

Newsletter & Summertime!

Once again, we have been busy around the village, the commemorative planters are in place and will soon have their plaques on King Charles III Coronation and Queen Elizabeth II Reign.

We have installed the water containers with taps at the Cemetery, for you to use for flowers. Also, the Commonwealth War Grave Sign has been attached to the Cemetery gate.



We have also washed all the road and traffic signs throughout the village. If we have missed any, please let us know. Some need repairing, and we are in touch with Highways with regards to this.

High on the list of priorities for the coming months is the maintenance of the children's play area in the playing field.

The flooding on West Street is ongoing. Please see statement received from Cllr Tom Smith regards this.

"Dear Residents of North Kelsey,

I just wanted to update you on the situation on West Street, the investigation works order is with LCCs external contractors, I had hoped that this would have been completed by now, sadly that is not the case. I have emailed and chased this issue with the head of highways on 3 separate occasions the latest of which was 12th of June. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sir Edward Leigh who assisted myself in my role as your county councillor in ensuring that Anglian Water fulfilled their duties and ensured that their assets are clear and up to scratch. It can be difficult to get a detailed reply from Anglian Water, but as a result of Sir Edward's assistance I managed to get a detailed response on all flooding issues across the local area during the two major storms and heavy rain we have had during this year.

Please rest assured I will continue to put pressure on all agencies to ensure everything is done that can be to find out what has caused this awful flooding and what can be done to mitigate it."

The Bards Family – by Cllr D Waite

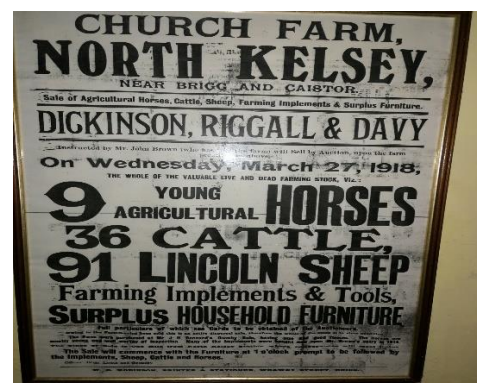
In Medieval times North and South Kelsey made up a single manor, owned by the Hansard family. In 1539 Elizabeth Hansard married Sir Francis Ayscough who became lord of the manor. The family seat was in Stallingborough, but they also built a large house in South Kelsey, where Hall Farm now stands. Sir Francis was brother to Anne Ayscough (or Askew), a protestant martyr burnt at the stake in London at the time of Henry VIII.

The Bard family had lived in North Kelsey from before 1300, with a record of Adam Bard marrying the daughter of local landowner Richard Daumpere. Five generations later and Thomas Bard married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Richard Hansard of South Kelsey. Their oldest son Ralph was born in North Kelsey in about 1498. In turn he married Ellen Mussenden of Healing.

The oldest son of Ralph and Ellen Bard was William. The Bards were the most important family in North Kelsey, but William's status was very much below that of his cousin Francis, lord of the manor, who had by marriage united the Ayscough's and Hansards.

In 1558, during the first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, William increased his standing by buying from Francis Ayscough the title of Lord of the Manor of North Kelsey. The deed records "Sir Francis Ayscoughe and Elizabeth his wife, to William Barde, of North Kelsey, gent., of manor of North Kelsey (parcel of soke of Caistor) with all appurtenances in North Kelsey, also the Bayhouse Lands in North Kelsey (now in occupation of Thomas Lambert), excepting only such lands as are within the quarter-bailey of South Kelsey, for £280". Although the power that went with the title had declined, a lordship came with authority over common land and the right to charge rents. The only problem was that Francis Ayscough had split the existing manor in two, allowing him to keep the hall and the title of Lord of the Manor of South Kelsey. Manors regularly changed hands, but no-one had ever tried to divide a title in two, effectively creating a new Manor. The case was of national importance and challenged in court, with the argument made that if this was allowed, lords could split their manors into dozens of smaller plots and sell each one with a new lordship. After several months the arrangement was judged as legal, setting a precedent for the rest of the country.

The new lord, William Bard, married Ellen Middleton of Winteringham in 1562 and it is thought that they lived at what is now Church Farm, opposite the church. The central part of this house dates to the early Tudor period and their great-great-grandson is listed as living there a hundred years later.



When William Bard died in 1582, he was buried in the local church and the title passed to his oldest son, Ralph. Ralph married Margaret Gilby of Stainton in the Hole and they had nine children. Rivalry between the Ayscough and Bard families grew until in 1591 Ralph Bard took Edward Ayscough, son of Francis, to court in a dispute about enclosure of

*god my Creato^r in Iesus Christ my redemer and my body to be buryed in the
 here my Ancestor hath been buryed in North Kelsey church: Item I gave and
 of the poore people in North Kelsey three Shillinges forwexence; Item I gave and
 of the repaymte of the Cathedral church of Lincolne three Shillinges four
 m I gave & bequeath to Magdelyne Ward my daughter two hundred poundes
 unto her with in one year and a halfe after my decess; Item I gave & bequeath
 and my sonne six poundes thirtene Shillinges and fourer pence; I my lyege reth
 to him out of my Lande dremge hid liffe natmull and to enter to it at an age
 fyve years; And also my full mynde is, that he the sayd John Hall have fifty
 be payde to him at the same tyme by my Exoruto. Item I gave and bequeath*

common land between the two villages. A document survives listing “Edward Ayscough Esquire defendant to the bill of complaint of Ralph Barde gent, John Marris yeoman and others.” In return, Edward Ayscough “thinketh that one William Bard father of the said Ralph Barde, John Marrys and diverse others of the freeholders...in North Kelsey about nyne or tenne years more passed did by appointment amongst themselves inclose & pale in... a greate parte of the lande & pasture in north Kelsey aforesaid” and accuses William Bard of being ‘mendacious’ and ‘cunning’.

Ralph Bard’s will was written three days before his death in January 1597. In it he states “I Raulphe Bard of North Kelsey in the countie of Lincolnshire being sick of body but sounde and parfitt of memory thanks be given to Almightye God do make & ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. Fyrst I biqueath and comitt my soule to almightie god my creator In Jesus Christ my redeemer and my body to be buryed in the crossest where my ancestors hath been buryed in North Kelsey church: Item I give and bequeath to the poor people in North Kelsey three shillings fourpence; Item I give and bequeath to the repayringe of the Cathedrall church of Lincoln Three shillings four pence.”

Ralph’s unmarried daughter Magdalyne received £200, his second son John received six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence to be paid each year during his ‘life natural’ as well as ‘fyfety poundes’ while younger siblings William and Edward were given 20 nobles yearly to be paid out of his lands. His daughter Susan and her husband Richard Benson of North Kelsey were gifted £10 each and their child Ralph received £3. Another daughter Elizabeth inherited £10 and her four children by William Marris and Thomas Codd of Caistor twenty shillings each. The last daughter, Anne Baytman, seems to have been less popular and was given half the amount received by her sisters.

The will also throws up a mystery. Ralph’s third son, George, was sent to Gray’s Inn in London in June 1592. In theory this was to study law, but it was often used as a way for sons of wealthy families to rub shoulders with other gentlemen and become part of London society. London at that time was a thriving port, and home to Queen Elizabeth and William Shakespeare. George, however, vanished. Five years later his father promised “George Bard my sonne if he be lyvinge shall have twentie nobles Yeerly to be paide unto him out of my landes during his liffe naturall and to enter to it when he shall make himselfe knowne to his brother Thomas Bard that he is lyvinge.” He never claimed the money, and all remaining lands, goods and chattels were bequeathed to his first-born son Thomas.



What’s On – Community Events

The Women’s Institute

Meet at 7.15pm in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Visitors & new members are always welcome. For more details call Joyce on 01652 678549

The Kelsey Knits & Natters

Every Tuesday afternoon 4 – 6pm at The Butchers Arms Pub.
Everyone is welcome even if they don’t knit. They can bring other crafts along.

North Kelsey Youth Club

The North Kelsey Youth Club is held every Friday night in the North Kelsey Village Hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm for ages 9 years and above. Entry 50p.

The Methodist Church

Second Monday of the Month Tea & Cake from 2.30 – 4.00pm in the Methodist Chapel
They also hold the North Kelsey History Meeting at the same time. Come along, have a chat and reminisce.

North Kelsey Bowls Club

Meet every Saturday at 4pm – During Summer Months

Saturday 10th August “Fish & Chip” Night – Bowling starts 4pm, Fish & Chips 7pm.

Saturday 17th August “Party in the Paddock” with Steve Clayton & Friends 3 – 7pm.

The Village Hall

Mondays: 9-15 to 10-15 am, FitSteps. 10-20 to 11-20 am, Pilates

Tuesdays: 6 to 7 pm, Pilates

Wednesdays: 2-3pm Tai Chi

2nd Thursday of every month: Lunch Club @ 12 noon

3rd Thursday of every month: Breakfast Club 9-30 to 11-30 am.

Weekly on Wednesday in school term time, Kelsey Stay & Play Toddler group £2 per family to include refreshments.

1st Grasby Scouts

Tuesday Evenings from 7.30 – 9.00pm Are you aged 10 – 13 and looking for adventure?

Do you want to learn how to light fires, cook on them and other #skillsforlife?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then email 1stgrasbygs@gmail.com for more information

Caistor & District Lions Club

Over 60's Skegness Coach Trip, Wednesday 7th August. Contact Tilly 07746 030188 or Bob 01472 852006 before 25th July for more information and to book your place.



KELSEY LITTLE STARS
PRE SCHOOL

Pre School Places Available

We are currently accepting pre-school applications for this September. You are more than welcome to visit our EVFS setting. Please contact Miss Thompson by telephone, email, or in person at the school office to arrange a visit.

Telephone: 01652 678387

Email: faye.thompson@kelseyprimary.co.uk

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.



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Councillors

Cllr David Waite – Chairman

Cllr Susan March – Vice Chair

Cllr Pamela Bryan, Cllr John Cundill,

Cllr Reg Hunt, Cllrs John Slater,

Cllr Jan Waite, Cllr Mary Williams

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Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

You can email us or come along to the meeting; we have a Public Session every month.