

April-May 2019
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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd April

Parish Council meeting

Thursday 4th April

Walking Group walk

Saturday 6th April

Guided walk for the Church Roof Fund

Tuesday 9th April

St Faith's SC Afternoon Tea

Thursday 11th April

WI Meeting

Saturday 20th April

Decorating of the church for Easter

Sunday 28th April

Walking Group walk

Tuesday 7th May

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 9th May

Walking Group walk

Friday 10th May

Oil Club Order point

Saturday 11th May

Plant sale on the village green

Sunday 12th May

Krafty Kilsby event

Saturday 18th May

Village Hall cinema

Sunday 19th May

Walking Group walk

School May Fayre

Tuesday 21st May

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 23rd May

History Society talk

Early notice

Saturday 8th June

Defibrillator training

Sunday 16th June

Open Gardens and Village Hall teas

Wheelbarrow competition

Saturday 22nd June

Pre-school 80s disco

Saturday 29th June

Pre-school's 'It's a Knockout'

Kilsby Kronickle

Also available on the Kilsby Village Website
www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk



Publication of this edition coincides with the clocks going forward and the arrival (for now at least) of bright spring weather. With many people's thoughts turning towards their gardens there is the usual useful advice and list of seasonal tasks in Gardeners' Corner and, looking further ahead, news of the summer Best Garden competitions, Open Gardens, and Wheelbarrow Competition.

Before then there is a range of spring activities, including the plant sale and the school's May Fayre, and an innovation - Krafty Kilsby - which will give people the opportunity to display their creative talents and admire those of others.

The recent first birthday celebrations for our excellent community shop are featured on page 6. Many congratulations to George Noden who won the junior cake competition with a lovely replica of the shop and to the Kilsby 1st Guides for creating a really beautiful mosaic to decorate the wall of the shop (see page 9). Their skill and creativity are very impressive.

The shop is appealing for the continuing support of residents, both in terms of shopping there and of offering practical help. This edition also covers lots of other things to do and ways of getting involved in the community with the 'things to do' column on the last page very full. We hope that some of the new residents to the village will take up these opportunities to participate in village life and get to know their neighbours, including maybe joining the Parish Council.

We are delighted to see that our District Councillor has now moved to Kilsby (see Catherine Lomax's report on page 5) and offer her and her new husband a very warm welcome to the village.

Finally, we want to congratulate all those who joined in the recent Litter Pick, giving up their Saturday morning to help to tidy the village, and to the children from Kilsby School who did separate litter picks during the school week. The children have also produced some lovely anti litter posters, one of which is on page 12. Well done to everyone!

KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

MARCH 2019

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From Councillor Bob Gent, Tel: 823528 and Clare Valentine, Clerk to the Parish Council, parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk Tel:07581 490581)

Spring is here and we are just about to start the new financial year. As a relatively new Clerk (I started at end of June 2018) I will be commencing my CiLCA training with Northampton Association of Local Councils. This is a formal qualification for my job as Clerk to the Parish Council and the training will run for the majority of the year as part of my role. I am looking forward to learning more about the various parts of my role to help and support Kilsby and the Parish Council. My business background has put me in a good position to carry out this role.

New Parish Councillor

We would like to welcome Clive Thompson to the Council. Clive is a resident of Kilsby and joined the Parish Council at our March meeting.

New Financial Year 2019/2020

As part of the Parish Council annual procedures we must elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman in May 2019. It is also the time to review, readopt or approve new policies and procedures and we have started the audit process.

Kilsby Parish Council has 11 Councillors but we have vacancies for two of these seats. Joining the Parish Council is always very rewarding, and you have the responsibility of helping to make decisions on behalf of the Parish. Parish Councils welcome applications from all, as long as you are a registered elector, live or work within three miles of the Parish and are over 18 years of age. It doesn't matter if you do not know much about a Parish Council at first as training is provided and there is plenty of support and information. What the Parish Council likes to know from your application is a little about you and your interests plus enthusiasm to get involved. Our two current two vacancies will go through the co-option procedure meaning applications go onto the agenda for decision at a meeting. Please see the article by our Chairman, Jenny Fisher, on page 18 for more information and details of how to apply.

Council meetings are public and held the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Kilsby Room. If you have any matters you would like to discuss please let us know. By law, Councillors are only permitted to discuss items that are on the agenda for that meeting, but there is also a public participation section early on in the meeting for public comment and matters raised there can be put onto the agenda for the next meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council would like to invite all village organisations in Kilsby to attend the Annual Parish

Meeting on Tuesday 21st May at 7.00 pm in the Kilsby Room. This is the opportunity for the Parish Council to explain what it has been doing over the last year and for electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the Parish. Village organisations can give reports on their year's activities. If you are going to present such a report you will need to supply a written version to the Clerk for the records prior to the meeting.

Defibrillator Awareness Training

The Heartbeat Trust has been booked for a defibrillator awareness training event on Saturday 8th June between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon in the Kilsby Room. The training session is free and is aimed at giving awareness of the defibrillator, which is in the former telephone box, and how to use it.

Cemetery

The Parish Council is the Burials Authority for the cemetery and we have asked several times for a replacement for the brown bin at the cemetery after its disappearance. We have been promised that a new bin is on its way and apologise for any inconvenience people have suffered in the meantime. A spring tidy has also been completed at the cemetery and we are looking at ongoing regular maintenance for 2019. Please observe the rules and regulations of the cemetery (which can be found on its notice board and the village website), to help keep the cemetery tidy.

Heritage Project and Parish Council Notice Board

Gren Hatton designed a series of nine information boards comprising artwork and information about the history of the village. These beautiful pieces of work will be produced on a series of lecterns. The boards are size A0 and will be positioned around the village at pre-determined locations. Kilsby Parish Council will soon be deciding its choice of lectern, which has already been narrowed down to an aluminium powder-coated design, available in a choice of colours. The information will be available to view at the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st May. We hope that the history of the village on display around Kilsby will be both educational and play an important part of the appreciation of Kilsby.

Separately, the Parish Council notice board is to be replaced by a new more versatile and current design. A more prominent location in the village to display information may also be considered, and suggestions are welcome.

As a separate note, can people affixing posters and notices to telegraph poles in the village please be careful to pick up any drawing pins which fall on the ground or into grass. Although small, drawing pins present a danger to animals and can cause injury if stepped on. Many thanks.

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DDC Consultation Update

The Community Governance Review which was considering Crick's request for a change in its boundaries, is continuing at District Council level. The result of the initial consultation showed overwhelming support for leaving the boundaries as they are. 542 responses were received, with 532 (98.08%) being for no change and 10 (1.92%) supporting change. DDC's Review panel has recommended that there should be no change. Thank you to all those who responded to the survey and we hope that the recommendation to leave the boundaries unchanged will be confirmed. Further information is on the DDC website.

Youth Club

If the Youth Club is to return to Kilsby (and the hope is that it will) the village needs helpers to manage the running of club and finances before a Youth Worker is established and the club is reactivated. It would have to be a separate function from the Parish Council, although supported by the Council and affiliated with the National Association of Youth Clubs. Feedback from the Best Village Competition in 2018 was that there was not enough for young people to do in the village and this is a perfect opportunity to change that. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested or if you know someone who can help.

Speedwatch

Thank you to Debbie Marsh and this year's Speedwatch volunteers who make a team of eight for the village. The team have recently met as a group and training is scheduled for this month.

Irresponsible Parking

We have received several complaints about irresponsible parking around the village. This should be reported directly to 'Fix my Street' (which has recently replaced Street Doctor) via the County Council's website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk. The Parish Council unfortunately does not have the authority to deal with parking problems. We should all play our part in parking safely and with consideration for pedestrians and other drivers. Think school children. Think pedestrians. Think safety. Don't park on junctions, over pavements or on hazard warning lines, and don't create dangerous passing points. Remember the Highway Code.

Finally, well done to all the litter pickers and Councillor Sarah Stainton for her efforts in the organisation and to all involved (**Eds. See page 16**). We would also like to thank Helen Smedley our Burials Clerk for her work this year and Chris Lomas and her team for the Kilsby Kronickle.

Happy Easter and enjoy the forthcoming bank holidays, Clare.

St. Faith's Church

Services are held at 11.00 am each Sunday (see noticeboard)

During Lent Holy Communion will be said at 11.00 am on Wednesdays

HOLY WEEK

14 April	Palm Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Communion (hymns)
17 April	Wednesday	11.00 am	Holy Communion
18 April	Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Evening Service, St. Mary's, Barby
19 April	Good Friday	10.00 am	Good Friday Walk – from Kilsby URC Chapel to St. Faith's
	Good Friday	3.00 pm	Meditation on the Cross St. Mary's, Barby
21 April	Easter Day	11.00 am	Holy Communion (hymns)

Recreation Park News and Confirmation of the 16 Years & Under Age Range

Kilsby Parish Council are obtaining quotes for new equipment for the recreation park. The funding will come from an application for monies arising from the new development off the A361. The criteria for what these monies can be spent on is fairly restrictive and Daventry District Council must be satisfied that the criteria requirements are met, before they will accept our application. We will do our best to make improvements that will provide something for all the ages that are eligible to use the park. The eligible ages are 16 years and under. The recreation park rules do not allow the provision of equipment for adults.

Cressida Woodcock Sweales - Kilsby Recreation Ground Secretary

FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

(Tel: 822483, 22 Daventry Road, Kilsby, CV23 8XF, clomax@daventrydc.gov.uk)

Future of local government in Daventry District

The Government has still not confirmed whether two unitary authorities will be set up in May 2020 to replace Daventry District Council (DDC), the other 6 districts/boroughs, and the County Council. (This is not a great surprise, as the Government's attention is firmly elsewhere!). Time is now very short for all the legal processes to be enacted before the start date. At a local level talks go on about how the new authorities will look and work. There is now a joint Programme Board, covering both potential unitaries, which will be followed by separate Shadow Authorities and Shadow Executives when/if the Government gives approval. These bodies will take the big decisions in forming the new unitaries.

Garden Waste

Registration has opened for the collection of garden waste for the year from June 2019. In this current year 56% of households signed up, and in the first 6 months of the service, over 4000 tonnes of garden waste was collected.

Disabled Facilities Grants and Home Repair Assistance Grants

April is the start of the year for these grants to help adapt and improve homes for those with disabilities and for anyone receiving a means tested benefit. Loans can also be made available. Contact Care and Repair at DDC, 01327 871100. **(See also page 22.)**

KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Charles Smedley, Tel: 822241)

The Garden Association has started the year with its Annual Gardeners' Party, generously hosted by Christine and Tom Clay, which was very well attended. The quiz was set by Diana Smith and won by Charles Smedley.

The next event is the Plant Sale on the Barby Road Green on Saturday 11th May at 10.30 am.

The Association have also organised a trip to Wrest Park and to The Swiss Cottage at Shuttleworth on Saturday 6th July. The cost is £14.00 a head, plus entrance fees. As we go to print, the coach was filling up fast. If you want to go on this trip please contact Charles Smedley on 822241.

Entries are invited for the three Garden Competitions which will be judged on the 15th June, the day before the NGS Open Garden event. The categories are Best Decorative Garden, Best Courtyard Garden and Best Mixed Garden. If you

Big Switch

DDC is running another Big Switch energy switching scheme, with E.On and Octopus Energy winning the latest auction. Most households taking part previously have saved a worthwhile amount of money.

Local Lotto

This local lottery has reached its first birthday. In its first year there have been 803 winning tickets sharing £7,800 in cash prizes, all for £1 tickets. Players have also won prizes including Fitbits, iPads, spa days and shopping vouchers. The lottery is on track to raise about £26,000 for local good causes in its first year.

Street Doctor

Street Doctor is no more. It was replaced on 26 March by a new service, **Fix My Street**, which is said to be simpler to use, is mobile responsive, and allows photos to be attached to reports of problems. At the time of writing the direct contact number is not available, but the service can be accessed via the NCC website, www.northamptonshire.gov.uk.

Community Shop

Congratulations to the community shop, its staff, and the village for a very successful first year.

Please note the change of my contact details above.

would like to take part, please contact Diane Graham, on 07790 377516. The same day, the judges will be judging the planters round the village.

Membership of the Gardeners' Association is just £3 per household for the year which runs from April to the end of March next year. Benefits include 10% discounts at Barby Nurseries and Dennetts Garden Centre in Daventry. If you are interested in joining contact Carol Chamberlain on 823920 or at carol@profitlinkgroup.co.uk

Kilsby History Society

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd May, in the Kilsby Room, at 7.30 pm.

The speaker is Tony Boulemier and the title of his talk is: 'History with a Smile on its Face - and the Occasional Shudder'. This is based on his 2014 book 'A Little Book of Monarchs'.

Members £2.00

Visitors £3.00

All Welcome

Kilsby Village Shop

(From Trish Brown, on behalf of the Kilsby Village Shop Management Committee)



Happy 1st Birthday Kilsby Village Shop



Saturday 23rd March was a very special day as the Kilsby Village Shop celebrated its 1st Birthday.



On behalf of the Committee we would like to give special thanks to Andrea our Shop Manager and the amazing team of volunteers that have worked so hard to support the shop throughout its first year of trading.

We would also like to give a 'BIG THANK YOU' to all our customers for your continued custom over the last year and to ask for your further support in spreading the word of our wonderful shop to your neighbours, family and friends, because without the support of our customers we would not have been able to celebrate this very special day. Please support your shop so we can enjoy many more birthday celebrations.

We had a fun afternoon with food and drink tasting from a lot of our local suppliers: John Dwyer Bakery providing some fantastic breads and cakes as well as a new great selection of vegan cakes; Fowlers with their exquisite cheeses; Fatherson Bakery's amazing cakes and a new range of gluten free; Sercombes with their tasty pork pies and hams; Minters Fine Foods with super jams and chutneys and Ringwood's with their creamy ice-creams. We also welcomed some new suppliers to the shop: Manor Farm Dairies with their delicious yogurts and fresh creams, Floyer's Fruit Farm with their scrumptious apple juices, and Church Farm Brewery who gave us some lovely beers to try. We also had the support of our gift and cards suppliers from Positive Instinct with Sarah's Mugs, Parisian Knights gifts and Janet Watson cards and art work.

We then had our Birthday cake competition. We had five entries making the judging, by Patrick from the Red Lion, very difficult. He chose the cake made by George Noden for the children's winner - an amazing cake in the shape of our village shop (see picture above). The adult winner was Jean Fox who made a lovely chocolate orange cake. Many thanks to everyone who entered. They were all wonderful cakes and tasted delicious.

We also had the unveiling of our Kilsby Girl Guide Mosaic which is truly beautiful and is called the 'Four Seasons' (**Eds. See picture and article on page 9**). Please come and take a look and I am sure you will all agree it must have taken a great amount of time, patience and care by the Guides to create this. We are so proud to have it placed it on the front of the shop for everyone to view.

It was a great afternoon and we look forward to your continuing support of Kilsby's Village Shop and to many more birthday celebrations.

If you would like to get involved with the shop we are always looking for help whether it is support on maintenance for the shop, gardening, stocktaking, re-filling the shelves or volunteering to work in the shop. All support would be very welcome. Please contact our shop manager Andrea on 07861 295358 if you are interested in helping us.

ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

The coffee morning on 12th February raised £110.00 and the quiz on 9th March made £561.00.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

Afternoon Tea

We are having an afternoon tea in the Kilsby Room on Tuesday 9th April, from 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm. £2.50 on the door and the usual raffle.

Social Committee

Would anyone like to join the Social Committee? There are only four of us now that Kathy has moved and Pam has died and we miss them both very much. We could also do with some new ideas for future meetings.

Church Cleaning

The church still needs three cleaners to cover the months of March, May and September. The task only takes between one and two hours once a week, and you can do it at whatever time suits you.

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Bus Pass Photography Group

(From Paul Morrice, pmmorrice@aol.com)

I wonder if anyone would be interested in forming a small group of retired Kilsby village people. To meet maybe once a month and travel by bus (on our bus passes!) to other towns or villages, with a view to photographing things of interest there. We could then create a method/system of displaying the fantastic images for all to see.

At present this is just a conceptual idea, and I am sure we could do all the things other photography groups do. But initially, my thoughts were to get out of Kilsby, take photos there, then end up in a pub for a chat, a drink and maybe lunch. It is not a problem if we re-visit a place. A photograph is always just around the corner.

Depending on how we wished to display any of the photos, we could afterwards select the best photo of the day. We could critique photos and just enjoy the art of photography. Perhaps it would incentivise us to improve.

If there is any interest, let me know by email and we can see if we wish to move forward with the idea.

Issues to discuss & any other thoughts.

- 1) Bus timetables, and especially return times.
- 2) Inclement weather.
- 3) What to take; daybag requirements.
- 4) Cameras and smart phones
- 5) Method of displaying photos, printing, Google photo site, Facebook or other media.
- 6) Post editing of photos.
- 7) Stop at a pub, or just get back to Kilsby and use local pub.

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GIRD UP YOUR WHEELBARROWS. ROLL UP! ROLL UP!



So popular were our wheel barrow displays last year that they look set to become a permanent feature of Gardens Open Day.

We felt good to be helping N.G.S. to fund all the charities (and more) listed at the edge of this feature. We bet you'd like to feel good too, so just sign up to do whatever takes your fancy with your wheelbarrow. (As long as it's legal!Also, if you happen to be giving away rum this year can we be first in the queue? Please!)

Date - Kilsby Open Garden Day - Sun 16th June, 2pm - 6pm. Wheelbarrows can be displayed outside your own house or on the garden trail. Votes for the best display will be registered at Open Garden Sites or at the Village Hall.

If you wish to participate contact:
 J & A Madigan on 01788822350 or
 Email : jam.madigan2015@outlook.com

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 Drinks and chat for mums, dads, grandparents, and Childminders.

Each session £2 per family
 Everyone welcome to join in the fun!

For further information, please don't hesitate to call:
Victoria Devaney 07544 929501

Kilsby Village Hall is situated on Rugby Road where it joins the A5,
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KILSBY VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

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 Come and join us for refreshments at 7:30pm
 Film starts 8:00pm



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MOSAIC

(From Kilsby 1st Guides)



(The beautiful mosaic on the wall of the shop)

The mosaic was made by Kilsby 1st Guides group. It represents the four seasons that have passed in the village shop's first year of opening, and includes the Guides trefoil as a centre piece. Lots of folk from the village answered the call to donate the bits and bobs that were used in the mosaic, and we hope you all like the striking and colourful design.

We were very pleased to have the mosaic unveiled at the village shop's first birthday celebrations, and are grateful to the Committee for welcoming this piece of art for the enjoyment of all the village and recognising the community value of this project.

We would also like to thank Grantscape Community Fund for the money to do the project, Anne Madigan for her expertise and patience and Andy Tompkins for making the super frame that it now sits in.

St. Faith's Church Roof

(From the Churchwardens, Gill Mason Tel: 822658 and Nancy Golding Tel: 822611)

THANK YOU to all those who responded to the appeal for funds to replace the Church roof following the theft of lead. We are looking into replacement of the material on the roof as well as installing an alarm system. Applications for grants are ongoing but we still need to raise more funds to reach what is required, so donations would be very much appreciated.

Cheques should be made payable to the PCC of Kilsby Parish.

CHURCH ROOF FUND RAISER SATURDAY 6TH APRIL at 2:30 pm

(From Keren Wood, Tel: 822456)

New to the village or wanting to get fit?

Please join me for a guided circular walk across the fields towards Barby. The walk is about 3 miles and has about 12 stiles, some of which are dog friendly. Part of the walk is along the Ridgeway road.

Tea and coffee will be served at the end of the walk at St. Faith's church and a donation to the Church Roof Fund will be much appreciated.

Come along and meet new friends and enjoy the countryside.

Meet at the church gate in Church Walk at 2.30 pm.

All enquiries to Keren Wood 822456.

THE GEORGE HOTEL

(From Richard Linnell, Tel: 822382)

Many people in and around Kilsby will have been concerned with the recent closure of The George Hotel on the A5 and what that means for its future.

The George is owned by Star Pubs & Bars, part of the Heineken company and they have shared their plans for the future of the pub with the editors of Kronickle.

Star Pubs & Bars are conscious that The George has been an important part of village life and plan to carry out a complete remodelling and refurbishment of the interior of the pub. This plan will relocate the existing bar and incorporate what is now the function room into the bar and restaurant area to create more tables for food without impacting on the bar area. The current lounge / bar area will stay broadly as it is now. They also plan to refit the kitchen and refurbish the toilets. The exterior will be repainted in colours more in keeping with a country pub and new signage will be fitted.

Star Pubs & Bars are currently recruiting a new landlord and along with all of the refurbishment that will be carried out envisage The George re-opening mid/late summer this year.

With so many pubs closing around the country, this commitment is excellent news for the village and hopefully we can look forward to being a village with two pubs again soon.



Sunday 19th May 2019

2.00 – 4.30 pm

We look forward to welcoming you all along.

The Annual May Fayre represents our main fundraising event of the year. Many of you will know that it is an event that not just draws in the school family but that of the wider village and neighbouring community. We are busy preparing for it taking place on 19th May this year and very much hope you will put the date on your calendars to join us.

We are a registered local charity raising money to help support the operations of our school community. Kilsby is a small village school of some 90 primary age students and you've probably read that Northamptonshire is not the best place in England to need to rely on government funding right now!

For this reason, more than ever, the extra funds we raise are essential and are spent on books, classroom resources and enrichment activities. Funds recently raised helped to deliver an outdoor teaching space that the children absolutely love, but there is so much more we would like to achieve.

So, we are reaching out to see if you can kindly assist us?

- Could you supply a prize for our grand prize draw, or just buy lots of tickets, or both!
- Would you or someone you know be interested in sponsoring the event or taking advertising space in our programme?
- Does your employer or business do community out-reach and would you be interested in taking some space at our Fayre?
- Would you be interested in taking a table to sell your crafty creations?
- Could you be so kind to donate an hour of your time to help run a game or stall for us?
- Would you simply just be happy to donate cold hard charitable cash to help better resource a local community school simply because you're so very kind and you can? (gift aided donations mean we get an extra 25p for every pound donated this way!)

We would love to hear back from you to discuss how you are able to assist us in our efforts to help our school and community grow.

With kind thanks in anticipation of your ever generous support.

James Carpenter
 Chair of Kilsby School Association
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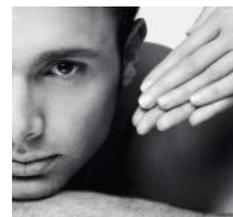
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News from Kilsby Pre-school

(From: kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com)

To say that this term has been a busy one would be an understatement! The children have been learning about Chinese New Year traditions, pancake flipping and planting daffodils for St David's Day. They celebrated World Book Day by joining their friends in Reception for a fun-filled morning of activities. This included making stick men out of chocolate fingers, exploring the underwater play area and rock pool, making aliens out of play dough and enjoying some time in the play kitchen and sand pit. The children also took part in a sponsored 'Listen' and raised £165 to purchase lots of new books for our pre-school. We have also celebrated Science Week with a range of experiments, including crazy cornflour slime investigations, making magnet mazes, sink or float fun, looking how plants grow and container play – mixing and pouring!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Our Race Night on Friday 1st March raised £251.95 for our pre-school. We thank all of you who supported us through attendance and donating raffle prizes. We would also like to say a big thank you to Jenni Smith who very kindly organised the races and betting for us. All of the support is extremely appreciated.

SUNDAY 19TH MAY – Come and support your local school and pre-school at our annual May Fayre. If anyone would like to help us by managing a stall, we would be very grateful. Please contact us via email on kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com or ring the pre-school directly on 01788 824091 and register your interest in helping us. (Eds. See also page 10.)

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE – 80'S DISCO (7.30pm until 11.45pm). Tickets will be available soon!

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE – IT'S A KNOCKOUT. Tesco will be helping us to fundraise this year. We will be needing as many volunteers for this event as possible to help us form a team for the 'It's a Knockout' competition. You don't need to have a child who attends pre-school to join us and you can register your interest via the email and phone number above.

Tesco will be holding several events throughout the year to help us raise money and we are very excited! All the proceeds will go towards our garden improvements. This will include a nature garden, outdoor classroom and a shelter so that the children can have a better opportunity to play outside in all weathers.

We thank you for your ongoing support

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FEBRUARY-MARCH NEWS

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(From Keren Wood, Tel: 822456)

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Krafty Kilsby!



Kilsby Village Hall ~ Sunday 12th May ~ 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

In association with www.GetCreativeUK.com

Kilsby WI are organising a craft & art exhibition. If you make it we'll exhibit it!

It's free to enter & free to visit ~ this event is for everyone in our community.

We'll have some fun with crafts to try ~ and tea, coffee and home made cake!

Rules

You may enter as many items as you wish.

Exhibits are entered at your own risk.

Each item must be marked with your entry number & be ready for us to display.

No judging or prizes.

No work may be sold at the exhibition.

Please complete the entry form and return by 30th April to

Karen ~ 823939 ~ Karen.Gilmurray@talk21.com ~ 14 Independent Street, Kilsby

Jane ~ 822827 ~ JM.George@hotmail.com ~ 12 Hall Close, Kilsby



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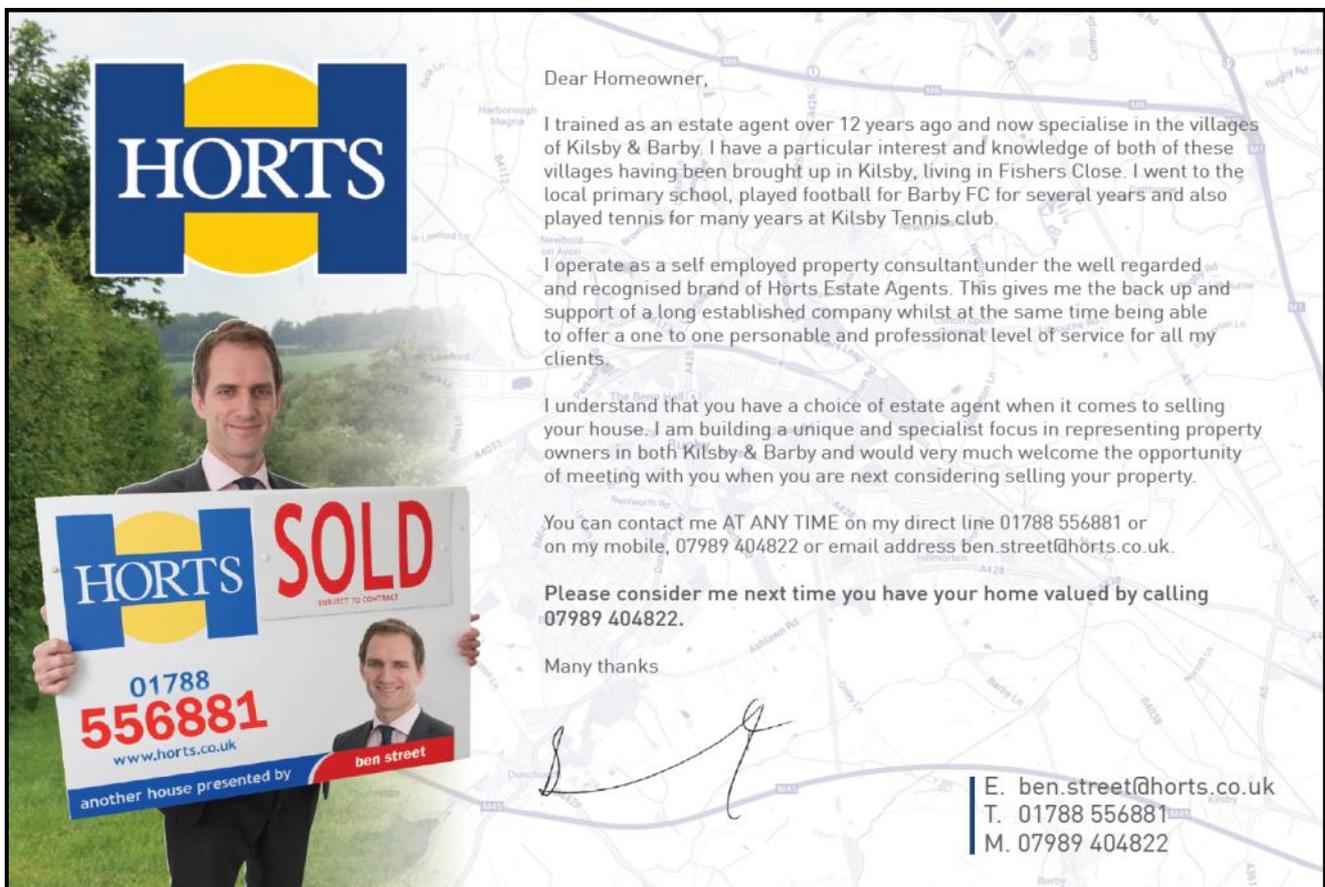
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2019 LITTERPICK

(From Sarah Stainton, Tel: 822477)

Despite the strong, gusty winds on Saturday 16th March, our annual litter pick showed what great community spirit we have in our village. It was great to see that so many people, new faces and old, genuinely want to help keep our village tidy. Armed with litter pickers, gloves, hoops and bags, our volunteers picked up over 25 bags of litter.



It is gratifying to see an improvement in the litter problem year on year. It is still however, on the roads through and into the village, where items have been thrown from vehicles, that there is the biggest problem.

A BIG thank you goes to Kilsby School children for their litter picking during the week and to the fabulous people who came and did their bit... Keep Kilsby Tidy!



Kilsby Conservation Area News

(From Jenny Fisher - jfisher@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

Daventry District Council have progressed Kilsby's status as a conservation area. The internet links in the next column advise on the current position.

The first link includes text advising us that the conservation area has been designated and is focussed in the centre of the village covering parts of Manor Road, Church Walk, Watling Street, Chapel Lane, Main Road and Essen Lane. It goes on to advise that the Kilsby Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans (accessible from the second link) have been adopted as supplementary planning documents meaning they will be used to help determine planning applications.

Paragraph 9.2 on Page 40 of the Appraisal document identifies documents for a 'Local List'. These properties merit further recognition in the planning process. Further information on the Local List is accessible from the third link which shows that for Kilsby it is a 'draft list'.

As advised in the first link, designation as a

conservation area puts in place tighter planning controls for anyone seeking permission to alter or demolish a building, or carry out work to trees, in order to maintain the special interest of the area.

<https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/your-council/news/conservation-areas-designated-in-braunston-and-kilsby-21-12-18/>

<https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/conservation-areas/>

<https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/conservation-areas/local-list/>

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next two order points for the Oil Club are: **Friday May 10th and Friday July 12th**. On each occasion we will be open to receive orders for 9 days, closing a week on the Sunday following the announcement. Members will be advised of the price and delivery dates when the buying process has been completed early the following week.

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What is Happening in Kilsby – How to Find Out and Influence

(From Jenny Fisher - Chairman of Kilsby Parish Council - Tel: 823027)

- Do you want to know about changes for Kilsby.....?
- Do you want an opportunity to shape change
- Do you want to influence spending in Kilsby
- Do you want to make a difference to the community where you live
- Do you want to take a proactive interest in your community
- Do you want your voice to be heard
- Do you want to understand where the parish council sits within the various council tiers

If you, or in fact you and a friend can say 'yes' to any of the above, then consider applying to join Kilsby Parish Council. Vacancies can be filled at any time of year but now is a particularly good time to join as the council's new year starts in May and we have a number of vacancies available.

What is the commitment? All councillors are unpaid volunteers who give their time and knowledge. This will vary person to person. We all have busy lives but should be able to find time to help the community. We meet the first Tuesday in the month and during the month some councillors may work individually or in groups on specific projects, or a councillor may have an ongoing role. How much time you give and what you volunteer for is your choice but working as a team and sharing responsibilities is key to being an effective councillor.

Is there any training? New councillors generally go on a two to three hour training course held in the evening as an introduction to what councils do. More specific role based courses are also available.

What will I do? Councillors generally have specific responsibilities and these vary in terms of commitment. They may also get involved in one-off projects in order to improve wellbeing, facilities, safety and opportunities in Kilsby, as envisaged in Kilsby's Neighbourhood Development Plan. If you have a particular interest or have identified an issue you want to get involved in, we will support you.

What will I get from it? You will meet new people and have an opportunity to show communication, managing, organisational, leadership and decision making skills. You will know that you are helping individuals and the community and have a better understanding of local issues.

Why join now? Currently there are changes in the council tier system with proposals to remove Daventry District Council meaning the Parish Council will report to the new County Council. We do not yet know how this will affect services.

Why me? Can you think of a reason why you should not join Kilsby Parish Council.

If you want to find out more please feel free to speak to a current councillor, myself or Clare Valentine our clerk to the council (contact details on page 2 of KK). If you would like an application form please contact Clare.



Easter Flowers in the Church



Why not come and help decorate our lovely St Faith's Church with flowers for Easter?

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday 20th April from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

Bring a bunch of flowers or some foliage and help us decorate the Church

No flower arranging skills required

News from Kilsby School

(From Karen Burton mrsburton@kilsbyprimary.net)

The weeks fly by! But the children have still had a very busy time since the last Kronickle.

Rowan class had a fabulous time at the Think Tank Museum in Birmingham on Monday 4th February. They enjoyed exploring the galleries in the museum, and found it really interesting taking part in the 'Changing Materials' workshop where they got the opportunity to wear white lab coats and goggles like real scientists. They even had a go at making slime! They also enjoyed watching an 'Electrifying Science' show during the day. All this greatly benefited the children in their understanding of their 'Mad Science' topic.



Our Year 5 children attended the annual Candlemas service at the Holy Cross Church in Daventry on Thursday 7th February. They joined children from other church and community schools in

the area for this special service celebrating Jesus, 'The Light of the World'. The children took part in role play, reading prayers, lessons and also each school received a Candlemas candle. The Rev Nigel Fry joined them in church for the service. We were very proud of the children. They behaved exceptionally well.

After the February half term break the children in Rowan class and some of the girls in Maple class travelled to The New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham on Monday 25th Feb. to take part in the regional



heats of the Great Big Dance Off competition. After weeks of hard work, dedication and practice, the children eventually got the opportunity to perform their dances on stage in front of a large audience. We were extremely proud of them all: they did fantastically and most importantly had a brilliant time. Once again, they demonstrated excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. What a wonderful memorable occasion it was for us all! Unfortunately, they didn't qualify to proceed any further in the competition but they still had a great experience, just taking part.

On Thursday 28th February, the Year 5 children were invited to Harris School in Rugby to take part in a Gifted and Talented morning involving various different activities. They had an enjoyable morning experimenting with chemicals, learning Shakespearean insults and working co-operatively with other children from other schools to learn new handball skills. They behaved impeccably.



All the parents and grandparents were invited to join us on Tuesday 5th March for our annual pancake toss on the playground. It was a beautiful, sunny morning, perfect for tossing pancakes! Each class had their own relay races, then, the whole school had one big pancake toss altogether. There were pancakes flying everywhere! Everyone had fun, and afterwards the Rev Nigel Fry took assembly in the school hall.



It was World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and everyone, including the teachers, came to school dressed up as Wally from the children's puzzle books 'Where's Wally'. It was so funny with more than 100

Wallys walking round school!

The staff hid a few pictures of Wally around school, and if the children found them, they were awarded a card saying that they had found Wally. Also, at the end of the day, the children were each given a £1.00 book voucher towards their next book purchase.

On Tuesday 12th March the children in Reception enjoyed a trip to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. They had a fantastic time finding out all about the different creatures that live in the sea. They saw turtles, stingrays, octopus, sharks, penguins, jelly fish, clown fish, sea horses and lots more! It was exciting walking through the 'Sea Tunnel' where they experienced a 360° view of the creatures swimming above and around them; it was almost like they were actually walking on the sea bed! It was a brilliant day, with so much to see and discover.

Cherry class were lucky enough to spend the day at Woburn Safari Park on Wednesday 13th March. The coach took them on the drive round the safari park, where they saw lions,



monkeys, zebra, lemur, giraffe and many more lovely creatures! Later on in the day, they had a talk about lemurs!

The annual cross country event at Woodford Halse took place on Wednesday 13th March. A group of children in Key Stage 2, from Rowan and Maple classes took part to compete against children of the same age, from other schools in the area. Parents joined us to cheer them on. As usual, the children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship during the event. We were very proud of them.



To raise money for Children in Need, we all came to school dressed in something red and brought a donation for the charity, we raised a grand total of £105.32 which is brilliant.

Crick Medical Practice

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Easter and May Bank Holiday Opening Hours

Thursday 18th April Normal Hours
Friday 19th April CLOSED Bank Holiday
Monday 22nd April CLOSED Bank Holiday
 Tuesday 23rd April Normal Hours

Friday 3rd May Normal Hours
Monday 6th May CLOSED Bank Holiday
 Friday 27th May Normal Hours
Monday 27th May CLOSED Bank Holiday
 Tuesday 28th May Normal Hours.

Training days

The remaining training day for this year will be:-
3rd April, 15th May, 12th June, 10th July, (no training day in August), 11th September, 9th October, 13th November and 4th December.
On these days the surgery will close at 1.00 pm.

Repeat Prescriptions

The dispensary is becoming increasingly busy and the dispensers continue to work hard to get patients' prescriptions ready as quickly as possible. However, as a reminder, this is the schedule they work to:-

Order Monday by 3.00 pm	Collect Thursday
Order Tuesday by 3.00 pm	Collect Friday
Order Wednesday by 3.00 pm	Collect Monday
Order Thursday by 3.00 pm	Collect Tuesday
Order Friday by 3.00 pm	Collect Wednesday

N.B. Orders placed through the website over the weekend are treated as Monday orders.

During Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March all the classes went out at different intervals to litter pick around Kilsby village. We wanted to help keep our lovely village clean and tidy, and make it welcoming to visitors!

It is with great regret that we will be saying 'Goodbye' to our Headteacher Mr How at Easter. He has been offered the headship of a brand new school in Nuneaton, which is still in the process of being built - a once in a lifetime opportunity he felt he could not refuse. During his time at Kilsby School, Mr How has moved the school forward in a very positive way, and he has been a very popular Head with parents, staff and children alike. He will be missed by all. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr How and wish him every success in his future career.

Our new head will start in September 2019. At this stage we do not know who it will be. Until then, we are happy that Mrs Sensecall (Cherry class teacher) will be our acting Head from Easter to the summer.

The dispensary is closed from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm daily to allow the dispensers to work on the dosset boxes (diarised containers for patients with complex medication).

Prescribing for Minor Conditions

The NHS have informed all surgeries that medicines that can be bought without prescription will no longer be routinely prescribed for the following conditions:-

acute sore throat, conjunctivitis, coughs and colds, mild irritant dermatitis, cradle cap, dandruff, diarrhoea (adults), mouth ulcers, dry eyes, ear wax, excessive sweating, oral thrush, haemorrhoids, head lice, indigestion and heartburn, sunburn, infant colic, cold sores of the lips, infrequent constipation, threadworms, infrequent migraine, insect bites and stings, mild acne, mild to moderate hay fever, minor burns and scalds, mild cystitis, mild dry skin, nappy rash, minor pain aches and sprains, headache, warts and verrucae, travel sickness, prevention of tooth decay, teething, ringworm/athletes' foot, and sun protection.

Kilsby Church 100 Club

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Following the sad death of Pam Preston, this is a notice for those members who pay quarterly.

Please pay any subscriptions to Gill Mason, 28 Main Road, until further notice.

Where have all the insects gone?

(From Dr Rosemary Collier)

Note from the Editors:

Rosemary is an entomologist who originally wrote this article for her own village magazine at Tysoe. We thought readers in Kilsby would be interested in it and so she has prepared this version for Kronickle.

There have been recent reports in the national news about the adverse effects of human activity on the natural environment and the implications this has for survival of the human race in the long term (e.g. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-47198576>). Whilst we are well aware of human impacts on mammals, birds and plants, the very large reduction in insect numbers is less well known. We notice the colourful insects such as butterflies and 'useful' insects like bees but there are a whole host of other species that fulfil important roles by being food for other species (such as birds), pollinating plants, cleaning up the environment (think of dung beetles), and generally contributing to 'ecosystem health'.

Although some insects are 'pests' they are a relatively small proportion of the insect world.

Could the Parish of Kilsby make more of a 'difference' and support insects and, through this, other wildlife in a more proactive way? We already provide resources for some types of insect in our gardens and there are also certain areas around the parish that act as 'insect reserves', including Butts Lane, the Jubilee Wood, and parts of the verges. Probably the most important thing that we can all do for insects is to provide them with more diverse habitats, not to be so 'tidy' in the way that we manage our gardens, verges and other areas, and to try to 'connect up' existing wild spaces as much as possible so that insect populations are better linked to the resources that they need.

There are very good sources of information on what we might do from Buglife <https://www.buglife.org.uk/> and from the Northamptonshire Biodiversity Action Plan: <http://www.northamptonshirebiodiversity.org/> and the Warwickshire, Coventry & Solihull Local Biodiversity Action Plan, which has a specific plan for parishes: <http://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/sites/>

KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

In February Ann Simonsen introduced us to **Pilates** when we learnt that many of the exercises are centred on core strength – slow and steady rather than fast and furious alongside correct breathing. We did a set of exercises whilst sitting on chairs and concentrating on breathing properly. This was something we found enjoyable and not too strenuous.

Willow Weaving was the subject of our latest craft evening when Deb Jones showed us how to weave sticks of willow into a ring which can be used for decorative purposes. This was a fun evening as we wrestled with our sticks of willow, Deb was such a talented person in this craft and really helpful and encouraging to us all.

Reconciliation was the title of our March meeting when Clive Fowle told us about a group in Rugby called 'Touch of Hope'. Their mission is to promote a peace programme to help build a healthy society in areas of Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia following the wars in the 1990s. They regularly visit Croatia and arrange workshops to help people come to terms with the aftermath of the war which devastated their country and their lives. The workshops bring people together to share in creative activities, discussion and enjoying a meal together, and aim to heal divisions in society based on a culture of non-violence. It was inspiring to hear of people actively working for peace in our world today.

Sadly, our Skittles team has been knocked out of this year's competition despite our President scoring a strike in the last match.

The Canasta group continues to enjoy playing fortnightly.

Our next meeting is on **11th April** when Wendy Potts will tell us about 'Honey Bees & Their Hives'.

New members and guests are welcome.



Open Gardens – Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall



Sunday 16th June 2019

If you would like to support the hall by donating a cake or volunteer to help on the day please contact:- Marj Mills 01788 823178 or Julie Bunyan 01788 823707/07940 525272

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WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, ljloader@btinternet.com,
Tel: 822246/07783521052)

Dates for our walks are:

Thursday 4 April and Thursday 9 May

Please note that, exceptionally, the May date is the second Thursday in May rather than the first. This is because many of the group are unavailable on the earlier date.

Sunday 28 April and Sunday 19 May

Please note that normally we would be walking on Sunday 21 April (which is the third Sunday), but as that is Easter Sunday it has been decided to move the walk to the following Sunday.

Walks are normally on the first Thursday of the month and the third Sunday of the month. We aim to walk between 6-8 miles and stop at a pub for lunch, a drink and to use the facilities.

For more information, please contact Lesley Loader, details above.

Gardeners' Corner

Spring is early...

What happened to the winter then? Was that summer in February? After that early boost, things in our garden are well advanced, but so are the bugs. We have already had to spray against greenfly in the greenhouse.

Complete planting of perennials

If you still have herbaceous perennials to plant get them in as soon as possible. There is also just time to lift and divide later flowering perennials. Just watch out for them drying out if we have a dry spell, or even just a few windy days. You will need to keep watch for a couple of months until their roots develop properly.

Prune early flowering shrubs

Shrubs such as Forsythia and flowering currants are best pruned as soon as the flowers have faded. Cut out the flowered stems back to the base and give them a good dose of general fertiliser. This will encourage new growth that will support next year's flowers.

Do you like french beans?

We love french beans. They are very easy to grow. For an early crop you can sow some in early April in the greenhouse in small pots or trays. Plant them out in late May, when you can also make a second sowing in the open.

Jobs to do in April

Keep up with the lawn mowing.
Sow peas once the soil has dried and warmed.
Give the flower border a dose of general fertiliser.

Jobs to do in May

Stake tall perennials before they fall over.
Water and mulch newly planted things if there is a dry spell.
Plant out tender summer bedding in the 3rd week.

Times past...

In 'Directions for the Gardiner, John Evelyn, 1664':-
'Cleanse all fruit trees from what too much hinders the sunn & aire, especially, within the bodies of standards and dwarfe trees, which keepe hollow like a bell.

In summer pruning vines & walle fruit, expose it not naked to the sunn, but discretely thin the leaves where there is occasion; for too much baring, shrivels and exhausts the fruite.'

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

KILSBY KRONICKLE KIDS KORNER

Can you put the following groups of words in order?

Days of the Week

Saturday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Monday, Sunday, Thursday, Friday

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Seasons



Summer, Winter, Autumn, Spring

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Months of the Year Celebrations

New Year's Eve, Easter, Christmas Day, Father's Day, Halloween, Mother's Day, Bonfire Night, Boxing Day, Christmas Eve, Pancake Day

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ANSWERS! Months: 1: January, 2: February, 3: March, 4: April, 5: May, 6: June, 7: July, 8: August, 9: September, 10: October, 11: November, 12: December
Seasons: 1: Winter, 2: Spring, 3: Summer, 4: Autumn
Days of the week: 1: Monday, 2: Tuesday, 3: Wednesday, 4: Thursday, 5: Friday, 6: Saturday, 7: Sunday
Celebrations: 1: Pancake day, 2: Mother's day, 3: Easter, 4: Father's day, 5: Halloween, 6: Bonfire night, 7: Christmas eve, 8: Christmas day, 9: Boxing day, 10: New year's eve

Things to do in April and May**Go on the guided walk****Become a Parish Councillor****Join a Walking Group walk****Offer to help with/bake a cake for the Village Hall teas on Open Gardens day****Volunteer to help with the shop****Donate to the Church Roof Fund****Offer to help with or go to the school May Fayre****Enter/go to Krafty Kilsby****Help decorate the church for Easter****Go to the Village Hall cinema****Express interest in the Bus Pass Photography Group****Join the St Faith's Social Committee****Enter the Wheelbarrow Competition****Go to an afternoon tea****Offer to help with the Village Hall teas on Open Gardens day****Go to the Annual Parish Meeting****Volunteer to clean the church****Enter the best gardens competition****Do your bit to support insects****Go to a WI meeting****Go to the History Society talk****Go to the evening table tennis****Donate to the school**


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WANTED

Help with setting up a Youth Club (see page 3)
Volunteers to clean the church (see page 6)
New members for the St. Faith's Social Committee (see page 6)
Help with the May Fayre (see pages 10 and 12)
Entries for the Wheelbarrow Competition (see page 8)
Help with decorating the church for Easter (see page 18)
New Parish Councillors (see page 18)
Entries for Krafty Kilsby (see page 13)
Help with the teas on Open Gardens Day (see page 21)

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