

# NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone!

What a busy Summer we have had again around the village, I hope everyone has admired the new Notice Board on the village Green. We also have a Notice Board for North Kelsey Moor and will be installed once the siting has been approved by Lincolnshire County Council. We have also provided poo bags for the young lady that kindly made our recycled poo bags dispensers, and the work has commenced in the Cemetery for the two circles of wildflowers, that we hope will start to appear in Springtime.



The North Kelsey Playing Field equipment and fencing has had a makeover. The painting of the equipment and fencing was undertaken by the Probation Service Community Payback Scheme. We are extremely grateful to the Community Payback Scheme for the excellent job in giving back to the North Kelsey Community." We still have lots of plans for the park, so watch this space.

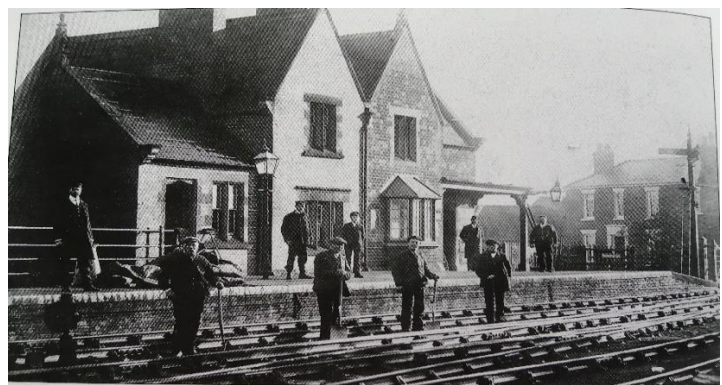


## History of Communications

**Roads:** Responsibility for roads which passed through a village had rested with the parish since 1555. Parishes had to appoint surveyors to determine what annual maintenance had to be carried and parishioners then had to provide perhaps four days of unpaid labour each year, “*statute of labour*”, to do the work. The *Stamford Mercury* reported that, at a meeting held in June 1829 at the Plough Inn in South Kelsey, convened to consider the dangerous state of the roads in North Kelsey, it was resolved that “*they should be indicted and the necessary steps involved taken*”. The Highway Act 1835 abolished the “*statute of labour*”, allowing the salary of a surveyor and costs of labour to be paid from rates levied on occupiers of land. Although parishes could join to form a board, comprising of representatives from the parishes (Way Wardens) and justices of the county, to determine rates and salaries, each parish remained separately responsible for the costs of repairs.

The Parliamentary Enclosure, finally completed in 1840, may have improved the situation in that four new roads were constructed – Caistor Road (Station Road today), East Hall Road, Rasen Road (Ellmore Lane today) and South Kelsey Road (Grange Road today). The latter two followed existing tracks, which explains their twisting routes. The original contract for “*forming and gravelling*” these roads was awarded to Messrs Eve and Dobson @ £3 a chain (22 yards).

North Kelsey has always been some distance from the nearest major highway and even in the 18<sup>th</sup> century would not have benefited greatly from the turnpikes opened in 1765 between Caistor and Brigg or Barton on Humber to Lincoln and beyond (A15 today). It wasn't until the Highway Act 1959 that the responsibility for the maintenance of minor roads passed from parishes to local authorities. It would be interesting to know when the roads in and around the village were first surfaced with tarmac (first used in 1902) or asphalt.



**Waterways:** There's no evidence to suggest that a wharf was ever built in the parish alongside the Ancholme, but it seems that some goods were loaded and unloaded from the Caistor Canal at South Kelsey. The distance from the village to the canal terminal at Moortown, 2½ miles, was not excessive for horse drawn vehicles.

**Rail:** The coming of the Manchester, Sheffield & Lincs Railway (later to become the Great Central Railway) in 1848, and the building of North Kelsey Station on North Kelsey Moor, would have had a major impact on the economy and lives of people in the village. The station closed in 1965.

**Telegraph:** A single wire telegraph connection was extended from North Kelsey Station to Caistor Post Office in 1870. It wasn't until 1898 that the service was extended to the Post office in North Kelsey, but one example of its use was recorded in the *Stamford Mercury* which reported in October 1903 that the Caistor Fire Brigade had been summoned by wire to a stackyard fire in North Kelsey. It took a horse drawn appliance just 35 minutes from the call to arrive.



What's On – Community Events



Remembrance Sunday

Once again, we are holding our Remembrance Service on 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.50am at the Mortuary Chapel, Cemetery Lane, North Kelsey. Please come along to join us.

The Women's Institute

Meet at 7.15pm in the Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month: Bingo

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month: Lunch Club @ 12 noon

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Fridays : Early Years Alliance "Get Active"

26<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz & Chips with cash bar.

30<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Craft Fair.

7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Concert with Barnetby Silver Band

13<sup>th</sup> December – Senior Citizen Christmas Party with Community Choir

25<sup>th</sup> January – Burns – Night Race with cash bar.

### North Kelsey Bowls Club

Meet every Saturday at 4pm – During Summer Months

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 [1stgrasbygsl@gmail.com](mailto:1stgrasbygsl@gmail.com) for more information

#### 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

#### We have a Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

If you are passionate about your local community, we need you. Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve to put themselves forward. If you are interested in your local environment, Road, Health & Leisure, Planning, Crime and Disorder.

Can you spare a few hours to attend a monthly meeting, the second Tuesday in the month at the Village Hall 7.15pm and support or get involved in the helping with the maintenance of the Parish Councils assets.

To find out more Email: - Mandy Coote – Clerk at [clerk@northkelseyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@northkelseyparishcouncil.gov.uk) She will be able to provide you with more information.

#### 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

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.

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