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Village Diary

April

16th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7pm

19th Pudding Party, St Luke's Church

22nd Bugbrooke & District Flower Society, 7.30pm, Nether Heyford Hall

24th Messy Vintage, St Luke's Church, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

May

21st Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7pm

26th Food and Drink Festival, Playing Fields

June

15th & 16th Open Gardens

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

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LIGHT UP ST LUKE'S



The draws for February and March have been completed.

Many thanks to Brian Thompson who drew Karen Guardlow's winning ticket for February and to Pat Kidson who drew March's winning ticket which is held by Richard Bland.

Congratulations to both winners and thank you again to both Brian and Pat.

Keep well and thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Regards Deni Topliss, Mob 07754471120



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Kislingbury Parish Council March 2024

These notes reflect the Parish Council's February and March meetings. The next two Parish Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 16th April and Tuesday 21st May.

The April meeting is also the date for the Annual Parish Meeting. As I mentioned in my last notes, this event has rather gone 'under the radar' in recent years. This year the Parish Council will be getting in touch with village organisations and groups to encourage them to use this meeting to share their plans with the wider village community. We will also be asking our village wardens to give an update. These will be in addition to my annual report. I hope you will come along to find out what is happening in the village and perhaps suggest some ideas of your own.

The May meeting is the Annual General meeting of the Parish. At this meeting the Chair and Vice-Chair are elected from amongst serving councillors.

The Parish Council still has vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you are interested please get in touch with me or any of the councillors listed in the directory in the Kisl News.

Equally, if you feel you could offer some time to support the work of the Parish Council but do not want to be a Parish Councillor we would welcome people to report to the Council in the same way that our tree, flood and footpath wardens do. Again if you think you could help please do get in touch, or come along to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Flooding and Drainage Issues

The Flood Warden, Chris Payne, continues to do sterling work in the face of what can only be described as stonewalling from Kier who are the West Northants' contractors. They have been refusing to get back to him over a range of issues.

This reached the point where the Parish Council was about to formally complain. Fortunately at the March Parish Council meeting both the

flooding warden and our local WNC councillor, Adam Brown were present. Cllr. Brown was able to give us an update on Kier's plans. It emerged that they need to put cameras through the village system so they can identify where the blockages are. Cllr Brown informed us that we can expect to see Kier carrying out this essential investigation very soon.

The significance of the 3 valves that allow flood water to run into the river was also discussed. Two of these are the responsibility of WNC/Kier and a third of the Environmental Agency. Chris will continue to press that these are kept clear.

Planning - especially Beech Lane and Hodges Lane

It is clear that for Kisingbury flooding and planning issues are directly connected.

At the February Parish Council Meeting Mr Colin Clayson, who wishes to build 58 houses on the corner of Beech Lane and Camp Lane, tried to reassure the 40 or so villagers who attended that his "experts" would ensure that no flooding issues could ever possibly arise as a result of his development. He also added that if these experts were subsequently proved wrong, then they could be sued.

His proposal makes some major assumptions about how water runoff from the proposed development would be managed. The proposal assumes that residents will all act as model citizens to ensure that their drive and drains are kept clear. Additionally it assumes that landowners responsible for the ditches that carry water to the Nene will ensure that all these will be kept clear. Finally, it assumes that agencies like WNC/Kier and the Environmental agency will fully meet their responsibilities.

I have had written communication from Mr Clayson in which he repeats these 'reassurances' but takes no account of the range of objections which are voiced by the 221 objections on the planning portal. All these objections were raised again by people who attended the February Parish Council Meeting.

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Flooding concerns are also an important aspect of the proposed development of 2 houses on Hodges Lane (behind the Cromwell Cottage). I quote from the report by Martin Andrews Consulting Ltd. which has recently appeared on the WNC planning portal:

We would advise that the information provided is NOT satisfactory to demonstrate that the proposed surface water drainage scheme for the development will adequately manage flood risk in accordance with Policy BN7 of West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.

The concern here is that the measures proposed to protect the two new houses will increase the flood risk for neighbours.

The Parish Council will be working with Cllr. Brown to ensure that the objections raised by Kislbury residents about these developments will be understood by the planning case officer and by elected members.

Highways

The Parish Council is working with WNC and Kier on a variety of issues to try and make the village safer.

These issues include the installation of three new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) and relocating our current VAS (Vehicular Activated Sign). The new signs will be on Rothersthorpe Road coming into the village near the Pembleton (Thrupp Way) entrance, on the zebra crossing near the school and coming into the village from Bugbrooke (near the wooden bus shelter). The new SIDs will be connected to street lights. The VAS near the school will be moved to the High Street near the entry to Riverside Court.

These signs require a one off licence. We are also going to apply for a grant towards this work from the Police and Fire Commissioner. Both these forms require a named contractor. I hope by the time the next Kisl News comes out that I will be able to report significant progress.

Once the signs are installed, the Parish Council will consult with the police and with speedwatch about reinforcing the messages given by the SIDs. In addition to these signs we are hoping to install 20 mph speed advisory signs around the village.

The Parish Council is also in discussion with WNC Highways about the 'Church drive' near the Old Rectory. This is technically a highway so is the responsibility of WNC. However, we are hoping to match-fund with Highways to rectify the poor state of this 'road'.

Precept and Finance

By now you will probably have had your annual Council Tax Demand.

In my last set of notes I mentioned that we were raising our precept (the funding request to WNC) by £5000 to £66000. For a Band D house this results in a 8.8% increase. This actually means an annual increase of £10.50.

I stated in the last notes that all Parish Councillors and wardens give up their time freely and that all monies are spent for the direct benefit of Kislingbury residents in terms of street lighting, grass mowing and village maintenance as well as making grants to support village organisations including the football club, KPFA, and the village hall.

And finally ...

If you reached this point in these notes - well done!

I hope that they give you an indication of the work of the Parish Council; so I'll close by asking again that if you do feel you might be able to contribute to the Council in any way please do get in touch.

Dr Jonathan Hughes
Chair, Kislingbury Parish Council

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“Jam and Jackets” *A “jam” session for musicians took place in church on 2nd March, something totally different for the church. It was enjoyed by all and a big thank you to Sarah Parker for providing the jacket potatoes and fillings.*

Northampton Male Voice Choir – the church was approached by Kislisbury Bowls Club to hold this event as a joint venture. The concert took place in February and was absolutely superb with the ovation at the end showing how much it was enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who attended, the catering team and those who helped in any way.

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Miriam, Richard and Sue

REINDEER

Also last but not least, again thank you to all the charities, Parish Council and villagers for sponsoring the Reindeer. Father Christmas was his usual wonderful self! One child, I was told was very shy and nervous, after Father Christmas spoke to him he sat on his seat and had what his Granny described as verbal diarrhoea! How wonderful.

It was so nice to see the village community enjoying the reindeer, Karen who brings them said she loves coming to our village all the way from LAPLAND!

Happy Easter, Miriam

A big thank you to everybody who donated money in memory of Richard Newcomen. The sum of £780 was raised for The Friends of Danetre Hospital.

Carole Newcomen

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Kislingbury over Fifties



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Have you enjoyed reading about other villagers' lives? Would you like to tell your story too? So far, interviewees have all lived in the village for over 50 years, and have been able to comment on changes they have seen here.

We would still like to hear from more of you who have lived here for a long time. However, we would also like to have some stories from those who are new to the village, young people growing up in the village, and anyone who would like to share some of their history with others.

Rest assured, nothing is printed without your agreement! We are told that the process is quite painless and even enjoyable.

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Thank you all who supported our Fashion Show making it a very successful evening.

We meet at Nether Heyford Village Hall on the fourth Monday of the Month, except Bank Holidays, at 7.30pm.

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For more information please contact Dianne on 01604 830063.

Mike and Jo Eley

Mike and Jo have lived in the village for more than 50 years. Here are just a few of the intriguing memories of their lives both before and after moving to Kislingbury.

Mike's early life

"I was born in Overstone in 1940. Mum and dad lived in my grandparent's bungalow near to Sywell Airport, which was actively involved in the war. My first recollection, at the age of 4, was watching the damaged Wellington Bombers returning from Germany; it was both frightening and exciting to hear the noise of these aircraft over our bungalow. My father worked at the airport as a senior tester, and later told me that he often found it difficult to believe how the pilots had managed to bring the bombers back with damaged engines and broken fuselage and wings.

I loved living at my grandparent's as they had a small holding with a pig, Percy. I was furious one day when I saw Percy, squealing, being dragged along and next I heard a loud bang. Percy was no more and could be found in many parts of the bungalow, hanging in muslin from doorways. I had quite a few local friends, we raced up and down the road on our bikes, climbing onto these giant concrete "cotton reels" on the side of the road, little knowing they were tank deterrents for when/if the Germans invaded. These "cotton reels" are now outside the Sywell Aviation Museum.

After the war, in 1947, Mum and Dad moved from my grandparent's and bought a shop in Collingwood Road, changing it from a Haberdasher's into a Greengrocer's. I enjoyed the move as there was a sweet shop next door and I was given the necessary ration coupons to buy sweets. Another plus side of the shop was earning money by chopping up the various wooden crates, originally carrying the shop's merchandise, and selling the wood to our customers. Creosoting fences was lucrative too. I was also delivery boy for orders placed by our customers, earning pocket money on Saturdays.

One day, a customer, retiring from the pit orchestra at the New Theatre, Abington St., heard me on the recorder, thought I had talent and sold me an ancient saxophone. A friend, who played trumpet, told me about a music teacher, Tommy Lewin. He had his own band and at 16, after lessons with him, I had my first gig! I played with various bands, earning more money on one gig than a week's wages, American Airforce bases being particularly lucrative. Due to the shortage of dance partners for the Americans, enthusiastic local young ladies were bused from the

Market Square to these various bases, with equally enthusiastic chaperones, who were seated around the dance floor knitting, but keeping a wary eye open. My most embarrassing moment, at one of these American camps, was when one of the band damaged my sax reed and I had to return to the changing room to replace it, where there were about 10 partially dressed ladies, preparing for their dance performance. Red faced I returned to the band with a new reed.”

Jo’s early life:

“I was born in Morden, southwest London, in 1943, the last stop on the northern line. During the war, when the Doodle Bugs started to fall over London, my mother brought me to live with a friend on Main Road, Duston, for a while. The friend’s husband worked at Express Lifts. Little did I know that some 20 years later, I would marry someone who also worked at Express Lifts! I had a happy childhood, going to the local primary school, which was just around the corner from our house, so I was able to come home at lunch times. My best friend and I used to take ourselves to London Zoo during the school holidays, travelling by tube from Morden to Regents Park, quite a trip for 12/13 year olds. By this time I was already at our local Grammar School in Merton. I well remember we sometimes went along to Wimbledon Tennis after school: entrance into the grounds was free in those days. We would wait at an entrance to a court, in our school uniform, hoping to be given tickets by those who were leaving. Mostly, we were readily given the tickets and were able to watch until end of play. My favourites were Sirola and Pietrangeli, Italian doubles players. Their matches were very fast and exciting.”

Mike’s schooling and early working life

“I went to local schools, then transferred to the College in St. George’s Avenue. I took a technical course and, on the basis of a project explaining the working of a jet engine, I gained an introduction to Express Lifts as a technical apprentice, helped by dad knowing the Express Personal Manager! I progressed through the various shops of the factory to draughtsman, eventually gaining a 5-year indentured apprenticeship. I then worked for Express Lifts nearly all my working life. I worked in the Northampton office until 1960 when I requested to join one of the sales teams and was transferred to the London office as a trainee sales engineer, lodging with my grandparents who lived in Beckenham. Under the guidance of the sales engineer, I met all professional bodies involved in high rise developments, preparing drawings for them of various lift

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arrangements and providing all technical requirements, prior to our sales team quoting for these lucrative projects. We raced around London to these appointments on my scooter.”

Jo’s early working life

“When I left school I went to secretarial college for a year, learning shorthand typing and commercial subjects. My first job was in Chancery Lane at a Wood Pulp Merchant. I then moved back to Morden to work at Dema Glass; a company that made glasses of all types and shapes for pubs and restaurants. Although I didn’t have to travel to London each day I did miss working in the Capital, with all the large stores close by.”

How did you meet?

Mike: “While working in London, I went to the various London dance venues, the highlight being Hammersmith Palais, dancing to the likes of Joe Loss and other big, well-known bands. We met at a small dance venue near Croydon. We married in 1963, bought a small new build in Bexley with no heating, fridge or TV and little furniture. We both commuted to London daily. We had a good circle of friends. Bexley had many activities, and we were happy there. Our two daughters were born there, the eldest attending the local school.”

How did you come to live in Kislingbury?

Mike: “I applied for, and was offered, the job of Export Manager, operating from our Northampton head office, flying all over the World at the Company’s expense which sounded great: Jo wasn’t so keen. We moved to The Orchard in early 1972; a 4-bedroom house with all mod cons at the same price as our semi in Bexley! Nearly all the houses were sold to young families, and we formed a baby-sitting service starting with 20 curtain rings trading one per hour of babysitting.”

Jo: “I was very happy in Bexley as I had a good social network and many neighbours with babies born at the same time as our second daughter. But Kislingbury proved to be a friendly place and I soon found a group of people with similar aged children as ours. The children went to the village school and made new friends. The first night we moved into The Orchard it snowed. We had no carpets and the central heating had broken down. Ernie was our milkman at the time, as some of you will

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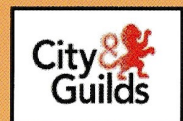
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remember, and he jokingly assured us that it wasn't always snowing in Kislingbury."

Life in Kislingbury

Mike: "The move from Bexley appeared all good, but the job proved very challenging. Overseas trips were initially exciting, but then became very tiring. Jo had to do all things domestic because of my frequent travels, including looking after the garden. We had many overseas visitors from various countries, sometimes entertaining at home and occasionally both of us going to our chairman's house with important customers.

In 1984 I was promoted to the main board of directors responsible for home and overseas sales and in 1986 we moved to Beech Lane. In 1996 our parent company sold all its businesses, ours to Otis. Most of the staff were made redundant, including me. The factory shut down and all that remained was the original test tower, renamed the National Lift Tower, originally opened by the Queen in 1982. We decided early retirement would be ok, but a few months later I was asked to run the lift and escalator division of GEC, Malaysia, as GM. I worked for them for over 2 years. By this time both our mothers were living in Willow View and Jo couldn't leave them, also we had 2 grandsons, so she commuted over to me every few months and stayed up to 4 weeks at a time. I took time out for holiday breaks, and we went to some of the lovely islands that surround Malaysia. It was a great opportunity for the family to have holidays with me."

Jo: "With Mike away for long periods, I became used to managing the family and home on my own. I was not so keen on the entertaining side of Mike's work but soon got used to it and found the people interesting. I worked for several years in the office of The Cromwell and then had a secretarial job at the hospital. I used to play tennis on the courts at the old rectory in the village as the owners, at that time, let villagers play there. I joined line dancing, and I had a circle of good friends and enjoyed spending time with them and my family. Since we both retired, we have taken more holidays, enjoyed social events in the village and spending more time with our grandchildren. We have also joined the local gym and Mike cycles with friends. KOFS is another group we enjoy, a marvellous venue for senior members of the village. Unfortunately, heavy traffic, new housing developments and frequent flooding of the village are a problem, but we like it here. We are lucky to have three pubs, a shop and a post office."



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Tales from Kislingbury Archives

Egmont, Church Lane – taken from The Village Scrapbook 1952

written by the Junior Class.

The house was built in 1785. There is a date stone on it. It is built of sandstone with a tiled roof. There is a patch of garden before the road, with a wall and privet hedge round it. The gate is a wrought iron one. The porch is built on. It is wooden and has an old lamp with a horse shoe on the door and two hanging flower boxes. It has odd chimney pots and bars across the top window. There is a shed built on one side and a garage on the other. Mr. Dickens lives in the house now. He has been there for 18 years. He is a boot manufacturer in Northampton.

Mr. Gent the butcher lived there early in this century. His shop is now part of the house. About 60 years ago Tarny Watts lived there. He was a butcher too and a real old village character. He used to get drunk every market day when he went to get his meat. His horse knew the way home, so he always got back safely in his trap. When he was drunk, he always said he would kill his wife. One night she fetched the big butcher's knife. She sat down and bared her neck, "Go on then", she said, but he could not do it.

He was also a smallholder and kept lambs down Grimey.

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

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Bugbrooke Medical Practice Training Dates

From 12.30pm the surgery will be closed for
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April 17th 2024

July 10th 2024

May 8th 2024

August 21st 2024

June 12th 2024

September 11th 2024

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

February, 1st walk - this walk was planned to take our amblers on a tour of several, interesting local villages namely Pattishall, Astcote and Eastcote together with the surrounding countryside. Fifteen amblers took part in the walk with 16 staying for lunch at Peggotty's restaurant. The walk was expected to be approx. 5 miles and the going anticipated as muddy in places. The weather was comfortable with a little chill.

Bridleway signs were found a short distance from the restaurant and directed us across dry, elevated fields close to the A5. The ordnance survey map for this area indicates a large amount of interconnected footpaths which makes navigation a little confusing, but hey ho, the amblers seem happy so we plodded on towards Astcote.

The route taken into Astcote revealed an unexpected, concealed pathway, almost like a back door to the village. We proceeded along to the historic main street and followed the signs to Eastcote. A little further on we came across a well preserved WW2 Nissen Hut as part of the farm building.

After a short break we turned left at the Eastcote Arms towards Pattishall and after around a few hundred metres we reached a 'T' junction and the primary school. One of our amblers noticed a memorial plaque opposite the school, in memory of German and Italian prisoners of war interred at Pattishall Camp located in the area. The return to Peggotty's restaurant meant taking the pathway alongside the school and following the footpath across a field.

February, 2nd walk - Parking at the Narrow Boat Inn, Stowe Hill, a small group (4 only) headed towards Nether Heyford for a short distance before turning onto a track uphill. The gusty wind was blowing the cold rain straight towards us, we did consider turning back but on reaching the top of the hill we were sheltered by a hedge. It took us a moment to realise we were standing right by an air shaft from the railway tunnel with a train passing beneath which was an unusual experience.

Following a well sheltered path adjacent to the A5 to the Church Stowe junction, we then crossed the road and walked along the lane to the village taking in a

couple of interesting houses en-route, one a converted barn with very ornate brickwork, the second highly decorated with ornaments.

Heading to the Church we followed a path down a steep slope (taking care in the slippery conditions) we now crossed diagonally a large recently ploughed field, not so bad as it was so wet the mud did not stick to our boots. Mid field one of the group suggested we look back at an 'eco-house' built into the hillside overlooking a lake.

Crossing two more fields, following a path by the canal and then a road we arrived back at the A5. The route now crossed two more fields and the River Nene reaching Flore Church. Walking through Flore village it was interesting to see so many exclusive individual designed houses tucked away and hidden from the road. Walking downhill we reached Flore Mill (now a private house) the mill race was in full flow with plenty of swirling pools due to recent heavy rains.

From the river we followed the road back to the Narrow Boat where we met the 'Fine Weather Amblers' and 17 of us sat down to lunch.

An interesting walk to be repeated in better weather.

March 1st Walk - Mud, mud, glorious mud, nothing quite like it for stirring the blood, so follow me follow, down to the hollow ... And meet the Amblers!

Our early March walk was at Paulerspury and welly squelchy. Fortunately all were (eventually) dressed in suitable gear, and 14 of us set off past the 12th C church. Then over the 'warren' and up to Pury End (thought to denote pear orchards). Passing the Llama farm, we turned onto a Bridleway, very quiet and rural. We passed a disused water tower (1938). There had been typhoid outbreaks (1906) and money had to be found to update the well system. Passing through mature woodland and Sholebrook Lodge there were views of Whittlebury Deer Park where Elizabeth 1st came to hunt while visiting the Throckmorton family in the Middle Ages. Hunting, farming, quarrying and lace making were all money makers at times.

Boudicca is thought to have made her last stand near here. She led her troops up from St Albans, but the Romans had left Towcestor and engaged in tactical tree felling which funnelled her army as they approached Paulespury.

We travelled back to the Saracens Head for some tasty food. The weather was kind and as we finished our 4.75 miles you could feel Spring starting to make its welcome way in.

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March 2nd Walk - It was a damp Wednesday morning, as our jolly bunch of 11 amblers met on the ridge by Mantles Heath. Snorscomb Mill was down on our right with Everdon village beyond. We were missing an ambler, so one of us stayed behind ... The rain had ceased. Booted up, we joined the Knightley Way, heading along the track in a westerly direction. Preston Capes WW II Observation Tower far over to our left. Down the very steep hill, dropping 40 metres in half a mile, to the cattle grid. From there, an easy stroll on the flat, keeping to the track, until (yes, what goes down must go up) the ascending hill – a stretched-out version of the descent. By now the Knightley Way had peeled off on our right to Preston Capes village. Mottled grey skies.

At the top, a right turn along the Maidford/Charwelton road for a few metres, by which time our twelfth ambler had caught up with us in the company of the waiting ambler (citing sat nav problems!!). They made excellent time.

Turning left at the main crossroads and passing the very smallest just-born bouncing lambs, we soon took the footpath to our right. Top of the field and then a mile long south-bound stretch, to the large oak tree marked confusingly with four, way markers (NSEW). Here, we briefly paused for a break. A bit boggy. Big skies. Skylark. Quiet. No evidence of civilisation.

From here, we joined the track to our left, heading eastwards, eventually reaching another lane. Straight over to another track, skirting fields, reaching another lane where we joined the Macmillan Way. Left, then quick right to the track. At this point our 13th (half-walk) ambler met us. Full house! Onwards to Tunningham Farm and the Maidford/Preston Capes road. It was on this stretch that one of our amblers picked up some luck (see photo).



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OPEN GARDENS, KISLINGBURY

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE & SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

10 AM TO 4 PM

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Please call

Sue Knight 07849520322, Deni Topliss 07754471120

Kisl. Amblers cont. from Page 29

More wide-open spaces. Skylark. Peaceful.

Right turn at the road and a quick left. Now, a gentle hike up a steady gradient among sheep. Lush, well-watered deep green grass, fairly boggy. A few fields and a couple of stiles. At the top, we departed from the Farthingstone-bound Macmillan Way, turning left in a north easterly direction, past Knightley Wood and the now defunct Farthingstone golf club on our right. Once more on the Knightley Way. Ever reluctant sun. Light winds.



The final surprise challenge was the last gate to cross. The whole area had become inundated, and the water was deep. Welly boot wearers relived their toddler days. Walking boot wearers attempted to tread on tip toe.

Some enjoyed dainty dancing (see photo). Welly boot walkers had smiles on their faces. Some had wet socks, spirits not dampened.

Over a couple more fields and we were back to our cars on the ridge by Mantles Heath, swapping wet footwear for dry. We had completed the circular anti-clockwise walk of almost 5½ miles in about 2½ hours.

Time to head off to 'The Barn' at Upper Stowe Dairy Farm for a much-anticipated lunch where we were joined by 5 'not-walking-on-the-day' amblers to add to the fun. Thank you to 'The Barn' for coping effortlessly with 18 convivial amblers upstairs and serving us with an excellent lunch.

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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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Sunday 14th April	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Nic Edwards
Sunday 21st April	11.00am	Morning Worship	
Sunday 28th April	11.00am	Morning Worship	
Sunday 5th May	11.00am	Morning Worship	
Sunday 12th May	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Nic Edwards
Sunday 19th May	11.00am	Morning Worship	
Sunday 26th May	11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Nic Edwards

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Coming Up

April

- 1st - Monthly Quiz Night** - £1 entry per person, 7pm - 11pm
Cash prizes to be won!
- 16th - Monthly Open Mic Night**, 8pm start
- 13th - Aintree Grand National showing** -1pm - 5pm
- 28th - Monthly Quiz Night** - £1 entry per person, 7pm- 11pm
Cash prizes to be won!

May

- 19th – Psychic Evening with Penny and Pete**, 7.30pm start
- 21st – Open Mic Night**, 8pm start
- 24th- 26th- Beer Festival**, live music and Jamaican food
(more details to come)
- 27th – Quiz Night** - £1 entry per person, 7pm-11pm. Cash prizes to be won!
(moved to Monday due to village Food and Drink Festival)



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