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NEW COUNCILLOR:

We welcome Neil Clement to the Parish Council team of volunteers and we look forward to working with him and benefiting from his vast expertise.

BT\OPENREACH BROADBAND

There has been a lot of talk about BT looking to upgrade their old copper network by providing a fibre connection to each property in the village. This is not a scam, and we urge as many people as possible to sign up for it here <https://www.openreach.com/connect-my-community>. We understand that a lot of people may have questions around the service and what signing up actually means in terms of a commitment, so we have arranged for Openreach to come and speak with us in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 15th May at 16.30 -> 17.30**, everyone is welcome to pop in and speak with 'Wendy' and ask any questions they may have - we would encourage you to do so. In short though BT only need 135 houses to commit to taking the service - so far we have 90 - so two thirds of way there!. By committing you are agreeing that once it is made available you will use and pay for the service. Pricing is comparable with your normal service and you can select what bandwidth speed you want to suit your own budget - you will not be tied in to BT and you can continue to use Sky, TalkTalk, BT, EE, Plusnet etc. We have also heard that a few people have had problems trying to sign up for the service - we would ask that you try again as they have fixed their website recently. Any problems you can contact BT on fibrecommunitypartnership@openreach.co.uk or if you want to speak with Wendy directly, please contact me and I have permission to share her mobile number.

YOUTH CLUB:

We were delighted to receive some responses but were disappointed that so few replied to our questionnaire about youth provision in our village. We can say that half those responding were enthusiastic, but due to a disappointing level of engagement from residents this project cannot progress. However, a reply was picked and we are delighted to say that Gemma Jones will receive the £20 Amazon voucher, as promised. Thank you, Gemma and children.

KIRKFEST:

We have put together a great programme of events on over the weekend of 8/9th June. We look forward to welcoming you along to as many of these as you can. See the poster (on reverse) for timings and events. We are also asking that residents decorate their house windows in a 1940s style or to honour our heroes of D-Day so we can all join in with the festivities to celebrate everyone's amazing achievement.

Saturday 8th June

1.The school are holding their fete on the Saturday morning between 10:30 and 12:30 and would love to welcome any residents who are willing and able to help with their refreshment stalls: please do give them a ring 01642 781261 or email: kirklevington@kirklevington.org.uk to offer your support.

2.The church is then having an open afternoon (1:30pm – 4:00pm) for all residents to explore our lovely church and its history along with some special flower displays; Welcomers will greet you with refreshments and you will have the opportunity to discover more out about some of the activities our community is involved in. Does anyone local have any war stories to add to our displays? Please make contact on kirkcommunity@gmail.com.

3. We are inviting everyone, young and old, to join us at the Village Hall at 5pm in war-related 1940's costumes, so in forces outfits, as evacuation children, nurses, or in 1940s fashion. We will gather listening to 1940s music; parade down to the green and everyone in fancy dress will receive a small token of thanks.

4. The picnic on the green will start shortly after (6:00pm to-10.30pm) with pizza, drinks, cakes and ice-creams available to purchase. Bring along your own food and chairs and join in, starting with some odd 1940s style dances and singing before the normal range of music begins. We are allowing a small number of stalls to be set up on the green this year also – so if you are interested please email us kirkcommunity@gmail.com

Sunday 9th June

1. Then on the Sunday, everyone is welcome along to the church service (10.00 – 11.00) where we will celebrate our community. Followed by refreshments, as usual.
2. Children's games on The Green are at 1.30pm- 2.30pm, so do come along and join in the fun.
3. Finally, courtesy of the parish council, strawberry scones and drinks will be provided in the village hall from 3-4pm.

We are always grateful for people willing to help deliver newsletters – the more people we have (ideally one person per street) the faster we can get news out when its needed – if you are able to assist, please txt 07785 226030 or email kirkcommunity@gmail.com



KIRKFEST 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 8th June
Kirklevington School - Summer Fair – 10.30 – 12.30
Kirklevington & St. Hilary's Church – OPEN CHURCH.
Fancy Dress Competition and parade from
Village hall – 5.00 p.m.
Picnic on The Green with Music – From 6.00p.m.



The theme for the event being the D-Day Landings 80th Anniversary.
Why not dress up, if you wish.
The flags will be flying.



Sunday 9th June
Kirklevington Church Service – 10.00a.m.
Games on The Green – 1.30p.m. til 2.30p.m.
Strawberry Cream Tea – 3.00p.m.



AS PART OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS 80TH ANNIVERSARY, LET'S DECORATE OUR HOUSES OR WINDOWS FOR THE WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL THE BRAVE SOLDIERS.