

## Coronation Party

The 7th May Coronation Party held at the Village Hall and School Playing Field was a great success with well over 500 adults and children attending. The weather held up well for the event so the School Playing Field activities attracted great interest from the young families of the village and wider parish. The village hall tables were well provisioned with all kinds of party food, with coffee, tea and soft drinks flowing freely, keeping the kitchen staff fully employed for



## Playing Fields

We are prioritising work to enhance and develop this invaluable community resource. I am sure you will agree that the whole community would be very much the poorer without this extensive recreational space.

Unfortunately, the litter pick of 1st July by two of our Councillors identified serious concern about how this space is being abused, creating a serious threat to the health and safety of all users, particularly young children. Once again, the Council identified deliberate damage and vandalism to the children's play area, fencing and gate. Most worrying, glass bottles had been smashed in the children's play area, and near the adjoining seating as pictured below. The litter pick team did what it could to pick up the glass but there is a worry that they may well have missed small shards of glass in the grass.



We all need to do what we can to ensure that space is not abused in the future. The Council will be installing high quality video cameras to identify culprits and we will be pursuing charges against anybody so identified. People prone to anti-social behaviour tend not to listen to any words from the solid majority of well behaved and well intentioned community members. However, we do hope you can spread the word that there will be serious consequences for those involved should this vandalism continue.

## Village Hall

I am sure you will agree that the village hall is an invaluable community asset. Without it, there could be no community events like the Coronation Party when the whole community can come together to celebrate an event or simply have a good time together. Although the village hall is not the sole responsibility to the Parish Council - it has its own strong and committed management committee - we are very keen that we play our part in its work of maintenance, upkeep and community use.

The hall has used the major part of its reserves recently in repair work to serious damp rot in the kitchen and replacing the old and inefficient boiler to provide reliable heating and hot water. However, the management committee is keen to move forward with some much needed decoration to provide a warm and pleasing environment for all kinds of activities and events. Paying for a professional company to do this work is beyond their means, unfortunately. However, Crown Paints have generously responded to a plea for help with the provision of substantial quantities of paint! The hall is looking to tackle the work involved with the help of willing volunteers. Tower scaffolding will be essential. Are you able to help by loaning such for a few weeks. Or can you help provide a trailer to move scaffolding from Messingham where a Councillor has volunteered its use? Perhaps you have decorating expertise and would be prepared to give knowledgeable guidance on how best to tackle the project regarding preparation and execution?

Beyond improving the facility for general use, the hall committee is really eager to see the space used more regularly for a wider range of community events, activities, and clubs than presently exist. If you have ever thought of starting a club, activity group or society in any interest area, the hall will provide a first trial session free for your use so that you can test the waters without any outlay. Or perhaps you are aware of something going on further afield and would like to see if it could be replicated in North Kelsey? The hall will also advertise any such activities to ensure that the widest possible audience is aware of your venture.

One project we are embarking on is a Breakfast Club: to run on the third Thursday of the month, starting in September. A full cooked breakfast with limitless coffee or tea will be provided for a cost of £4 between 9-30 am and 11-30am. The cost is set to cover costs only as this is seen as being a social event for the parish, not a fund-raising event. If you want the socialising without food, then coffee or tea will be provided free of charge! (Although donations to help cover costs will always be gratefully received.)

### W.I.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7.15 pm in the North Kelsey Village Hall.

August 9 - Coach trip to Scarborough (£10 members & children / £15 non-members). The coach will leave the village green at 9 am. To book places please call Joyce on 01652 678549 or email [joyce.park43@btinternet.com](mailto:joyce.park43@btinternet.com).

September 13 - 'Indian Curry Pot - Ayra'

October 11 - "Line Dancing & Harvest Auction"

### North Kelsey Bowls Club

"Party in the Paddock" Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 3 - 7 pm. Live music from Steve Clayton, John Hart and Mikey Mols and his Gob Iron. Tickets £5 adults / £2 children (under 3s free). Burgers, Ice cream, Tea & coffee for sale. Bring your own chairs, food and drink if you wish. Contact Jean 07761 656311 or Steve 07961 352975.

### Butchers Arms

August 10 - Lincolnshire Fryer (fish & chips) food truck serving from 5.30 pm.

August 26 - Live music from The North at 9 pm

August 29 - Darts knockout £2 entry with cash prizes from 7 pm

August 30 - Woodfired Pizza truck serving from 5.30 pm

### The Community Association

Breakfast Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 9.30 to 11.30 am. Do come along and enjoy a full cooked breakfast (bacon, egg, sausage, tomatoes, beans and toast) all for £4. Tea and coffee will be free.

Breakfast Club dates will be 21 Sept, 19 Oct and 16 Nov.

If anyone in the village would like a lift to the Hall on any of the above dates please ring 01652 678549.