

KISLINGBURY NEWS

October and
November 2024



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Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month in Kislingbury Village Hall at 7pm. There is no meeting in August. All meetings begin with an opportunity for villagers to ask questions or raise matters of concern. The press and members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Village Diary

October

13th Birthday Buffet Tea, St Luke's Church, 3pm - 5pm

12th 'OktoberFest', Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm

15th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7pm

28th Bugbrooke & District Flower Society, 7.30pm, Nether Heyford Hall

November

9th Kislingbury Art Group Exhibition, Village Hall, 10am - 4pm

10th Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am, St Luke's Church

17th Toasted Tea Cakes at St Luke's Church, 3pm - 5pm

19th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7pm

23rd Christmas Market, Village Hall, 10am - 5pm

25th Bugbrooke & District Flower Society, 7.30pm, Nether Heyford Hall

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Bugbrooke Medical Practice

From 12.30pm the surgery will be closed for Practice Learning times on the following **Wednesdays**.

October 9th 2024

November 13th 2024 December 4th 2024

Regular Events in Kislingbury

Bugbrooke and District Flower Club. 4th Monday of the month,
7.30, Nether Heyford Village Hall

Bell Ringing - St Luke's Church, Monday Nights 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Tots' Group - Tuesday, 10am - 12.15pm, Village Hall

Pilates - Tuesday, 2pm - 3pm at Village Hall, 07764586990

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

Kraft Shack Group - Every Wednesday, Village Hall - 8pm

further information - Tel: 07788737052 or 01604 754518 or
email: mopalmer@gmail.com

Voyage of Light every 2nd Tuesday of the month excluding Jan and Aug.

Village Hall - Tel: 07788737052 email: mopalmer@gmail.com

Tango with Zoe Taylor - Wednesdays from 7.15pm 07858289620

KOFs - Every Thursday 10.30am at the Village Hall

Bugbrooke Badminton Club - Thursday 19:30 – 21:30

Sports Hall, Campion School

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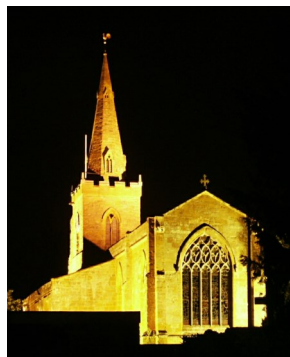
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Art Group - Thursday afternoons at the Village Hall 2pm - 4pm

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

Karate - Village Hall - Thursday, 6pm - 9pm, Sunday, 10am - 11am -
07950260148

LIGHT UP ST LUKE'S



The draws for August and September have been completed.

Many thanks to Diane Wetherall who drew Gill Clark's winning number out for August and to Debbie Dunn who drew September's winning number out, which is held by Shirley Faulkner.

Congratulations to both winners and thanks again to both Diane and Debbie. Keep well everyone.

Deni Topliss, Mob 07754471120

Kislingbury Parish Council September 2024

Since the last notes (July 2024) the Parish Council has met just once (17th September) because we do not meet in August. The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th October 2024.

Rothersthorpe Road - A new development proposal

The Parish Clerk has been contacted by Pegasus Consultancy on behalf of Spitfire Homes. Initially they wanted to come and talk to just the Parish Council. Instead, we asked them to come and outline their proposals to the village as a whole on the same evening as the October Parish Council Meeting. Their initial response would be that this would be too late as their development proposal would have been submitted by then. Subsequently, Pegasus have agreed to attend at the Village Hall at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 15th October.

At the time of writing, the Parish Council has no indication of the scale of the proposed Pembleton Phase 2, so it is really important that you come and find out what the proposal is.

Once the Pembleton Phase 2 planning application is submitted the Parish Council will be preparing a response and encourage parishioners to submit their own comments.

Grant Applications

The Parish Council is now beginning the process of setting our budget for the financial year 2025-2026. An important part of this is making grants to local groups and charities. The Parish Council will shortly be contacting all the groups represented at the April's Annual Parish Meeting (APM) encouraging them to apply for a grant.

As I noted in the July Notes, these grants are public money so we try and make the process as transparent as possible. The application form is fairly straightforward and we are asking that it is filled in electronically. The form is available on the Parish Council website.

The application form asks how the money will be used and to confirm how any previous grants were spent. The Parish Council particularly welcomes applications where any grant is used alongside money raised from other sources.

If your organisation was not present at this year's APM, please do not hesitate to get in touch to request a grant application form.

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Kislingbury's new Parish Clerk

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Ginette Phillips as the new Parish Clerk. Ginette is an experienced Assistant Parish Clerk having worked for a large parish in Essex. She clerked our September meeting and has definitely 'hit the ground running'.

Kislingbury Risk Areas

As was mentioned in the July Notes, the Parish Council has raised a number of risk and health and safety concerns with West Northants Council (WNC). We have received a reply from Nick Henstock (Assistant Director Highways and Transport) which addresses our concerns about:

 Flooding in the village

 Road Safety

 New development planning approval

It was good to have this response and the Parish Council hope this can be the start of a dialogue between WNC and ourselves.

On the flooding issues, Mr Henstock's reply clearly identifies significant issues with the drainage system between Bugbrooke and Kislingbury (particularly near the M1). He also informed us that the majority of gullies in Kislingbury are cleared annually.

In relation to road safety, we are basically informed that we can do little to restrict access by vehicles weighing over 7.5 tonnes. We are also told that a 20 mph speed limit is largely ineffective.

On planning, Mr Henstock suggests that small scale infill house building (such as on Hodges Lane near the Cromwell Cottage) cannot be considered in terms of any cumulative effect. However, Mr Henstock has assured us that the planning officer is aware of the 'strong Parish Council objection' to the 58-house Beech Lane development, although he does not mention the scale of objections by villagers. As you will remember, the village has made over 200 objections to the proposed Beech Lane development.

The Parish Council recently discovered that the Planning Department is not required to consult with the local water authority (in our case Anglian Water) over planning applications. If a planning application is approved then the water authority **has to** supply water and sewage services. We are assured that the planning officer will now ensure that the WNC Planning Department "fully

consider the highway and drainage/flooding implications” of the Beech Lane proposal.

This response was discussed at the September Parish Council meeting and Councillors have agreed to provide comments so that the Parish Clerk can draft a reply which will indicate where we think the reply falls short.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The Government aims to increase the number of houses built nationally to 1.5 million over the next 5 years and sees changes to the planning framework as the key element in this process. It has therefore launched a consultation on the NPPF. The Government’s Consultation on the NPPF concludes on 24th September 2024. For West Northamptonshire the target would be to increase the annual build from 2124 houses per year to 2584, an annual increase of 460 houses (21%).

The focus on overall numbers appears likely to increase the pressure to build more houses here in the village. That said, there are aspects of the Consultation that are important to note. There is a strong suggestion that urban and brownfield development will be favoured because there is more likely to be pre-existing infrastructure in such areas. In Kislingbury, infrastructure is an important issue. These notes about the state of our roads and drains shows that. There are also other aspects such as school and health provision.

A response has been prepared by the Parish Council and agreed by Councillors.

Speed Signs and Highways

The Parish Council is in regular contact with WNC Highways in relation to the installation of 3 new speed signs, a concrete over-run on the bend outside the Cromwell Cottage and to refurbish the drive leading to the church. Progress has been slow. However, we are hoping that the new speed signs are getting close to being installed.

And finally ...

On behalf of the village can I request that, as you put your gardens ‘to bed’, you trim any vegetation that is overhanging paths.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council on clerk@kislingburyparishcouncil.gov.uk if you need to raise an issue or concern.

Dr Jonathan Hughes
Chair, Kislingbury Parish Council

19th September 2024



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PAR-Tea @ 4 We had a lovely afternoon on 8th September in the village hall with lots of fun and food based on the Feeding of the Five Thousand! Thank you so much to those ladies who helped and provided food. The next is on Sunday afternoon 13th October at Rothersthorpe Village Hall.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Our service will commence at 10.45am and, as usual, the loose collection will be in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY – 24TH NOVEMBER

A special service to explain and celebrate Safeguarding within the church and those who volunteer to look after this aspect of church life.

"Birthday Buffet Tea" for our Patronal Festival of St Luke

**Sunday 13th October 3.00pm 5.00pm.
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Rothersthorpe Road Development Proposal

SPITFIRE HOMES PEMBLETON "PHASE 2"

Spitfire Homes have engaged a Planning Consultancy firm, Pegasus, to tell Kislingbury about their proposals.

No details of the scheme have been shared with the Parish Council.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY LUNCH 2004 -2024

61 attended the **KOFs'** 20th Anniversary Party Lunch at the Village Hall on Thursday 5th September. A hot meal was served by external caterers and entertainment was provided by **THE RICH TONES**.



During the lunch a “DOWN MEMORY LANE” slide show brought back memories of past and present members since the original meeting in 2004.

The KOFs welcome new and existing residents of Kislingbury to come along on a Thursday to join our coffee morning and to be kept up to date on village news and to join in a wide range of activities.

CONTACT Mike Jackson for further information on 01604 831747.



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Miriam Harris



We are delighted to announce that our nomination for Miriam Harris to receive recognition for all the excellent work that she does for the village (Foodbank, School uniforms etc), ably supported by husband Richard and Sue Cornick, has been successful.

Miriam has received "The Rose of the Shires" award from the County. On Friday August 30th the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire personally visited Miriam at her home to present her award and said that nobody was more deserving due to the years of service she has given to the Kislingbury Community.

Paul Southworth representing Kislingbury Community Group, who submitted the nomination, was at the presentation and congratulated Miriam on behalf of KCG who are committed to the continued funding of the Foodbank.

Kislingbury Community Group.

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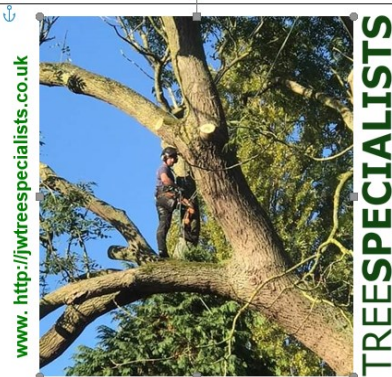
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Nev Cooke Memorial Football Tournament 29th July



The Tournament was a great occasion with 10 teams entering. A grand total of £1,750 was raised and has been donated to Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

Lots of people and organisations to thank - the Football Club for hosting, Kislingbury Community Group for sponsorship of the event, Sensational Care Provision for kit sponsorship, the Village Shop, the Sun Pub, the referees, family and friends who helped and supported, everyone who donated raffle prizes and made donations and all those who came to support on the day. Here's to next year !!



Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

The Society is Celebrating its Golden Anniversary in October with a Celebration Dinner , Cake and Fizz. The Society began in Bugbrooke , the Membership grew so it was decided to move to Nether Heyford Village Hall where our Membership continues to grow.

We are arranging a Christmas Workshop in December, Non Members are welcome to attend these.

Our Christmas Demonstration will be held **on Monday November 25th. The Demonstrator is Beverley Short her title - "A Christmas Wish"** Visitors £5.00 inc. refreshments.

Visitors are assured of a very warm welcome. We meet on the Fourth Monday of the month at Nether Heyford Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

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On September 5th, 1890, a local newspaper reported that Kislingbury had been thrown into a state of considerable excitement by the burning of five ricks on the Rothersthorpe Road, belonging to Abraham Hannell a local farmer. There were two ricks of clover, two tons of barley and one of wheat. Mr. Hannell had been working in the field for an hour and forty minutes, when one of his men spotted the barley rick on fire. The fire spread rapidly and Mr. Hannell had to go to the village to secure help and met Mr. Jones, a horse broker who immediately drove to Northampton to alert the fire brigade. From Franklin's Gardens he telephoned the borough police who contacted the fire station. Half an hour later the brigade were at the scene and had commenced operations. They managed to save some of the two clover ricks and by ten that night they had cleared away. There had been some difficulties with water and two ditches close at hand were emptied very quickly. They had to go some distance to use a ditch belonging to Mr. Dunkley, using 650 yards of hose pipe.

The damage was estimated at between £300 and £400; no clue could be discovered to the origin of the fire.

Taken from the scrapbook of Mrs Mary Kate James, who lived at 8 Mill Road, Kislingbury. She was the grand- daughter of Abraham Hannell, baker, of Amersham, High Street

If you have any photos, documents or recollections that may be of interest please contact-

Anne Upton 07845 943940 Felicity Dunkley 830514

HEYFORD SINGERS NEWS

**An evening with annA rydeR on Friday, October 25th
at 7.30pm in Nether Heyford Village Hall.**

annA is a talented singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist (keyboards, guitar, banjo, trumpet, accordion and bicycle pump – sometimes simultaneously!). She has played on many occasions with Fairport Convention – most recently at Cropredy Festival in August this year, and she will in all probability be joined by some of her friends from her musical world. There will be a licensed bar.

It promises to be a great evening. Tickets are now on sale at £12 in advance, £15 on the door from Keith Rands-Allen, 01327 340741, 07971 786912, or kvra44@gmail.com. We're sure to sell out so reserve your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

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1st Walk of August - Weedon and Beyond. A select group of 10, including one granddaughter, left the Plume of Feathers car park heading west along the Nene Valley Way, soon breaking out into the field bordering the old Ordnance Depot. The Nene here is only a small stream which, after crossing, we continued along its bank towards Dodford Mill Farm, where we branched off up over the ripening wheat fields which rise up towards the A45. Turning back towards the river, we could see an unusual linear feature on the landscape and we took a small detour to examine what is the Weedon Flood Defence. Essentially a dam containing the world's biggest Hydro-Brake, a device with no moving parts that automatically controls the flow of water down into Weedon even when the valley is flooded, ensuring that all in the town keep their feet dry.



We retraced our steps to re-join the path at the point where it passes through a little used opening in the hedge, back across the river and south into bigger wheat fields and enjoyed the silence and majestic sweeping view; not a building or road in sight. No wildebeest, although some claimed to have seen a large deer. The wheat fields gave way to barley and the group paused on our southern track where it met the Nene Valley Way again. We turned east here and followed the Way, crossing the Everdon Branch of the Nene and noted on a map that it joins the Newnham Branch quite close to the dam we could see again from the other side of the valley.

The NVW way continues past acres of potatoes destined for a major chip producer, eventually leaving the open farmland and joining Queen Street to

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wend back into the outskirts or Weedon. Through the mix of old and new buildings finally via a secluded footpath we returned to the pub.

2nd Walk of August - The idea for this walk originated in the stomach of our leader, whilst sitting on the settee in front of the television. Whilst thinking of food, which it must be said is not an unusual occurrence, his thoughts moved to the Red Lion in Crick.

Parking in the Red Lion car park, after ordering lunch, we headed towards the canal. Walking along the tow path in the direction of Yelvertoft, passing on the way Crick Marina, Crack's Hill and another Marina adjacent to Flint Hill Farm. Leaving the tow path we walked down the High Street into Yelvertoft, turning left heading up Cricket Field Lane, no sign of the ground which is now in another part of the village. Again passing Crack's Hill, which this time was on our right, we continued in a straight line back towards Crick and lunch. Crossing the canal twice and adjacent to the Crick Millennium Wood. Our leader's stomach being suitably satisfied until tea time!

The first walk of September - This took place on a glorious, sunny, early autumnal day. The walk started in a layby on the A 361, just North of the very pretty village of Badby.

A well-marked footpath took us across two fields before turning right across a small bridge over the river Nene to where the Nene Way starts. We then walked through the village, past thatched cottages and colourful cottage gardens, before walking up the steep path in front of the 14th century church to the footpath heading up to the ancient Badby Woods. Keeping to the edge of the woods, the walk was mainly uphill and uneven, and we encountered some fallen trees, which even the less agile of us managed to find a way round or over. We were relieved to find the path which led us out of the woods and to the top of the hill with beautiful views over the surrounding countryside and Fawsley Hall and estate.

A downhill path led us to the road alongside the Hall. We had our customary break on the path that leads to the fascinating Fawsley Church. Here, undeterred by jokes about being the group's bossy teacher, our leader enlightened us with some of the history of both the Fawsley Estate and the village of Badby. We then started our uphill climb along the Knightley Way back to the top of the hill and the woods, retracing our steps back to the church in Badby. We took a different route back through the village as we were looking for

the old youth hostel, which used to be the only thatched hostel in the country. The building is still there but is no longer a hostel. An uphill climb led us back to the layby, and from there we drove to the Barn in Upper Stowe for a tasty meal.

KISLINGBURY ART GROUP

**OUR 2024/2025 SESSION COMMENCED
ON THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER at
KISLINGBURY VILLAGE HALL from 2-4pm.**

**WE HAVE VACANCIES AND WELCOME
YOU TO COME ALONG TO JOIN US**



**On SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER from 10am -4pm
we have our ANNUAL EXHIBITION & SALE of our
ARTWORK at Kislingbury Village Hall**

Our 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.

For further information contact Judith 830421 or Mike 831747

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

It's box opening time again – please let Judith have your boxes for counting at your convenience, or she can collect if you let her know!

If you would like a box in your home then please contact Judith on 07926067699.

Very many thanks to all those who faithfully collect for this very worthy cause every year.

Cruising on the Nene

Extract from the 2018 ship's log — Inaugural voyage of Kislingbury Cruises, Kislingbury to the University Campus - abandoned ship at Upton Mill!

The first sailing of Kislingbury Cruises, Kislingbury Mill to Northampton East, set sail at around 11am to no fanfare or bunting after the early morning rain gave way to an unpromising misty drizzle.

Kislingbury Cruises' ship's master, an experienced waterman with certificates, arrived with his latest vessel in a bag, and a surprisingly slick operation was put into action with various technical, and less so, methods and devices for inflation being utilised with enough success for the master to be happy that flotation would be achieved. The only other member of the crew, an unqualified cruise director, played his part in being instructed on the esoterics of determining the aft and stern of such complex a mode of transport.

At last it came time to dress and prepare for portage to the slipway, at which point it became evident that the ship's master was properly prepared and had even considered that the voyage might take longer than a blink of an eye. A waterproof bag containing food and drink, an emergency communications device and navigational aids were all brought out from his commodious trunk. The cruise director on the other hand was full of enthusiasm and in his excitement failed to carb pack before setting out. He did however have some suitable footwear, but forgot to collect his wetsuit, which in hindsight was a mistake he'd live to regret.

The master donned his rubber boots and gathered up his crew and vessel and the plucky pair set off for the pub.

The cruise director's wife was so enthralled and engaged that she went to wash her hair, so missing the grand departure.

Well of course, the pub wasn't the destination, but the route to the slipway was directly past it. There was no cheering from the gathered throng, the canny customers were ensconced in the warm and cosy bar.

Kisl Mill was reached and the vessel launched without ceremony. The water was high and running well, even better, it was flowing towards Northampton.

It became instantly clear how this ship would be run, the master took up his place in the stern, armed with the only weapon that doubled as the propulsion system.

The cruise director embarked into the prow and was told to keep still and not muck about.

As the graceful vessel slipped her moorings, the lookout i.e. him at the sharp end, was made aware of how canny the master was and the first unforeseen adventure befell them in the shape of a swan anxiously sitting on what we took to be a nest. With the water running fast, there was no going back and the man at the pointy end realised that the only weapon on board was behind him and in the hands of the master and thus defenceless, his heart started to beat faster.

The swan gracefully entered the water and thankfully set off towards Northampton leaving the adventurers unsure if they were being led into an ambush, but grateful that nothing untoward had taken place.

With the swan setting a reasonable pace, the cruise director sat back against his personally inflated back rest and took in the splendours of the Nene in its glory as the master skilfully made a course correction to avoid some overhanging stinging nettles.

Suddenly the swan disappeared. On rounding the bend we came across the first of the bane of our trip to come, a fallen tree blocking our way. The swan, we found, had sneakily ducked through a swan only sized spot. Our doughty vessel couldn't go the same route so the master asked for volunteers to test the obstruction for weaknesses. The cruise director was heaved over the side and found the water somewhat deeper than expected immersed up to his chest as he fought with the branches eventually hauling the vessel still containing the master over the tree and regaining his place in the prow.

Several more trees were encountered before Kisl bridge and swan number two.

Venturing off cross country the mists started to come down, and grumbling was heard from the poop deck. The master's glasses were fogging up and a pause on land was discussed to remedy the situation, but the cruise director pointed out that this seemed to be a one way trip now as he hadn't seen an escape route up the bank for the last mile and unlikely to find more, even though prayers were fervently made.

Several more fallen trees were negotiated, and more reed beds penetrated before the master heard the sound of the weir. The prow man worried.

At the head of the falls, the water was quite still so we were able to peer over into the abyss and see, in fact, what is a gentle slope gushing with

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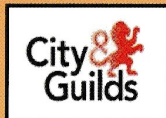
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water. Before the cruise director could ask for a vote, the master had thrust his brave craft over the edge and we whooped in fear until the nose broke the surface below at some speed. The vessel and the crew survived. Several more trees were negotiated, with the cruise director waist deep in the cold stuff again, dreaming about his forgotten wetsuit as he began to shiver.

Not long after this, the master demanded a comfort break and, at the first place we could put ashore, scrambled in an undignified way up the bank. The master was so determined to test the water to see how cold it was that he slipped back down the bank into the river several times before making a sound landfall.

The plucky pair accosted a passing jogger who was found to be able to speak English, and pointed out the we'd come from Kislingbury and were headed for Northampton and had happened upon that good land called Upton.

It was clear at this point that the cruise director thought he was getting hypothermia and although really just shivering and a bit over-cold, wasn't fit to get back in the damp boat without a reviving meal, hot shower and change of clothes.

The master with good grace agreed that we could return to complete the trip when the sun next shone and summoned her grace, his wife, who duly attended and whisked the forlorn pair away to warmth and safety.

Thus ended the first voyage of the Kislingbury Cruise Line somewhat ignominiously, having established that there are many trees across the water course, which require waist deep immersion to overcome, but otherwise there is continuous water that would have enabled a clear run all the way through.....in the dry!

The inflatable kayak boat was a triumph, and once emptied of many gallons of bilge water that had been shipped over the gunwales from the cruise director's immersions, not to mention all manner of green matter from passing reed beds and other overhanging stuff, was quickly folded up into the boot of her grace's car for a rapid exit from the Upton Rec car park. Voyage log. 2.4 miles travelled in around three hours.

There was a hope that phase two would be warmer, but to date, the adventure hasn't been restarted.

John Faulkner

DO YOU HAVE AN ELDERLY RELATIVE FACING HARDSHIP?

Your community charity, Kislingbury Town and Charity Estates, has provided financial or other assistance to elderly village residents in need for over 600 years.

We know that some Senior Citizens in the village are currently facing hardship, but it is often not in their nature to ask for help. If you have an elderly relative, resident in the village, who is suffering hardship - particularly as a result of ill health - we might be able to help.

How can you help?

You tell us about the hardship, in strictest confidence, and we will consider how we can help your relative.

Recent examples include a grant towards the Village Food Bank scheme; contribution towards a stair lift and tracking device for an elderly resident; and support to cover a resident's exceptional medical expenses. Equally, we might make a one-off financial grant to help address a hardship.

What would I need to do?

Please contact our Clerk **Roger Wilson** on **(01604) 831786** for a strictly confidential discussion – the Trustees can meet at short notice to consider requests.

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



WHERE TO FIND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPORT IN KISLINGBURY

A **Defibrillator** is located at **The Sun**.



An **Emergency Bleed Control Kit** is located outside the **Shop**.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE
Services for October & November 2024

Sunday 6th October	11.00am	All Age Worship for Harvest
Sunday 13th October	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th October	11.00am	Morning Worship
Thursday 24th October	9.30am	School Harvest Service in Church
Sunday 27th October	11.00am	Holy Communion with at
	4pm	A Time to Remember — a special service for those who have lost loved ones
Sunday 3rd November	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 10th November	10.45am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Monday 11th November	10.15am	School Remembrance Service
Sunday 17th November	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 24th November	11.00am	Holy Communion for Safeguarding Sunday

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE BE CHANGED, THEN IT WILL BE ADVERTISED VIA THE VILLAGE WEBSITE AND THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS.

Kislingbury & Upton Community Church (KUCC)
Mill Lane, Kislingbury, NN7 4BD

Kislingbury & Upton Community Church (KUCC)

Tuesday Prayer and Praise Service in Kislingbury, between 10am and 11am except on the 4th Tuesday of the month when the service takes place at 7.15pm

www.KUCC.co.uk Email: info@kucc.co.uk T: 07432 881576

St Patrick's Catholic Church

28 Peveril Road, Duston

Father Benny Joseph MSFS, Email: stpatrickduston@gmail.com

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Sunday: 11am - 10.30pm

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Saturday, Breakfast: 9am - 11am
Evening: 6pm - 9pm
Sunday: Midday - 3pm

Food Offers **Tuesday** - Pie and a pint £12 , **Wednesday** - Curry and a pint £12
Thursday - 2 for 1 pizzas, 6pm - 9pm, on selected pizzas
Breakfast every Saturday morning, 9am - 11am
Sunday Lunch - Midday - 3pm, £15 for main course and dessert

Coming Up October

7th - Monthly Book Club from 7pm
14th - Poker Night, £100 to be won. Limited spaces £5pp
6pm for early beginner session, main start at 7pm
15th - Open Mic Night 8pm start
27th - Quiz Night - £1 entry per person, 7pm-11pm cash prizes to be won!

November

2nd - Autumn Rugby Internationals start - England v New Zealand, shown on the big screen in the marquee
9th - Race Night - Details to follow
17th - Psychic Night with Penny and Pete
19th - Open Mic Night 8pm Start
24th - Quiz Night - £1 entry per person, 7pm-11pm cash prizes to be won!
28th - Our Christmas Menu begins
30th - Comedy Night - Details to follow

December dates for your Diary

7th - Christmas Fayre, Midday - 4pm
13th - Dinner and Dance with live music
14th - Breakfast with Santa
18th - Christmas Carols with Nether Heyford Choir
21st - Christmas Play in the marquee
31st - New Year's Eve Party at the Sun, live music and more



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