

KISLINGBURY NEWS



December 2023/January 2024

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Village Diary

December

1st - 24th Village Advent Windows - See centre pages

2nd Winter Warmers - Soup & Rolls, St Luke's Church, 12 - 2pm

5th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7pm

6th Christmas Messy Church, 3.30pm, St Luke's Church

16th **Father Christmas with Reindeer**, 4 The Green, 1pm - 4pm

17/18th **Poinsettia Weekend**, St Luke's Church, 10am - 12 noon

24th **Crib Service for Toddlers**, St Luke's Church, 2.30pm

30th Winter Warmers - Soup & Rolls, St Luke's Church, 12 - 2pm

January 2024

12th Winter Warmers - Soup & Rolls, St Luke's Church, 12 - 2pm

16th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7pm

Regular Events

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

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 January and August.
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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Cycle Club - Meets at Sun Inn every Saturday at 9.30am

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

Kislingbury Parish Council November 2023

These notes reflect the Parish Council's October and November meetings. The December meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th December 2023.

Planning applications

It is disappointing to have to report that most of the issues discussed in the last two editions of the Kislingbury News are still not resolved. We are still waiting for further news about the Beech Lane and Hodges Lane developments. Villagers will have noticed that there are now traffic calming measures on the Rothersthorpe Road near the Spitfire Pembleton development and that there is a new footpath with numerous street lights. We were concerned about the safety of pedestrians coming out of Pembleton, especially children going to the village school but we would have liked more consultation about how their safety would be best assured.

The issues about water run-off from Pembleton and the impact on ditches is still one that we will discuss with the Spitfire site manager.

Road Closures

Since the September Parish Council Notes, the village has been impacted by a one-way system near the river bridge. At the time of writing the work appears to be coming to an end although there is still work to be done to link the pipes on either side of the river. This section passes through the small island on the downstream side of the bridge which, for reasons lost in the mists of time, is owned by the Parish Council. We have agreed access to this land. We will make our views known if, once the work is finished, the areas that have been affected are not fully restored.

As the last set of notes pointed out, the Parish Council does not receive advance warning of road closure, so please do alert villagers via the Village Facebook page. There was one posted recently about an Anglia Water 5 day closure that will affect Church Lane.

Precept 2024/2025

The precept is the money we request from West Northants Council in order to run services in the village. We include an element to enable us to make grants to village organisations. We will be making our final decision about the 2024/25 precept at our meeting on 5th December 2023, so there is still a little time if you would like to ask our Parish Clerk for a grant application form.

I will report on the final precept request once it has been agreed by the Parish Council but, without anticipating that decision, it looks as though there will only be a very small increase.

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)

While on the subject of money, I would like to repeat the thanks in the last Kislingbury News to those who have made suggestions about how this money (which is a levy on house building) might be spent. In the New Year, the Parish Council will be working out a list of priorities, informed by health and safety concerns, and a schedule of spending.

Parish Council Website

All Parish Councils are required to have a public-facing website to ensure that their decisions and finances are transparent. Thanks to all the hard work by Janet Mallett our new website is now technically compliant. We will shortly be uploading finance and audit reports to ensure that we are compliant in this respect too.

Councillors

We still have one vacancy for a councillor. If you think you might be interested do please contact Ann Addison or me to discuss what is involved and what you might be able to contribute.

Advertising Local Events on the Village Greens

The Parish Council is always keen to support village events, especially if they are fund-raising for good causes. If you would like to place a display on one of the village greens, please do get in touch with our Parish Clerk to discuss what you would like to do.

This is the last set of Parish Council Notes for 2023, so on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish you a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Dr Jonathan Hughes
Chairman, Kislingbury Parish Council

24th November 2023



LIGHT UP ST LUKE'S

The draws for October and November have been completed.

Many thanks to Sue Knight who drew Shirley Faulkner's winning ticket for October and to Berni Hurley who drew out November's winning ticket which was held by Sue Taylor.

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HARVEST AFTERNOON TEAS – **Enormous thanks to Deni and Mike Topliss and their team** for providing superb Teas in aid of the Church's Fabric Fund in September. £417 was raised and we are very grateful for Deni and Mike's time and energies on our behalf.

"A TIME TO REMEMBER" We hope those attending found it helpful and that they left with peace in their hearts. Thank you to the ladies who provided the tea and cake. This service will now be held annually.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Thank you to all those who participated. The loose collection for the British Legion Poppy Appeal amounted to £199.80.

TOASTED TEA CAKES Always a popular event and we thank everyone who attended. A big thank-you, as always, to the organising "committee".

PRAYER GROUP

Please remember that should you wish for special prayers for a loved one, ring **Judith on 830421** and our members will offer prayers for healing and wholeness.



CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH
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with refreshments. Come and join us!*



POINSETTIA WEEKEND
16TH/17TH DECEMBER - 10am to 12.00noon
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A short service for toddlers, when we follow the Christmas story with illustrations and songs. Time to play after the service when refreshments will be available for all.

***"Lord of the years, we ask your blessing on the year to come.
Give us the resilience to bear its disappointments, energy to seize its
opportunities and openness to accept the more abundant life which you
have promised to us in Christ Jesus our Lord."***

**WARMEST GOOD WISHES AND BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE
FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR!**

Kislingbury Highways Charity Grant 2023/24 Applications

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

The trustees will meet in February 2024 to discuss applications. Please send applications directly, ideally by email, to me including a copy of your current bank balance sheet by 20th February 2024.

Thank you.

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MIRIAM HARRIS

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This year box holders and those others who have donated to this worthy cause over the year have raised **£371.23**.

In the present financial climate, this is a wonderful result and we can’t thank you all too much.

It is going to such a very worthy cause helping vulnerable and deprived children in this country.

If you would like a box in your home then please call Judith on 830421.

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**Father Christmas and his Reindeer
will be visiting the Grotto
at 4 The Green**



**Saturday 16th December
1:00pm - 4:00pm**

Post your letters to Santa in the Grotto Post Box!

Miriam Harris

Village Advent Windows

This works like a normal advent calendar in that on each day in December there will be a new window to look at around the village.

The windows will be lit between 6pm – 9pm.

Thank you to everyone for taking part in 2023 advent windows. I can't wait to see everyone walking around the village.

Here is the list of the windows and their date in December from which they will be available to view.

Happy Christmas, Nicky Wilmot



1	5 High Street
2	8 Willow View
3	8 Bugbrooke Road
4	1 Ballaster Gardens
5	11 The Green
6	4 The Green
7	18a High Street
8	51 Willow View
9	11 The Orchard
10	2 Starmers Lane



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43 Bugbrooke Road

12

20 Mill Road

13

14

3 Ballaster Gardens

15

1 The Orchard

16

16 Church Lane

17

19 Mill Road

18

27 High Street

19

Kislingbury School

20

The Olde Red Lion

21

10 Bugbrooke Road

22

7 Duke's Green Road

23

23 Hall Close

24

28 Mill Lane



Chris and Mick Abbott



Chris and Mick have lived in the village for 55 years. They are a fine example of those villagers who just get on with their life whilst quietly and consistently supporting Village Groups and Organisations. If you are a member of the Bowls Club or the Kislingbury Amblers, you will be aware of their commitment and hard work. If not, then read on to find out more, and to learn about their post war childhoods and how they met.

Chris's early life

"I was born and brought up in Northampton town centre. My father worked at Webb's Shoe Factory and my mother had local part time cleaning jobs. We lived at first in a rented terraced house, rent was 50p a week. The house had a front parlour which was only used at Christmas, a middle parlour with the only fire in the house, a kitchen, and a cellar where food was kept. There were 3 bedrooms, one for my mum and dad, one for

me and my sister Marion, and a back bedroom for my grandma. There was an unlit outdoor toilet with newspaper for toilet paper. No flush, so a bucket of water was required. Baths were taken in a tin bath in front of the fire until we were too big and then Mum took us to the Slipper Baths in St Andrews (now the super sausage café). There were individual cubicles, and a lady would take away the top of the taps so you could not put more hot water in. So too bad if you put too much cold water in! Thinking back on my life then we were much better off than others, as many families had three or more children and many parents were not working.

We moved to a council house in 1957. This was really special for us as we moved to a three bedroom house with heating, an internal bathroom and two loos. Really posh!

As a child I joined the local Girls' Brigade where my mum helped out. I played in the band and took part in a National Competition which we won and got to perform at the Albert Hall. I also joined the church choir: we seemed to go to church a lot then!"

Chris's Schooling and early working life

"I went to Spring Lane Primary School, which was at the bottom of our street, so I went home for lunch. I passed the 11 plus and chose to go to the Technical High School in Trinity Avenue. I did not want to go to the Grammar School where my sister went. Up until that time, I had always had my sister's old clothes. However, the grammar school wore navy, and the Tech

wore green so I could not have any of her old uniform; not even her knickers as ours were green. Thinking back this was very selfish as mum and dad must have really struggled financially to kit us both out. Once we had moved in 1957, I had to cycle to school and my mum and dad had to save every week to get me a bike as a Christmas present.

I enjoyed school and became a prefect and then Head Girl for a year in the sixth form. However, most of my friends had left school by then so I decided to leave as well at 17 to earn some money. I took a shorthand and typing course and then found secretarial and office jobs first in an insurance company, where I stayed for 4 and a half years, then for the police for another 4 and a half years before moving to work for the Area Health Authority as secretary to the Area Treasurer and on to Princess Marina Hospital where I stayed until I became pregnant with my first child, John.”

Mick’s early life

“I was born during the war in Bragborough Hall, just outside Braunston. This was a home for evacuee mothers, but I think it must also have been a maternity unit during the war. My father and mother lived in Earls Barton, and I grew up there with my 2 older sisters. We lived in a converted pub next door to my father’s business, which was a car sales and repair garage. During the war, the garage was used by the military as a cinema as well as being used to service instruments used in air planes. My father also had a timber clearing business where my mother used to drive the tractor to move timber. I remember messing about in the garage and riding on the tractor with my mum.

As a child, my father arranged for me to have swimming lessons at the Mounts in Northampton. I also joined the Church Lads’ Brigade. As a teenager I continued swimming at the Mounts, joined a fishing club and gradually cycled more so I could visit Northampton on Saturday mornings to go to cafes to hear the latest records. Sundays were spent serving petrol in my father’s garage.”

Mick’s schooling and early working life

“I hated school. I went to Earls Barton Infant and Primary School. I remember celebrating the Queen’s coronation in 1953 and I still have the celebration cup. I also remember two elderly female teachers who would thump pupils in the back while we were trying to study: some of us ended up with bad nerves and painful backs. Playtime in the playground gave me pneumonia twice as it always seemed to be raining. In the corners of the playground, we had squash corners where the big boys would squash the smaller boys. I then went to John Lea School in Wellingborough as there was a bus there. I spent many times in the headmaster’s office waiting to be caned for talking. When the bus journey started to get a bit rough and tumble, several of us decided to cycle to school.

I left school at 16 and had wanted to work in my father’s garage, but he decided I should do an apprenticeship, so I chose one at Hollingsworth Auto Electrical in Bridge Street where I remained for the whole of my working life and eventually became a tachograph technician. I was working with a group of guys about the same age, and we had a lot of fun despite

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Chris and Mike Abbott cont. from page 18

working conditions being bad in the winter. I still have friends from that time. I started off cycling to work until I bought a moped. This enabled me to travel to Silverstone every Saturday. Being car mad, I could not wait to get my first car, this being a 23-year-old 1 owner ford Y type 8. Secretly a Ford 10 supplied a more powerful engine with modifications, and this meant we could outdo more modern machines on disused airfields.”

Life together and in Kislingbury

Mick: “In 1963, one of my work mates, Richard, and his girlfriend Sue, a friend of Chris, arranged a blind date for Chris and myself, and the rest is history! We got married in 1967 in St Giles Church, Northampton. We had to live with my parents for six months while our house in Kislingbury was finished.”

Chris: “There was no particular reason why we chose Kislingbury, it was just that we both fancied living in a village which was not too far away from Northampton, and there was a house we could afford in Kislingbury. The houses in Willow View were all new and families were at similar stages in their lives, which was great. However, we did not really get involved in village life for another 10 years, when we had children, as we both worked full time. We then got to know people through school and the Boys’ Brigade, where I helped out. I was also secretary for the Parish Council for a while and got to know people through that. I got a job at The Cromwell, as it fitted round caring for our 2 children. As the children got older, I returned to part time work in administration, finally retiring when I was 62. In my fifties I also started to get involved with the Kislingbury Bowls club. I was Captain, Secretary and then President for 4 years but have recently given up holding any office for the club to concentrate on just playing.”

Mick: “I took up competitive indoor target shooting and have been competition secretary for several years for a local club. I also took over organising the village Amblers Walking Group, from Dennis Tidmarsh, which I have run for over 10 years. I have greatly enjoyed doing this. I now spend a lot of time gardening and taking life at a slower pace. I also enjoy tinkering with my self-built car.”

Changes in the village

“When we moved here, the village was small enough to feel you knew most people. It is still friendly with a lot going on for villagers, but it has grown so much that we don’t know a lot of people anymore. There is not a lot for young people anymore. There used to be the Boys’ Brigade and the Youth Club but neither of these have run for some time now.

It may sound selfish but neither of us want to see a large expansion of the village but would certainly like to see houses which the children of our village could afford and enable them to remain here. Also, traffic passing through the village in large numbers has certainly increased but this is probably viewed by some as progress!! Hopefully, in years to come, residents will still be able to enjoy village life in Kislingbury as we have and hope to do in the coming years.”

Interviewed by Gill Blake

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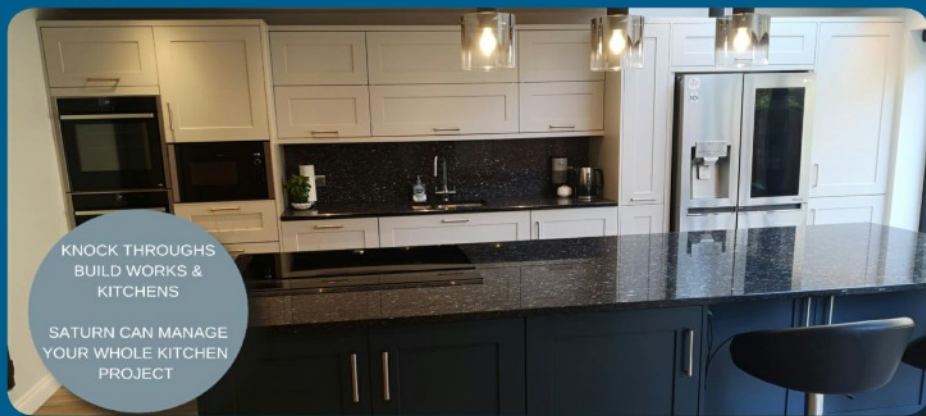


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Kislingbury Amblers



We are a group of like minded individuals who meet usually on the first and third Wednesday of each month to have a walk of about 5 miles in the local area and then a pub lunch.

If you would like more information or to join the group
Please call John on 07977938311 - ALL ARE WELCOME

October First Walk - The challenge of this walk undertaken by 12 amblers was to make our way to the ever popular 'Old Dairy' Farm Craft Centre. The weather was ideal for our 6 mile trek.

After parking at St Michael's Church Bugbrooke, we quickly picked up the bridleway opposite taking us across a level field and across the Nether Heyford road to the former Old Crown Pub. The terrain became a little hilly at this point eventually reaching a favourite treat of crossing the iron railway bridge. The challenge of the hills continued with the walk through the well known 'Motocross' area which was quiet being mid-week. Eventually we reached the busy A5 Watling Street Roman Road.

Further up the hill our walkers were surprised to encounter a full size 'mannequin' pointing the way to be taken; possibly left by a local farmer. By now our amblers were beginning to think of refreshment and after entering Upper Stowe and passing some houses we reached our well deserved rest stop of the 'Old Dairy'.

After perusing the interesting craft shops and art galleries together with fortification of tea, cakes etc. we set off once again. At this point the sign posted route became downhill giving magnificent views to the west and east.

After reaching Church Stowe, we turned right and followed the road to the A5 crossing to follow the designated route. Following the field perimeter we passed the route of the disused railway on the outskirts of Nether Heyford used to transport materials to and from the iron works. We turned right through a kissing gate and followed the path through a copse to reach a low headroom, narrow tunnel under the railway line. We then crossed the field to the sign posted path to Furnace Lane.

On reaching Furnace Lane, we turned left to canal bridge No. 32 and followed the towpath along the Grand Union Canal to bridge No. 35 taking us back to Bugbrooke St Michael's Church car park. 13 amblers went for lunch at the Cromwell Cottage restaurant.

October Second Walk - This walk commenced from the housing estate off the Northampton Road, Towcester, where all the addresses are named after famous F1 racing drivers. At the appointed departure time we were one walker short, so after a flurry of phone calls it was decided to meet in Hulcote.

Crossing the Northampton Road we entered the Easton Neston Estate through a small arch to the left of the gates to the estate. Making our way through the woodland area and grassland we entered the village of Hulcote. No sign of our missing walker, further phone calls, will meet us in Shutlanger.

Leaving the village we walked through a very large field, on reaching the road we turned left, over or through a ford and walked under the now dismantled Stratford upon Avon and Midland Junction Railway (SMJR).

Joining the Showsley Road we turned right towards Shutlanger, passing through the tiny village of Showsley. Our missing walker remained missing! We turned into Shutlanger Road, then after a short distance turned right walking across two fields until we reached the large field previously mentioned, we went back to Hulcote the way we had come heading towards our cars and lunch. At which our missing walker turned up with a tale too long to go through in this report!

Once again thanks go to our beloved leader who really has mastered the art of leading from the back with a series of shouts and hand signals.

November First Walk - After parking, which was a bit of a trauma due to one ticket machine being out of order and the other being problematic, a group of 12 walkers plus Jack, a golden retriever, left Brixworth Country Park to walk in a clockwise direction around Pitsford Reservoir.

On the first section up to our mid walk stop, we saw a couple of newly renovated farmhouses set in stunning locations overlooking the water. When crossing the Causeway we spotted a large drainage pipe which ran from the path level to the surfaces of the water, various guesses were put forward to what it could be used for the best being for adding fish to the Reservoir.

After our break and Jack having several dips into the water we continued around the reservoir. A number of anglers were out some in boats and others were on the bank but we did not see any fish caught. A number of birds were spotted, the most interesting being a cormorant with wings outstretched in the sun. Reaching the dam we noticed the water level was approx. 1 metre below the overflow weir. The group saw what appeared to be wind surfers but apparently they were riding wind hydrofoils which is a surf board with a much smaller skimming foil mounted underneath which allows the riders to surf higher out of the water as speed builds up.

Leaving the dam we passed the Boat Club arriving back at the car park having walked about 6.5 miles. The group then drove back to Kingsthorpe for lunch at the Old Cobbler pub.

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November Second Walk - This walk took our amblers to historic Brixworth. We parked at the 'George Inn' with prior consent. Eight walkers took part with 11 staying for lunch at the George. The walk was approx. 5 miles and the going was hilly with muddy areas.

We followed the main road out of Brixworth for approx. half a mile and turned right down Merry Tom Lane. The history tells us that Merry Tom was a horse owned by the Earl Spencer in the 1700's that broke it's neck attempting to jump the River Nene!! Eventually we reached the Brampton Valley Railway route where we turned right. Good views to the west.

On reaching the car park at Spratton Road we turned right and followed the bridleway back to Brixworth. Unfortunately, we did not have time to visit the impressive Anglo-Saxon All Saints' Church. We walked past a number of houses in Brixworth displaying a blue plaque giving details of their previous function and history.

Lunch was taken at The George.

Tales from the Kislingbury Archives

Taken from The Village Scrapbook 1953 – Christmas Eve

Fifty years ago, many more people went carol singing, generally in family groups. The Billingham Glee Party went singing carols at all the big houses in the district, in other villages as well and would often be invited in for a mince pie or glass of beer.

Later the Baptist Chapel Singers toured the village singing carols and collecting money for the Sunshine Committee to spend on buying gifts for the aged and ill. These were distributed on Boxing Day. The Baptist Choir Supper was an event every Christmas. Great joints of beef with Yorkshire puddings and potatoes in tins half as big as a table were baked at Hedges' Bakehouse and carried up to the Chapel Schoolrooms. Recitations, songs and games always followed. Nowadays the suppers have declined to meat teas.

The Church Choir also held a supper in the Schoolrooms and once upon a time, the Rector always gave the bell ringers a feast at the Rectory. The bell ringers always used to come round collecting on Christmas Eve at one time. The Male Voice Choir of the village under the conductorship of Mr. A. G. Billingham always gave a tea to all the old folks at the Day Schools. This custom was taken over by the British Legion after the Second World War.

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

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There was a **BRING and BUY** stall as well as a **CAKE** stand, a super raffle and coffee/ tea.

Thanks to everyone for **SUPPORTING THIS VERY WORTHY CHARITY.**

The **KOFs** meet at the Village Hall every Thursday at 10.30 am for coffee and a chat. We keep you up to date with all the village news. We also organise regular events and activities. If you would like to come along and join us, please contact us to arrange for a member to accompany you on your first visit to the **KOFs**.

YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME

Contact Mike Jackson Secretary for more information on
01604831747 or 5fivejays@gmail.com

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.

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LUKE

Services for December and January 2024

Sunday 3rd December	11.00am	Morning Worship	
Sunday 10th December	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Nic Edwards
Sunday 17th December	11.00am	Morning Worship	
Sunday 17th December	5.45pm	Carols by Candlelight	
Monday 18th December	6.00pm	Carols on the Church Green	
Sunday 24th December		No morning services	
Sunday 24th December	2.30pm	CRIB SERVICE for toddlers (30 mins)	
		Followed by refreshments and play!	
CHRISTMAS DAY	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Nic Edwards
Sunday 31st December	10:30:00	Benefice All Age Service + Holy Communion	
Sunday 7th January	11.00am	Morning Worship	
Sunday 14th January	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Nic Edwards
Sunday 21st January	11.00am	Morning Worship	
Sunday 28th January	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Nic Edwards

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

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Sunday: Middy – 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
Thursday - Saturday - main menu is served 6pm - 9pm
Sunday lunch - Middy - 3pm, £15 for main course and dessert

Coming Up

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve - 11am -11pm (lunch service, midday-3pm)
Christmas Day - 11am - 1.30pm (drinks only)
Boxing Day - midday - 6pm (drinks only)
New Year's Eve - 11am - 1am **New Year's Day** - Closed

December -

Christmas meat raffle

5th - Defibrillator Training in our marquee, no limit on number, 7pm start
9th - Sonic Vultures playing 7pm start
10th - No Vocal playing 7.30pm start
18th - Emma Remington Table Centre Piece Master Class
19th - Monthly Open Mic Night - 8.30pm -11pm
19th - Afternoon Tea & Dance, with a saxophonist 2pm - 5pm
28th - Monthly Pub Quiz Night, 7.30pm - 11pm, cash prizes to be won!
£1 entry fee per person
31st - New Years Eve Party at The Sun

January -

16th - Monthly Open Mic Night
21st - Psychic Night with Penny and Pete
25th - Burn's Night Celebration
28th - Monthly Pub Quiz Night, 7.30pm-11pm, cash prizes to be won!
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