

Welcome to Dingley

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477267, 287188 • Lat/Long: 52.4772,-0.86380424

District: [Kettering](#)

County/Unitary Authority: [Northamptonshire](#)

Region: [East Midlands](#)

Country: [England](#)

Height: 147.4m

We hope you will enjoy your new home and find the information in this Pack helpful. Please say hello to your neighbours. If you need help or information about anything hopefully one of them will be able to assist you.

Dingley is known as a "scattered" community. That is to say the homes in the Parish are spread along the A427, down Braybrooke Road and Sutton Lane [as it is known locally, but actually named Dingley Lane on Ordnance Survey and Satellite Navigation Systems], and along Church Lane and within Dingley Hall.

The Village Hall

The Village Hall can be found near the top of Church Lane behind the last of the thatched cottages. This is probably the most important meeting place for the community. On the first Friday evening of most months there is a social event of some kind, organised by the Village Hall Committee (this page). These range from simple Pub Nights, when the bar is open, to the fish and chip charity supper, to full blown Burns Supper. A programme of events is published in the Dingley Village Pump (more later), and flyers are delivered in advance of each one.

The Village Hall is also used for the meetings of the Parish Council (next page), held every month except January and August.

It is also possible to hire the Village Hall for private events. This can be done by contacting any member of the Village Hall Committee.

Of course, all of these events are not taking place currently because of covid19 restrictions. We all look forward to the time when social life in Dingley can resume!

Village Hall Committee in no particular order

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| Tony Lucas | 01858 535201 | tonylucas@aol.com |
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Trustees

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| Richard Knight | 01858 432576 | richardknyght@hotmail.com |
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The Automatic Exterior Defibrillator is situated on the outside wall of the Village Hall, and is regularly checked to ensure it is in working order.

Dingley Parish Council

The Parish Council meets regularly to discuss local issues such as planning applications, Neighbourhood Watch, safety of parish assets, rights of way, links with the Village Hall committee. There are single projects, such as drawing up a plan for if there were an emergency that affected some or all of the village. An example of this would be if there were to be a major traffic accident on the A427, maybe involving fire or chemical spill. Currently (autumn/winter 2020) the Council are involved, along with interested villagers, in trying to solve the problem of heavy and speeding traffic on the A427 through the village. Alongside this, the council is in contact with the Borough and County councils concerning the lack of continuous footway through the village. The meetings are attended by a Borough Councillor and a County Councillor to act as a link with the bigger authorities. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings; details from the Parish Clerk. Dates of meetings are posted on the parish noticeboard on the A427 opposite the junction of Braybrooke Road.

Councillors

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| Bill Jones (chair) | wrjarion@aol.com |
| Steve Dudson | steve.dudson@gmail.com |
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ALL SAINTS - DINGLEY PARISH CHURCH

A church has stood on this site for over a thousand years. Built in 1292 by Hugh De Dinglele on the site of an older place of worship, the church dates mainly from the 15th century but on the south side of the chancel and the nave the arcades are Norman. The Griffin and Hungerford families, who resided at the Hall, are represented and there are two brass tablet memorials to the 8th and 9th Viscounts Downe.

In the churchyard is a grave prepared for Admiral Lord Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, and his wife Ethel Lady Beatty. Lord Beatty was interred in Westminster Abbey, leaving Lady Beatty alone in Dingley churchyard. Also in the churchyard is one grave identified by the War Graves Commission. There is an 'Adopt a Grave Scheme' in the churchyard, whereby some villagers look after old graves where the families are long gone.

The church has a perpendicular porch which is at least 500 years old and has carved bosses in the beams of the roof, one an angel with hands folded in prayer and a very fine moustache! As burials no longer take place in the churchyard, there is a cemetery next to the Village Hall at the top of Church Lane.



The Church is found by going through the blue gate set in the wall at the bottom of Church Lane. From the gate a gravel path leads you through a pleasant garden to the Norman church set on a slight mound. The walk to the church is along a wooded path set at all times throughout the year with flowers, especially snowdrops and wild daffodils in the spring and naturalised cyclamen in the late summer.

Rector: Revd. Hannah Jeffery
The Community Centre
Lower Street,
Desborough.
NN14 2NP

Tel: 01536 506209
email: revhj@outlook.com

Church Wardens: Richard Knight ~01858 432576
email: richardknyght@hotmail.com
Jamie Robertson: ~ 01858 535573
email: robertsondingley@btinternet.com

Friends of Dingley Park



On the north side of Dingley is a beautiful stretch of 100 acres of traditional parkland. This is private land, but there is a limited amount of access to it for walking. Between Easter and October it is possible to buy a permit to become a Friend of Dingley Park; £25.00 per season per household. From October to Easter there is no access.

This is the decision of the land agent who acts for the absentee owner.

The Friends scheme is administered for the village by Councillor Steve Dudson. Contact him for further details at steve.dudson@gmail.com

Dingley Hall



Dingley Hall sits on a high ridge overlooking the Welland Valley. Originally a foundation of the Knights Hospitallers the house and land were given to Edward Griffin, treasurer to the boy king Edward VI. During the 1550s Edward Griffin built a fine house on the site. Since then the building has been modified many times. The bulk of what stands today dates from the mid-17th century. It remained the family home of a series of families until the mid 20th century. After serving as a nursing home in WW2 the house fell into disrepair and was in danger of complete dereliction until it was rescued and converted into seven houses and three apartments.

The house and its grounds are private, and should be respected as such. However, the residents jointly own the drive from the lodge on the A427, and the land around it, and are happy to give permission for villagers to walk there. For obvious safety reasons, children should be under supervision, and dogs must be kept on a lead. The drive is effectively a fairly busy single track road, and should be treated as such.

The Dingley Village Pump



The Pump is a quarterly newsletter delivered to everyone whose email address is on the list held by Fiona Barnaby, chair of the Village Hall committee (page 2). Please make sure you have this contact with Fiona, as you will get all kinds of interesting stuff from her. The Pump has details of all social events as well as other items submitted by villagers. Recent issues have covered topics such as gardening tips, travels in South America, a look at interesting words, healthy recipes, poems about Christmas, instructions for making a decorative angel, some village history, as well as the usual reports. No social events in covid times unfortunately, but that will change.

Submissions to the Pump are very welcome, in fact necessary or the editor would have to write it all herself. If you are reading this it is probably because you are new to Dingley, so why not introduce yourself with a short article.

Submissions to elaine.whitesides@btinternet.com .

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEDICAL



GP practices – Market Harborough

Market Harborough Medical Centre, 67 Coventry Road,
Market Harborough. LE16 9BX
Tel: **(01858) 464242**

Two Shires Medical Practice, Torch Way, Market Harborough LE16 9HL
Tel: **(01858) 464242**

This is now part of the South Leicester Medical Group with surgeries in Market Harborough, Kibworth and Fleckney.

Minor Injuries – St Lukes Hospital, 33 Leicester Road, Market Harborough, LE16 7BN Tel: **(01858 410300)** Urgent Care Services (minor injury) with x-ray facilities available between 8.30am – 5pm on weekdays only.

Also: Corby Urgent Care Centre, Corby NN17 2UR Tel: (01536) 202121

Nearest Main NHS Hospitals

Leicester Royal Infirmary
Leicester General Hospital
Northampton General NHS Hospital
Kettering General NHS Hospital

Tel: **0300 303 1573**
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Tel: **1604 634 700**
Tel: **01536 492 000**

Schools



Primary

The linked primary school for Dingley is Wilbarston School LE16 8QN

There are several well regarded primary schools in Market Harborough, the nearest being in Great Bowden.

Search online: primary schools near LE16 8PG for up to date Ofsted ratings.

Secondary

Nearest to Dingley are Robert Smyth School and Welland Park Academy in Market Harborough.

Because Dingley is in Northamptonshire schools in Kettering and Corby are also available. Again, up to date information available online.

Independent

Stoneygate Prep Leicester

Leicester Grammar School

Leicester High School

Oakham School

Uppingham School

These are probably the most accessible from Dingley

Local Government

Kettering Borough Council

Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, NN15 7QX

Tel: Mon-Fri: 8.30 am – 5pm

Tel: **01536 41033**

Out of hours telephone Tel: 01536 416005

email: customerservices@kettering.gov.uk

Borough Councillor Welland Ward

David Howes davidhowes@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 07968 348369

County Councillor Desborough Division

Allan Matthews amatthews@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 760703

Refuse and Recycling in Dingley

Household Waste and Recycling Materials [Cardboard, Paper, Glass, Foil and tin, Plastic and Green Waste] are collected on alternate *Thursdays*. Bins should be left outside your property.

Email: refuseandrecycling@kettering.gov.

Tel: 01536 532423

Address: Kettering Borough Council, 4 Robinson Way, Telford Way Industrial Estate, Kettering NN16 8PT

Contact Details for other services Kettering Borough Council

Art Gallery

Email: artgallery@kettering.gov.uk

Tel:01536 534381

Benefits

Email: benefits@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 410333

Address: Kettering Borough Council, Bowling Green Road, Kettering NN15 7QX

Bereavement Services & Crematorium

Email: bereavementservices@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 525722

Address: Kettering Crematorium, East Lodge, Rothwell Road, Kettering NN16 8XE

Building Control

Email: buildingcontrol@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 410333

Address: Kettering Borough Council, Bowling Green Road, Kettering NN15 7QX

Comments, Compliments and Complaints

Email executiveliaison@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 315111

Council Tax Billing Enquiries

Email: counciltax@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 410333

Customer Services

Email: customerservices@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 534377

Electoral Register

Email: elecereg@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 534353

Address: Kettering Borough Council, Bowling Green Road, Kettering NN15 7QX

Environmental Health

Email: customerservices@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 534307

Housing Enquiries and Repairs

Email housingenquiries@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 410333

Museum and Gallery

Email: museumandgallery@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 410333

Pest Control Enquiries

Email: customerservices@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 534307

Planning

Email: planning@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 534316

Website Queries

Email websitequeries@kettering.gov.uk

Tel: 01536 535688

Address: Kettering Borough Council, Bowling Green Road, Kettering NN15 7QX

Footnote:

As of 1st April 2021 Northamptonshire County Council will cease to be a single body, and the smaller local authorities will be reorganised into two unitary authorities, West Northamptonshire, and North Northamptonshire which will include Dingley. Much of the above information re. local government will change.