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NEWSLETTER

Important Open Meeting

Members of the public are invited to attend an open meeting to discuss the planning application for social housing on Dane Hill Road, which will be held on Monday 31st March at 7.30pm in Kennett County Primary School. The normal Parish Council meeting will follow the open meeting. The planning application for the affordable housing on Dane Hill Road will go before East Cambridgeshire District Council planning committee in the first week of April. A representative from Hastoe Housing will be attending the open meeting to answer any questions relating to it.

Parish Plan

The results from the Parish Plan will soon be published. The Parish Council will be discussing the results of the questionnaires, together with the recommendations of the Steering Group for the formulation of an action plan.

Distraction Burglaries

A Man has claimed to be a police officer to try and trick his way into the homes of two elderly women. The incidents happened at 8pm on Monday 17th March.

The first burglary took place in High Street, Chippenham when a man claiming to be an officer knocked at an elderly woman's home. The woman refused to let him in and then noticed two other men in her home who let the man in and they all searched the property before leaving. Nothing was stolen. The first man is described as white, 5'6", a medium build, between 21 and 40, wearing dark clothing, gloves and a wooley hat. The second man is described as white, 5'7", slim and wearing a grey hooded jumper and gloves. The third man is described as white, 5'6", slim and wearing dark clothing.

The second incident happened at a property in Mays Avenue, Balsham when a man claiming to be an officer knocked at an elderly woman's home. The woman then noticed two men in her home who let the third man in and they all searched the property. After which the woman noticed cash was missing. The first man is described as white, slim, 5'6", 16 to 18 and a hooded top. The second man is described as white, a large build and around 50 years old. The third man is described as white, 5'7", stocky and between 30 and 40.

Detective Inspector Alan Page said: "These men are clearly targeting the elderly and vulnerable and have no thought for the stress they are putting their victims through. I would urge people to be vigilant and remain alert to the activities in their neighbourhood. If you notice any suspicious activity, particularly around the homes of elderly residents, please report it to police immediately. Officers would never just let themselves into a person's home if a burglary or similar incident had occurred next door. All police officers always carry identification on them at all times and the public has a right to ask to see it. If anyone is concerned someone trying to enter their home is not a genuine police officer they should call 999 immediately. In the meantime I would urge people to ensure their homes are kept locked and secure at all times." Investigations are ongoing into these offences, which police believe may be connected. Anyone with any information should contact DI Page at Parkside Police Station on 0845 456 4564 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Polite Notice to Dog Owners

We have been made aware of a problem with dog fouling especially around the entrance to Kennett County Primary School and the school end of Church Lane. Could we ask all dog owners who use that area to walk their dogs to be especially vigilant and tidy up and dispose of anything left behind by their animals. Also note that we now have additional "doggy litter bins" installed in the village, one is just at the entrance to the recreation ground and another at the junction of Church Lane and Dane Hill Road. Please be a responsible owner - Thank You.

Plastic Bottle Refuse Connection

The collection of plastic bottles as waste begins on Monday the 7th April 2008 in Kennett and for every alternate Monday following that date. Clear plastic bags especially for the purpose have been circulated around the village especially for this type of waste. Remember to "Wash & Squash" all the bottles and put the bag beside your black box on the relevant Monday. A replacement bag will be left after the collection. Only plastic bottles please and please remove the caps/ tops. All other plastic can be taken to the waste disposal sites in Depot Road Newmarket or at Mildenhall just along from the Barton Mills roundabout.

Car Boot sales have resumed

Just to Let you know that the car boot sales are about to resume on the recreation ground in Station Road Kennett. The first one is on Sunday March the 30th and then will occur regularly afterwards. For a full schedule why not look on the village website www.kennettvillage.co.uk for all the details and the organization each one is supporting. Please come along and support the relevant causes.

Church Services

From the first Sunday in April onwards the times of the services at St. Nicholas Church in Kennett are changing. The first, second and forth Sunday of the month will be **Holy Communion Services** commencing at the new time of **09:30** am. On the third Sunday of each month will be a **Family Service** again starting at **09:30** am. All are welcome, please come along and support our church and also meet some of the other people in the village.

Village Web Site

For those of you that are not aware Kennett now has it's own website which is regularly maintained and kept up to date with events, Parish Council Minutes and Agenda's, who's who in the village and activities within the village. It also has lots of useful information about bus/ train timetables also arrivals and departures at all the major airports. There is additionally a nice set of photographs of places in the village that were taken last summer.

The webmaster is always on the lookout for news or items that can be added. If you have anything you would like to add to the site or have any old photographs or memories of the village that you would want published then do not hesitate to contact the web master either by E-mail (DerekWMiles@AOL.com) or contact Derek Miles on 01638 751362 he'll be pleased to hear from you. The web site address is www.kennettvillage.co.uk or you can Google Kennettvillage.

