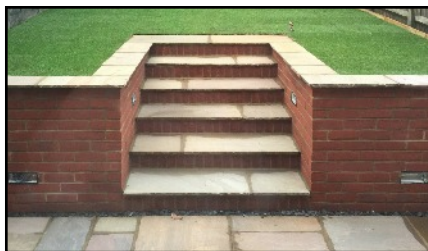
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WE RAISED THE ROOF on Sunday 5th September, with singing during the service for the first time in 18 months. We were blessed by having a visiting organist, Sam from Harlestone, who after playing for the wedding the day before, offered to play for our service – what a morning!!!

Book of Common Prayer You will see from the back page that we are once again having the Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion on the third Monday of every month at 6.30pm.

TEA AND CAKES – SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER – again, quite an afternoon and how wonderful it was to see so many old friends and meet new ones. It really felt as if we were at last getting back to some normality. A special thanks to all those ladies who provided the delicious home-made cakes, and thanks to everyone who supported us. We raised £132 for the Fabric Fund.

CHURCHYARD WORK PARTY – Thank you so much to those who are now helping with the churchyard. The flower beds and the entry up to the church look so much more inviting. A special thanks to the Sanders family for the gravel along the main path.

“RIDE AND STRIDE” – SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER Enormous thanks to all those who sat in the church during the day and those who took part. Unfortunately we are never very busy, not being on a main route for cyclists, but your contribution is very much appreciated. £100 was sent to the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust.

Prayer Chain If you have anyone for whom you wish special prayers, please contact Judith on 830421 or e-mail Judith.tonge50@gmail.com who will ensure it is passed round the people on the prayer chain.

******* FOR YOUR DIARIES *******

MESSY VINTAGE - Wednesday 27th October – 2.30pm to 4.30pm

The return of this popular afternoon of chat, quizzes, tea and cake +++ for the “young at heart”! Everyone most welcome to come along to a very relaxed and friendly afternoon.

TOASTED TEA CAKES – Sundays 7th and 21st November 3pm – 5pm

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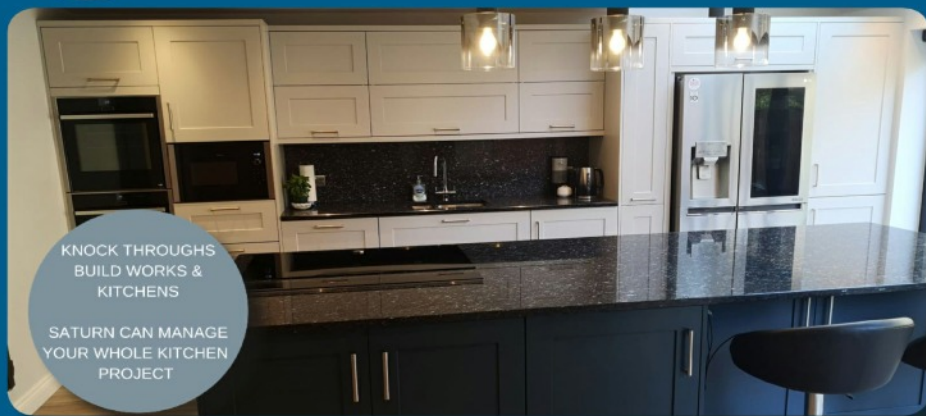


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Bugbrooke and District Flower Society . "Friendship and Flowers "

Before this Issue we have had two meetings and it was as if time had stood still.

In September Emma Remington entertained us with "Tricks of the Trade". Emma has recently qualified as a NAFAS Teacher as well as a Demonstrator and we are proud to have her as a member. Congratulations Emma.

On October 25th Margaret Rumens will share her talents with "Anything Goes".

November 22nd will be our Christmas Demonstration and we are proud to welcome Kathy Stangaard with "Joyous Noel". Kathy is now a National Demonstrator and will be travelling from London for this special evening.

Visitors' fee will remain at £5.00 inc. refreshments.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7.45pm at Nether Heyford Village Hall.

We start the New Year with our AGM and resume our Demonstrations in February when we will welcome new members.

Please call Dianne 01604 830063 for any more help or information.

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KISLINGBURY VILLAGE HALL – “Covid and beyond”

Like all charities, the Village Hall has had an extremely demanding time over the last 18 months as regards bookings and consequently this has had a massive impact on finances. The hall was closed from March 2020 with a brief, restricted opening last summer then lockdown again over the autumn and winter with no bookings from January this year until the gradual relaxation of rules in the spring. The Playgroup was able to operate under appropriate guidelines and we opened for the local elections but nothing else took place. We were therefore having very little money coming in, but still having to pay for utilities and the upkeep of the grounds and building.



The first four months of this year were especially challenging. Two personal loans stopped us from going “into the red”, over and above requests for two transfers from savings funds, put aside diligently over the years by our former Treasurer Alan Cook, for the fabric and surrounds of the building. Contrary to popular belief, the hall was never “rolling in money”. Alan knew that as the hall became older (it is now 20 years old), more would need to be done in respect of repair and upgrading and over the last 2-3 years, how true this has become. Apart from routine maintenance, early last year we had to have a new Fire Alarm system fitted, the cooker had to be replaced in the kitchen, and in March this year the floor and tiles in the corridor and toilets became unsafe. This was quite an extensive job and without immediate repair we would not have been able to open. Even larger repairs are foreseen over the next year or so.

Fortunately, hirers have been very patient and loyal to us and we are now back up and running but it will be quite a while before our finances are back to normal. We have always given 20% discount for all village events held in the hall, and thanks go to our Trustees, Officers and helpers during this difficult time for ensuring your use of the hall is a safe, worry-free and pleasant experience. Chrissie Key, our caretaker and booking clerk, is the source of all knowledge to those who wish to hire the hall, and we are enormously grateful to her.

Kislingbury Playground Fund Raising Update

The target to improve Kislingbury playground is £120,000 which will provide a brand-new safe play area with all new equipment for all ages.

Since April I have been working with a small group of women, Danielle Moriarty, Sami Tutch and Shell Cross to raise the money.

Our first event was the Kislingbury Garage Sale (Sunday 25th July 10-1pm).

47 villagers joined in and supported the event and the maps were available from the village shop for £1.

Lots of new and nearly new items were available, clothes, baby/kids stuff, furniture, teas/coffees, homemade cakes, tombola, fresh fruit and veg and eggs, fresh flowers, plants, glitter painting, plate smash and much more!

The weather held for us (predicted thunderstorms) and the day was a huge success. Lots of people turned out on the day.

After lockdown it was so lovely to see the villagers come together and reconnect, the village had such a buzz again and all for such a good cause.

The Sun pub put on a pint of beer also where 50% of the profits went to the charity.

On the day we raised nearly £2,500 (more money is still coming in!).

Our running total is nearly hitting £30,000, we are hoping to hit our target within a year.

For more information on future events and our progress follow us on Facebook @kislingburyplayground

Our crowd funding page is still open for anyone wanting to make a donation to a great cause:-

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Lauren





The Sunday Funday

The Sunday Funday committee are thrilled to announce that the amount being donated towards the fund for the new play equipment from the proceeds of the Funday on 29th August is an amazing £4,000.

A massive thank you to all those that made this possible, stall holders, food/drink stalls, musicians, helpers, the football and bowls clubs, KOFs, messy church, fun run organisers and everyone who supported the day.

Many thanks Sarah, Alison, Dave, Nick and Scott.





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DECEMBER 2020 FLOODING ISSUES---UPDATE No.4

Since my last report—Update No.3 in early August, I finally managed to get Anglian Water Authority (AWA), with their tanker, to come to the village and check out Hodges Lane drains.

HODGES LANE. We found further evidence of tree root blockage in the main line that had to be cut out. An inspection of the main line with a camera showed it to be clear. This main line runs from the High Street along Hodges Lane and down the footpath by The Cromwell to a chamber that is in the grassed area by the High Street. There was a good flow of water to be seen.

At the end of Hodges Lane by the High Street, on the right hand side, Highways have installed a gully to stop the “ponding” that occurs there in adverse weather.

CHURCH LANE/STARMERS LANE. On the 9th September I received 2 phone calls to tell me that an (AWA) tanker was in Church Lane. On investigation they had come along to clear the chamber outside of No. 33 opposite Starmers Lane. This is the chamber that about 6 weeks ago had a new cover fitted and when the old cover was removed the chamber was seriously blocked with debris. This has now been cleaned out and is clear running up and down Church Lane. However, the camera showed a serious blockage in the pipe going along Starmers Lane to the High Street. Unfortunately, to clear this, will necessitate the closure of Starmers Lane to traffic. Getting a licence to do this takes time so we await AWA’s further visit.

WILLOW VIEW/NENE WAY. At the junction of these two roads there is a chamber just in Willow View that neither AWA nor Highways know whose responsibility it is. Having spoken to the foreman in charge he agreed to look at it so moved the tanker into Willow View. The top of the debris in the chamber was about 3.5 feet from the road. When we cleared the debris out, the chamber was some 6/7 feet deep so we had about 3/4 feet of debris in there. Hopefully, having cleaned this out it will stop the flooding that occurs on the bend of Willow View. Time will tell!

Well folks, we are very nearly there with all of the work required to reduce or even stop flooding in the village. Yes, it has taken some time, February to September, to reach this point. It will be closely monitored and appropriate action taken if necessary. All that is needed now, I am sorry to say, is some really adverse weather to test it all out.

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Kislingbury over Fifties



If you are a new resident in Kislingbury, or indeed an existing resident and you are over 50, why not come along to KOF5 (Kislingbury over Fifties) on a Thursday morning in the Village Hall.

We have a new Ambassador Dianne Gardner (pictured) who will meet and greet all new members, she will accompany you to the meetings, where you can meet new members and new friends. If you are interested come along or contact Mike Jackson on 01604 831747 who will arrange for you to meet Dianne.

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THIS IS ANOTHER YEAR, THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY, THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE VERY WORTHY CAUSE OF THE MACMILLAN NURSES.

The KOF5 meet every Thursday morning from 10.30am to noon for a coffee and chat . you will hear Information about activities and events taking place in the village. The KOF5 also organise social events including coach trips, lunches, quiz afternoons, and we also have a summer buffet and a Christmas party. We would love you to come along and join us.

For further information contact a committee member.

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Kislingbury Amblers



We are a group of like minded individuals who meet usually twice a month to have a walk of about 5 miles in the local area. Due to the current restrictions all information will be sent out by email giving times and meeting places when walks can re-start.

If you are not on our email list and would like to join the group please phone 07758225140.

ALL ARE WELCOME

July (second walk)

This time we revisited a walk around Draycote Reservoir. Having chosen one of the hottest days in July it was considered to be a good choice for those who joined the walk, equipped with hat, suntan lotion and liquid refreshment.

Draycote Water draws its water from the River Leam, supplying Rugby and Coventry. It is also well known as a trout fishing spot and for sailing.

Leaving our vehicles at Draycote Water car park, the two hour walk took us around the edge of the reservoir and passed the adjacent golf course which was opened in 1992 and in the past has hosted many championships.

Obviously a popular venue as other walkers were also taking advantage of the cool breeze coming off the water, many also taking the opportunity to use their cameras.

Following the 5 mile walk we took lunch at the Dun Cow in Dunchurch which did not disappoint us as the meal and ale were lovely.

August

A popular walk, which was enjoyed in the past by the Amblers, was the walk which we undertook at the beginning of August.

Leaving the Cowper's Oak Inn in the village of Weston Underwood, we headed out of the village and up a lane where we stopped at an alcove frequented by the poet, William Cowper. After a photo-shoot to obtain a picture for the village magazine, we left Wood Lane and headed towards the old disused railway line. However, we turned before we reached the railway line and onto Ravenstone Village for our customary 'breather'. We then returned to our starting point where we enjoyed a lunch and liquid refreshment in the sunshine.

The Kislingbury Amblers second walk in August, found 6 regular walkers meeting up in Little Harrowden, for a 5.8 mile circular walk taking in the very pretty village of Hardwick, (famous for the Pepper family, manufacturers of skittles).

Numbers were depleted today, due to the likes of holidays, and quite excitingly, a fireman's experience on the footplate of a full size standard gauge steam engine on the Great Central Railway.

This was a very rural walk, mainly on field paths and bridle ways. At the beginning we found ourselves accompanied by a young lady with two very happy little dogs who didn't want to leave us.....we're a friendly bunch us amblers! We enjoyed some lovely views across fields, some harvested, some not, the countryside is beautiful at this time of year. It's just great to walk and chat. Upon our return to the start point, 4 of us drove to the Horseshoe pub, by Sywell Airport for a pub lunch, which rounded off a really nice morning, on a bright & blustery, but fine day in what is now late summer. Now we're all looking forward to the next one.

Our first walk in September didn't disappoint. On what turned out to be a very hot day in early autumn we met just outside Towcester, on a housing estate where all roads are named after famous F1 racing drivers. In our case it was Coulthard Close.

We did a 6.3 mile walk taking in Hulcote, a village of just eight cottages situated on two sides of a large village green, that is part of the Easton Neston estate. The houses built of chequered brick, with gothic pointed windows and doors, (some of which have been simply painted on, to avoid the dreaded window tax) are quite impressive. There is also a tiny village school.

We passed alongside the green, and made our way across a large field of sheep. A long track now lead us over an old ford, then steadily up hill and across country into the village of Shutlanger, passing through the tiny hamlet of Showsley, along the way. We found a couple of places with some shade, to pause for refreshment, and cooling drinks. It was nice to see the harvest well under way in some of the fields we passed by as we walked and chatted.

Now it was time to head back, initially a short road walk, then over a couple of fields alongside a brook, before re-entering the large field of sheep, and retracing our steps back to the starting point. This time we walked around the second side of Hulcote village green, pausing to chat with a local lady and her friendly dog, as she worked in her pretty cottage garden. For some amblers this walk was full of nostalgia, having spent much time in this area many years earlier, so it was good to hear some tales as we walked.

Lunch was taken at the Red Lion here in Kislingbury, wrapping up yet another excellent amble in the glorious Northamptonshire countryside.

For our second walk in September our group met up in Castle Ashby and when all walkers had arrived, we set off towards the small hamlet of Chadstone. Leaving the picturesque buildings behind, the Amblers travelled through a small wood in the direction of Denton – Whiston Road, which we crossed. It wasn't long before we reached an old quarry which afforded us a bit of a climb. A short walk led us down steep steps to a field and our first stop.

Onwards and upwards, we crossed the road to Cogenhoe where we headed towards the lock gates past Cogenhoe Mill. This took us to the village of Whiston where we were faced with another steep climb to the village church. This time a short break was taken to admire the views before returning to our starting point.

Billing Garden Centre was a welcome site as it was where we took lunch after our 6.5 mile walk.

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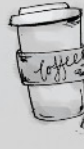
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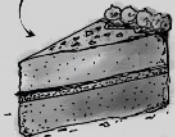
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By the time you read this we will have held our Annual General Meeting and got underway with our new programme. Don't forget our meetings are now being held in the afternoons, starting at 2.30pm.

Our first speaker meeting will be on Tuesday 26th October at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. **John Perkins**, previously a teacher at Campion School, will be talking on the subject of **Coins behind the Sofa**.

Then on 30th November, **Margaret Burgon**, married to retired vicar George, will be giving a talk on - **It could only happen at a Wedding**.

Please make a note of these dates. New members are very welcome. Our subscription is £10 for the year. Visitors are also made welcome, entry £2. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Doreen Hartwell (830343)

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I would like to start collecting everyone's home boxes for counting. Please put in my front porch if convenient or if you are housebound, then contact me and I will happily collect.

Many thanks. Judith (830421) 3 Church Lane.

Kislingbury Highways Charity Grant 2021 Applications

Applications are invited from clubs, organisations or groups from within the village for financial help or to improve their facilities. Applications must not have received help from the rating system when initially formed.

The trustees will meet in February 2022 to discuss applications. Please send applications directly, ideally by email, to me including a copy of a current bank balance sheet by 16th February, 2022. Thank you.

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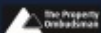
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Kislingbury Art Group

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The ART GROUP commenced its first session on the 9th September following the lockdown lasting eighteen months. We have retained the majority of our members and now look forward to a busy few months producing artwork for our **ART EXHIBITION provisionally planned for MARCH / APRIL 2022.**

The group is organised, to provide a venue for artists of all abilities from beginners to fully experienced; to meet together, to paint, and share the company of others with similar interests, in a non formalised group. We meet on Thursday afternoons at the Village Hall between 2 pm and 4pm.

For further info contact either Judith 830421 or Mike 831747

Nostalgia Vacuum!

Although I was born in the year of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne, I cannot remember a time without a television sitting in the corner of the living room!

My memories of the fifties television programmes range from 'Wagon Train' to 'I Love Lucy' from The 'Lone Ranger' to 'Cannonball' and from Highway Patrol' to '77 Sunset Strip'.

However, watching early episodes of 'Superman' played by George Reeves, re-runs of the 1930's Republic Pictures cheap and cheerful 'Flash Gordon' and 'Buck Rogers', both characters played by Buster Crabbe, to the many puppet series from the Gerry and Sylvia Anderson studios including 'Torchy the Battery Boy', 'Supercar', 'Fireball XL5' and so on. It's safe to say 'Science Fiction' has become my most favourite genre.

Before I start to wax lyrical about the good, bad and indifferent in this genre and I put the nostalgia trip to one side I must mention that in 1966 'Star Trek' hit the television screens and started a phenomenon that has lasted for 55 years and sees no sign of stopping!

In the intervening 55 years there have been 725 episodes from six various incarnations, thirteen big screen films, not counting the recent derivative 'Picard' and 'Star Trek, Discovery'.

However, if you look at the original 79 episodes with Captain J.T. Kirk and Spock it's no wonder, ironically, it's shown in endless repeated loops on the 'Horror' Channel! This begs the question why has it generated such a massive devoted fan base? For me the answer is quite simple - story lines, scripts, acting, characters, scenery, special effects have all improved as the various incarnations have evolved and viewers have become more demanding! If the concept originally conceived by 'Gene Roddenberry' had stayed in the realms of ham acting, similar story lines, studio bound with polystyrene sets it would not have emerged out of the sixties and would have been consigned to television history along with 'Whiplash' and the like,

Taking a big liberty with the words of St. Paul from Corinthians, "When I was a child, my speech and my viewing standards were all those of a child now as an adult I expect much more"

Unfortunately, a great deal of popular understanding of who God is; as revealed in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit remains with the small pieces of information, we were given at a relatively young age remains in a 'Nostalgia Vacuum!' Then just like 'Star Trek the Original Series' our knowledge and understanding does not stand up to scrutiny and the first time our belief is challenged or shaken, it wobbles like the scenery of a T.V. conceived alien landscape!

The truth of Christianity has remained the same for nearly 2,000 years and has been battered, persecuted, marginalized and in the Twenty First Century, largely ignored, but it's still here growing exponentially in parts of the world and is a potent force for good!

To engage with the power of the message of God revealed in Christ we have to come out of the comfort zone on 'Nostalgia' and experience the love of God afresh and constantly renewed! Why not give it some thought as we head towards Christmas.

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

HERE TO HELP in 2021

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

How has the charity helped Kislingbury and its residents?

Here are some recent examples:

- Funding towards installation of a chair lift
- Purchase of a defibrillator for the village playing fields
- Funding of additional medical aids for elderly residents
- 50% funding of a new artificial pitch for the village cricket club
- Support for elderly residents to cover exceptional medical expenses

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

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

Equally, if you are looking for funding towards facilities in the village which will promote community participation in sports or recreation, please give Jim a call.

LIGHT UP ST LUKE'S



The draws for August and September have been completed.

Many thanks to Trevor Harrison who drew out Gill Ward's winning ticket for August and to Shirley Faulkner who drew out September's winning ticket which was held by Phyllis Hamp.

Congratulations to both winners and thanks again to both Trevor and Shirley.

Stay safe, keep well

Deni Topliss Mob 07754471120

Kislingbury & Upton Community Church

Kislingbury & Upton Community Church has been working in this part of Northampton for over 200 years.

We aim to care for our communities, connect with people asking the big questions, and support those looking to explore or deepen their faith.

We have a **weekly service of prayer and praise at The Chapel in Kislingbury, every Tuesday between 10am and 11am.**

Our Sunday Service is now 10:30am to 11:45am at The Elgar Centre in Upton.
Everyone is always welcome.

We normally have lots going on for all ages and stages of life, throughout the week. Here are some highlights of what we will be doing in Kislingbury over the next couple of months. We will continue to run our **KizzleTots** group for parent, carers and little ones, every Thursday. We are pretty full at the moment, but do get in touch, for more information.

We will now be running our **Tea Room** at the chapel **every Friday morning during term time**, with a fine selection of drinks, cakes and snacks. It will be open between 10am and 12noon from October 8th.

We have a fortnightly **Audio Book Club** that will normally run on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month between 12:30pm and 1:30pm. There will be a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, served for those that would like it. Each session we meet, listen to a chapter of a non-fiction book and then discuss it. Our book for the coming term is *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, by John Mark Comer.

We will be hosting a **Bloke's Brunch**, on the morning of Saturday November 13th. We will be joined by author and guest speaker Chris Spicer who will be speaking on the topic of attitude from his book *Life On The Hill*.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about our other activities and events in Kislingbury, Upton, and the surrounding area, please get in touch.

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE

NB: Service times are correct at time of issue. Any changes will be advertised on the village website and via the church newsletter and notice boards.

Services for October/November

Sunday 3rd October	11.00am	Holy Communion for Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday 10th October	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 17th October	11.00am	Holy Communion
Monday 18th October	6.30pm	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday 24th October	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 31st October	10.30am	Benefice Service at Harpole, no service here
Sunday 7th November	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th November	10.50am	SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
Sunday 21st November	11.00am	Holy Communion
Monday 22nd November	6.30pm	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday 28th November	11:00am	Morning Worship

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Every Wednesday – 6pm – 9pm - Curry and a pint/med house wine £10
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