



# NEWSLETTER

Welcome Everyone and Happy New to All!

We have had a few changes on the Parish Council, we now have a new Chair - Mr David Waite, David has lived in the village for 18 years and is looking forward to his new role. We also have a new Vice Chair Ms. Susan March, who also lives in the village and is very active on the council with our Litter Picking Campaign and improvements to the playing field. Let's wish them both the best of luck and thank you to Mr Adrian Robinson (our previous Chair) and Mr John Cundill for their work on the council, Adrian has resigned from the Council and John has stepped down as Vice Chair. Welcome to John Slater who brings a wealth of Parish Council experience from his previous Council role in Cornwall.



Now that all the daffodils bulbs have been planted; we are sure they will reveal them themselves soon!

In the meantime, Mr Nicholas Robey who has kindly provided many of the daffodil's bulbs over the years that are seen around our village, has offered to distribute bunches of daffodils this Spring to deserving recipients, he will generously provide the cut flowers but needs our help in identifying people.

Do you know someone? Who needs cheering up? Cherished by the community or family? Or just an individual going through a hard time? Someone living on their own? Would this person be cheered by a small bunch of Spring sunshine? If so, please contact us and let us know -

by telephone: 07873 259394 or Email: northkelsey.villagehall@outlook.com.



## **Flooding on West Street**

Residents of West Street will know about the problems caused by recent prolonged rainfall. A representative of the Parish Council reported the issue to Anglian Water and our County Councillor Tom Smith.

After a site inspection Anglian Water stated that the problem of sewage coming out of the drains was caused by there being too much water for the village pumping station. He suggested that some properties may have their rainwater drainage connected to the sewers, and the pumping station which sends water to the treatment plant can't cope with the volume produced by extreme rainfall. However, the water company was not to blame.

Cllr Smith arranged for sandbags to be delivered to one of the affected properties and has met with the Head of Highways and the flood officer to discuss the problems we are experiencing. He has been sent pictures of the floodwater near the Butcher's Arms and further down West St near the school. We will give further updates when there is any news.

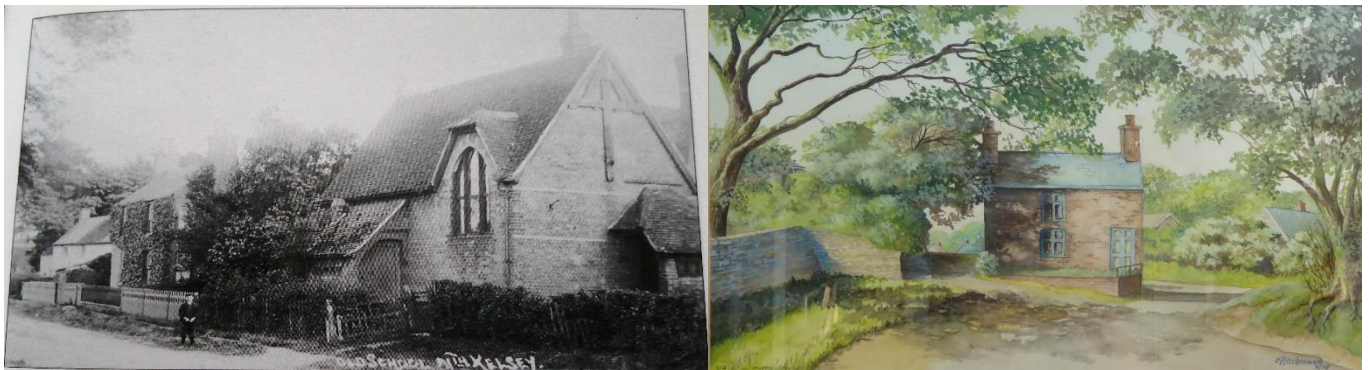
## History of Education In North Kesley

By the will of Sir John Nelthorpe, 1669, *“all children of the inhabitants of North Kelsey shall be taught the Latin, Greek and Hebrew languages, to write, also arithmetic and shall have their learning gratis”*.

To what extent this was achieved is unknown but returns made by the Rev R Bingham showed that there were two small schools in North Kelsey in 1818, of about 30 pupils. During one period there were no fewer than four schools, opened in 1819, 1823, 1824 and 1832. In 1842 there was a parish school with Robert Dixon as schoolmaster, which had 11 boys educated by subscription. By 1856, however, efforts were being made to establish a village school. *The Stamford Mercury* reported that year:

*“Mr John Cox, a leading parishioner has become thoroughly convinced that the dark age of the locality ought to pass away and considers it a disgrace of the place that such scanty provision for educational purposes should continue. Deeply impressed by the exhibition of juvenile morality in this parish, this gentleman is determined to aid the vicar in carrying out this great consideration. Mr Cox works strenuously in obtaining subscriptions from without his parish, there not being the hearty co-operation on the part of the parishioners necessary. The reason assigned to the tardiness is that both the vicar and Mr Cox intend the school to be of an exclusive character, closing its doors against all children who do not attend Church Sunday School”*.

Although no date is known a National School was built, but soon to be replaced.



The Old School on Easthall Road and the National School Masters Old House on South Street, now demolished.

The *Stamford Mercury* reported 31<sup>st</sup> July 1857 that a new school was opened in North Kelsey on 23<sup>rd</sup> July by the Bishop of the Diocese. The school, built to accommodate 100 children, was designed by the architect Mr William White and praised for its design, lighting, and ventilation. This was a National School. National Schools were founded by the National Society for Promoting Religious Education in 1811. The aim of the society was to set up a school in every parish in the country. This aim was helped by grants made by the state from 1833. A school for about 60 children was also attached to the Mission Church in North Kelsey Moor in 1873.

The Education Act of 1870 caused friction in the village, and it was even whispered in the press that pressure was put on several parishioners by their landlords to vote contrary to their wishes for a Board School. The Act required the parish to form a School Board if there was a shortfall in the provision of education of the village's children (5-13 years inclusive).

Church schools could make this provision - grants were available for 50% of the running costs, but capital funding was phased out. As indicated above, the North Kelsey National School was open only to children who attended the Church Sunday School. There was a demand in the village therefore, strongly supported by the non-conformists, for day school education free from Anglian doctrine in which the curriculum would include no religious education other than simple bible reading. School Boards had the power to raise funds from a rate to build and run non-denominational schools. The 1880 Education Act made education free and compulsory (before then the school was funded partly by subscription and "*partly by the weekly pence of scholars*" - *Post Office Directory 1868*).

A School Board was definitely in place by 1882 (the names of elected members were published in the press) and a decision was made to establish a Board School, using the premises of the existing Church School, in 1886. The posts of Master and Assistant Mistress were offered to the present teachers and accepted by them. In 1895, tenders were invited for "*the erection of a new school*" by the North Kelsey School Board. The school was built, to accommodate 180 pupils, in 1896. The building still stands today and is used as the village hall. The National School continued in use as a parish hall and a Sunday school for many years and was sold in 1978 to the North Kelsey Community Association for the sum of £3,250. Renovations included the building of a new kitchen and toilet block (*Rev Kerswill, 1982*). The building remains today, but as a private property.

The newest School is Kelsey Primary on Chapel Street and was officially opened in 1988.



North Kelsey School back in 1910 now the Village Hall.



North Kelsey School back in 1975, photo taken in the Canteen, which has since been demolished.

### North Kelsey Community Shop

*“There is good news from the North Kelsey Community Shop project. As well as the support and interest shown at the public meeting in November the recent snap poll on Facebook had 165 people showing support and posting positive messages of encouragement. The project has been further supported by receiving a grant from the Parish Council to transform the concept of a Community Shop into becoming a fully incorporated limited company. The next phases will include further fund-raising activities and grant applications, shop layout & design, business planning, volunteer recruitment and shelf stocking! Please follow progress on Facebook for regular updates of the project with hard copy minutes being posted on the Village Hall notice board.”*

### Contact Us

Email is our preferred method of communication where you'll expect a prompt response. Please note the Clerk is employed for 8 hours per week, so there may be a delay in returning calls.

Please note the clerk position is currently vacant and Cllr David Waite is the acting clerk, so there may be a delay in returning calls.



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### Councillors

Cllr David Waite - Chairman

Cllr Pamela Bryan Cllr John Cundill Cllr Reg Hunt Cllr Philip Jackson Cllr Susan March

Cllrs John Slater Cllr Jan Waite Cllr Mary Williams

### Your Ward Councillors

Lincolnshire County Council Cllr T. Smith [Cllrt.smith@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cllrt.smith@lincolnshire.gov.uk) 07773 513411

West Lindsey District Council Cllr P. Morris [Cllrp.morris@west-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:Cllrp.morris@west-lindsey.gov.uk) 07946 322048

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Please feel free to email us with regards to any issues or come along to the meeting, we have a Public Session every month.



**WHATS ON!??**



The WI meet at 7.15pm in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

February there is a talk on Animal Communication by Lisa Brumpton.

March meeting features the end of year AGM.



**Litter Picking** We take pride in our village; new dates as follows.

3rd Feb 2024, 2nd March 2024 & 6th April 2024 (look for times and places on Facebook) or email Susan March

at [cllr.s.march@northkelseyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.s.march@northkelseyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



**NORTH KELSEY BOWLS CLUB - OPEN DAY SATURDAY APRIL 20 at 2.00 p.m.**

Everyone of all ages and abilities is invited to have a go at bowling. No previous experience is necessary, and members will offer tuition. Light refreshments will be available. We hope you will come along, enjoy the afternoon, and join the club. Go on, treat yourself!

North Kelsey Village Hall

Saturday 3rd February: Bingo @ 7pm (and continuing throughout the year on the first Saturday of the month)

Wednesday 7th February: Tai Chi class 2pm (continuing weekly)

Monday 19th February: 9-15am FitSteps 10-20am Pilates (continuing weekly)

Thursday 22nd February: 9-30 to 11-30 Breakfast Club (continuing each third Thursday of each month)

Saturday 24th February: 7pm Fish&Chip Quiz Night with bar (doors open 6-30pm)

To hire the hall for any event, please contact us by

telephone: 07873 259394 or Email: [northkelsey.villagehall@outlook.com](mailto:northkelsey.villagehall@outlook.com).

The Hall plus Kitchen fee is only £12 per hour (with flexibility to allow some setting up and clearing away time uncharged)

Coming soon, a Parent and Toddler Group, probably a Wednesday morning 9-30 to 11-30 with February or March start! Email [paulbrookie@aol.com](mailto:paulbrookie@aol.com) for details.